



Holsworthy Benefice March 2024 News Sheet



Holsworthy Benefice					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
3rd March	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service
6th March			10am Said Holy Communion		
10th March	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
17th March	11am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.30am Benefice BCP Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer
24th March	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Mass	11am Cafe-style Church	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Morning Prayer
27th March			10am Said Holy Communion		
28th March		7.30pm Mass of the Last Super and Watch	7pm Maudy Thursday Benefice Eucharist with compline at 9pm		
29th March Good Friday	10.30am Walk of Witness, Meet at the Square, Holsworthy finish in St Peter and St Paul's Church with Refreshments and Hot Cross Buns.				
29th March Good Friday		3pm Good Friday Liturgy			2pm Good Friday Reflection
30th March Holy Saturday		7.30pm Easter Vigil	8pm Easter Vigil		
31st March Easter Sunday	11am Sung Eucharist	10am First Mass of Easter	9.30am First Sung Eucharist of Easter with refreshments		3pm Family Eucharist with Easter Egg Hunt
1st March			3.30pm World day of Prayer with refreshments after		
7th April	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am - BCP Holy Communion	9.30am -Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service

Message from Alison.....

March newsletter 2024

Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took our Epiphany challenge to heart and completed a questionnaire. I received back 26 forms which is an excellent response rate across our congregations. Thank you! The feedback is summarised below across the five areas of faith explored.

PRAYER 92% found prayer more or less easy, with 27% interested or possibly interested in a prayer course and 12% in joining a prayer group.

WORSHIP 100% of respondents found that worship mostly or always draws them closer to God, 23% are possibly interested in a worship course and 38% are already involved in serving in worship in their church or interested in doing so - which is wonderfully inspiring to hear.

BIBLE 73% found the Bible easy or relatively easy to read, whilst 58% are interested in joining a Bible Study group and 54% in possibly using a Bible reading plan.

VOCATION 73% felt confident or had an idea in knowing how God was calling them to serve him, and 23% willing or possibly willing to explore vocation further. 38% were potentially interested in exploring further God's call upon their church.

COMMUNITY 88% are an active member of their community with 69% happy or fairly happy to talk about their faith. 31% would like to learn how to talk about Jesus with others.

This is really helpful feedback. The BIBLE section rated the highest for further exploration and I hope that the current Lent Study Course: 'The Bible Course' will help. A number of you have found the dates difficult to make. I am sorry for this. Please do let me know the best time / day for future courses. A reading plan will be distributed to help with personal reading and discipleship.

I am aware there were a number of you who gave me their contact details with the questionnaire and I will be in contact with you in due course. Meanwhile, thank you for all you do and continue to do - and enjoy a blessed, reflective and enriching Lent.

Yours in Christ,
Alison

Readings for March

3rd March - PURPLE

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-7

Psalm 19

Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel John 2: 13-22

10th March - PURPLE

Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2: 1-10 or Samuel 1:20-end

Psalm 31: 11-20 or 127: 1-4

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 or Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Luke 2: 33-35 or John 19:25b-27

31st March - Gold/White

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118: 1-2. 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43

Gospel John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

17th March - PURPLE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51: 1-13 Or 119:9-16

Hebrews 5: 5-10

Gospel John 12: 20-33

24th March - RED

Palm Sunday

Gospel Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16.

Psalm 118:1-2. 19-end or 118:19-end 23-end

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16 or 31:9-18

Philippans 2:5-11

Wednesday 27th March 2024 Coffee Morning
in the Memorial Hall in aid of Christians
Together and the Foodbank.

Holsworthy PCC would like to thank everyone
who supported and donated to their coffee
morning on 14th February. We made £282.00
for church funds.

Holsworthy St Peter and St Paul Church
Monday - Thursday
8.15am - Morning Prayer

Christians Together - World Day of Prayer
1st March 2024 2.30pm
Holsworthy St Peter and St Paul Church

Jackpot Draw -The winners of the St Peter's Monthly
Jackpot Draw drawn on 20th February were:
1st Prize, £15.50 – ticket number 89, Annette from Trewyn
Park
2nd Prize, £3.10 – ticket number 104, Dawn from Uplands
Terrace

Pyworthy Family Service with Refreshments and Easter
Egg Hunt.
3pm Pyworthy Church Easter Sunday

St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw

Renewals for the 2024/25 year are now due. The
price is still only £12 for the year.

If you would like to renew your ticket(s), please
could you make payment as follows:

ONLINE PAYMENTS

A/c name PCC of Holsworthy Parish Church

Sort Code 53 50 52

A/c Number 05007216

Please use surname and/or ticket number(s) as a
reference

CHEQUE made payable to 'PCC of Holsworthy Parish
Church'

CASH

Please deliver cheque or cash to Helen Flaherty
(Treasurer), Lyndhurst, North Road or to The
Rectory, Bodmin Street.

Holsworthy History Society

Revd Paul Fitzpatrick will be giving a talk on Luffingcott's
Disturbing History

7pm Thursday 14th March

In the Manor Suite behind the Memorial Hall

Find out more about....

Libbi York - Benefice Administrator/Pancrasweek Church Warden

I live in Pancrasweek on a small holding with my children, fiancé and an array of cats, dogs, and chickens.

Life is pretty busy working for Holsworthy Benefice. No two weeks are the same. Apart from the News sheet which you all see, a lot of my work includes answering email queries. This could be anything from arranging a funeral, printing of service booklets and helping someone find a relatives grave in a local churchyard. I also deal with all the invoice /payments for Weddings and Funerals, manage the Church for you website, and am the Safeguarding lead/ DBS Checker for Pancrasweek, Hollacombe and Holsworthy.

Working for Holsworthy Benefice has been a rollercoaster of a ride.

Last year in interregnum has been the hardest but most rewarding. I have got to know and work with so many of the volunteers across all churches. Even though there are a lot of similarity within all 5 churches are are equally unique and very individual churches.

What amazes me the most, is the amount of time and effort all the church volunteers give.

In my spare time I volunteer as a school governor for Bridgerule Primary school, a member of the Open the Book Team who act Bible stories to Holsworthy Primary school and involved with ROC, Youth Detachment work in Holsworthy.

I am at my most happy when i'm spending time with my family. You will most likely find me taking in a blustery walk on the beach with the dogs in the winter or equipped with a bucket and spade and factor 50 on a beach day in the summer!

I'm looking forward to what 2024 will bring to me and my family. It will be a very exciting year for us as we are finally getting married in August.

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If you wish to advertise in upcoming news sheet please contact the benefice administrator by 22nd March

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was
crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way
of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life
and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

PSALM Psalm 19 (or 19:7-end)

R *The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.*

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another. **R**

They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard, Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world.

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course. **R**

It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **R**

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward. **R**

Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults! Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who

are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

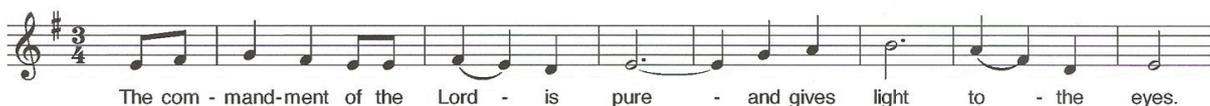
GOSPEL John 2:13-22

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." They then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



COLLECT

God of compassion,
 whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
 shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
 and on the cross drew the whole human
 family to himself:
 strengthen us in our daily living
 that in joy and in sorrow
 we may know the power of your presence
 to bind together and to heal;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Either **Exodus 2:1-10**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Or **1 Samuel 1:20-end**

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD." The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at

Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD." She left him there for the LORD.

PSALM Either **Psalm 34:11-20**

R *Come, children, and listen to me;
 I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

Come, my children, and listen to me;
 I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
 Who is there who delights in life
 and longs for days to enjoy good things? **R**

Keep your tongue from evil
 and your lips from lying words.
 Turn from evil and do good;
 seek peace and pursue it. **R**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
 and his ears are open to their cry.
 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
 to root out the remembrance of them from
 the earth. **R**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
 and delivers them out of all their troubles.
 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
 and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **R**

Many are the troubles of the righteous;
 from them all will the Lord deliver them.
 He keeps all their bones,
 so that not one of them is broken. **R**

Or **Psalm 127:1-4**

R *The Lord shall keep watch over your
 going out and your coming in.*

Unless the Lord builds the house,
 those who build it labour in vain.
 Unless the Lord keeps the city,
 the guard keeps watch in vain. **R**

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
 and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil,
 for he gives his beloved sleep.
 Children are a heritage from the Lord
 and the fruit of the womb is his gift. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our

consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Or **Colossians 3:12-17**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL

Either **Luke 2:33-35**

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

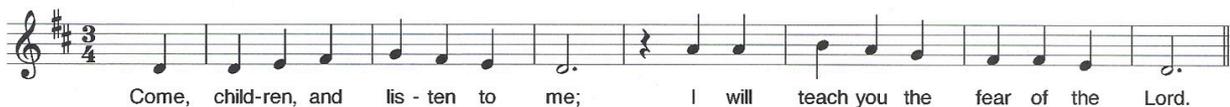
Or **John 19:25b-27**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

POST COMMUNION

Loving God,
 as a mother feeds her children at the breast
 you feed us in this sacrament
 with the food and drink of eternal life:
 help us who have tasted your goodness
 to grow in grace within the household of faith;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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COLLECT

Most merciful God,
 who by the death and resurrection of your
 Son Jesus Christ
 delivered and saved the world:
 grant that by faith in him who suffered on
 the cross
 we may triumph in the power of his
 victory;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM

Either **Psalm 51:1-13**

R *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
 according to the abundance of your compassion
 blot out my offences.
 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
 and cleanse me from my sin.
 For I acknowledge my faults
 and my sin is ever before me. **R**

Against you only have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight,
 So that you are justified in your sentence
 and righteous in your judgement.
 I have been wicked even from my birth,
 a sinner when my mother conceived me.
 Behold, you desire truth deep within me

and shall make me understand wisdom
 in the depths of my heart. **R**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
 wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
 that the bones you have broken may
 rejoice.

Turn your face from my sins
 and blot out all my misdeeds.
 Make me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

Cast me not away from your presence
 and take not your holy spirit from me.
 Give me again the joy of your salvation
 and sustain me with your gracious spirit. **R**

Or **Psalm 119:9-16**

R *Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.*

How shall young people cleanse their way
 to keep themselves according to your
 word?

With my whole heart have I sought you;
 O let me not go astray from your
 commandments. **R**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,
 that I should not sin against you.
 Blessed are you, O Lord;
 O teach me your statutes. **R**

With my lips have I been telling
 of all the judgements of your mouth.
 I have taken greater delight in the way of
 your testimonies
 than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments
 and contemplate your ways.
 My delight shall be in your statutes
 and I will not forget your word. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son,

he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

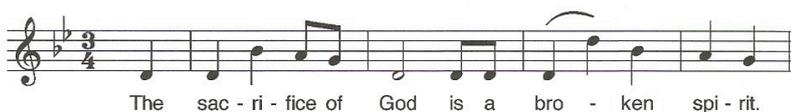
GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us
 that what we do for the least of our
 brothers and sisters
 we do also for you:
 give us the will to be the servant of others
 as you were the servant of all,
 and gave up your life and died for us,
 but are alive and reign, now and for ever.



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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the
human race sent your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

GOSPEL

Either **Mark 11:1-11**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Or **John 12:12-16**

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 19-end
(or **118:19-end**)

R *This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R**

The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.
You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM Psalm 31:9-16 (or 31:9-18)

R *Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.*

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.
For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours,

an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee from me. **R**

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me,
and plot to take my life. **R**

But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake." **R**

Lord, let me not be confounded
for I have called upon you;
but let the wicked be put to shame;
let them be silent in the grave.
Let the lying lips be put to silence
that speak against the righteous
with arrogance, disdain and contempt. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PASSION

Either **Mark 14:1 – end of 15**

Or **Mark 15:1-39 [40-end]**

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.



COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,
 who through the mighty resurrection of
 your Son
 overcame the old order of sin and death
 to make all things new in him:
 grant that we, being dead to sin
 and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
 may reign with him in glory;
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
 be praise and honour, glory and might,
 now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.

Either **Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Or **Isaiah 25:6-9**

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24
 (or **118:14-24**)

R *I will give thanks to you,
 for you have become my salvation.*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
 his mercy endures for ever.
 Let Israel now proclaim,
 "His mercy endures for ever." **R**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
 and he has become my salvation.
 Joyful shouts of salvation
 sound from the tents of the righteous:
 "The right hand of the Lord does mighty
 deeds;
 the right hand of the Lord raises up;
 the right hand of the Lord does mighty
 deeds." **R**

I shall not die, but live
 and declare the works of the Lord.
 The Lord has punished me sorely,
 but he has not given me over to death. **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
 that I may enter and give thanks to the
 Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
 the righteous shall enter through it.
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 answered me
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 and it is marvellous in our eyes.
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SECOND READING

Either **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his

grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Or **Acts 10:34-43**

GOSPEL

Either **John 20:1-18**

Or **Mark 16:1-8**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

POST COMMUNION

God of Life,
 who for our redemption gave your only-
 begotten Son to the death of the cross,
 and by his glorious resurrection
 have delivered us from the power of our
 enemy:
 grant us so to die daily to sin,
 that we may evermore live with him
 in the joy of his risen life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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