



PALM SUNDAY

The celebrant welcomes the people

† In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit

**The Priest introduces the liturgy of the day, blesses the Palm
branches and proclaims the Gospel of Palm Sunday**

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Priest and servers process to the nave altar.

Let us go forth in peace.

Amen

We enter the church singing

Refrain:

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod,
o'er death victorious, Christ, the Son of God. R**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in joyful praise combine. R

From north and south, from east and west they
raise in growing har-mo-ny their song of praise. R

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
of him who saves from fear of death and hell R

For thy blest cross which doth for all atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne. R

So let the world proclaim with one accord
the praises of our ever-living Lord. R

**On entering the Nave the priest venerates incenses the altar and
. Mass begins with the Opening Prayer**

Let us pray.

Almighty ever living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow,
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the cross,
graciously grant, that we may heed his lesson of patient
suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

**Please sit for the readings and psalm. Once read if you are able to please
stand for the Passion of the Lord according to Saint Luke**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Come and see, come and see
Come and see the King of love
See the purple robe and crown of thorns he wears
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer
As he lifts the cruel cross
Lone and friendless now he climbs towards the hill

We worship at your feet, where wrath and mercy meet
And a guilty world is washed, by love's pure stream
For us he was made sin, Oh, help me take it in
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'
I worship, I worship The Lamb who was slain.**

At that time: The whole assembly rose and they brought Jesus before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king." Pilate asked him, "*Are you the king of the Jews?*" He said to him in reply, "*You say so.*" Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds, "*I find this man not guilty.*" But they were adamant and said, "*He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here.*" On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate, became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, and said to them: *“You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted, my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”* But all together they shouted out: *“Away with this man! Release Barabbas for us!”* Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting *“Crucify him! Crucify him!”* Pilate addressed them a third time, *“What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”* With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

**Come and weep, come and mourn.
For your sin that pierced him there
So much deeper than
the wounds of thorn and nail
All our pride, all our greed
All our fallenness and shame
And the Lord has laid the punishment on him**

**We worship at your feet, where wrath and mercy meet
And a guilty world is washed, by love's pure stream
For us he was made sin, Oh, help me take it in
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'
I worship, I worship The Lamb who was slain.**

As they led him away they took hold of a certain one Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said: "*Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed*" the days are coming when people will say, "*Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed*" At that time people will say to the mountains, "*Fall upon us!*" and to the hills, "*Cover us!*" for if these things are done when the wood, is green what will happen when it is dry?" Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "*Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.*"

They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, "*He saved others; let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.*" Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "*If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.*"

Above him there was an inscription that read,
THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus saying, "*Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.*" The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "*Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.*" Then he said, "*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*" He replied to him, "*Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.*"

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit*"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "*This was a great and good man*" When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and they saw all this happen

**Man of heaven, born to earth
To restore us to your heaven
Here we bow in awe beneath
Your searching eyes
From your tears comes our joy
From your death our life shall spring
By your resurrection power we shall rise**

**We worship at your feet, where wrath and mercy meet
And a guilty world is washed, by love's pure stream
For us he was made sin, Oh, help me take it in
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'
I worship, I worship The Lamb who was slain.**

After the homily, intercessions are offered for the church and the world with the following response

In faith and trust we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear us;
Lord graciously hear us

**Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen**

The Bread and wine are brought to the Altar please sit to sing

**Ride On, Ride On In Majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th' approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your pow'r and reign.**

Pray: brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours,
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of his holy Church.**

The prayer over the Gifts is said the Priest then begins the Eucharistic prayer.

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
may our reconciliation with you, be near at hand,
so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,
yet by his sacrifice made once for all,
we may feel the effects of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord be with you

And with your Spirit

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For though innocent he suffered willingly for sinners,
and accepted unjust condemnation to save the guilty.

His Death has washed away our sins,
and his Resurrection has purchased our justification.

And so we praise, you, as in joyful celebration,
we too, acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blesséd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues the Eucharist Prayer.

The mystery of Faith
**Save us, Saviour of the world.
For by your Cross and Resurrection
You have set us free**

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with this doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honour is yours,
For ever and ever.

Amen.

At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,

Who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;

Look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity,

in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Bread of the Eucharist is broken

Behold the Lamb of God,

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy,

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Hymn during communion

**This Is My Body, Broken For You,
Bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
Do it in love for me.**

**This is my blood poured out for you,
Bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
Do it in love for me.**

**Back to my father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
You're very close to me.**

**Filled with my spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
You are alive in me.**

**Love one another – I have loved you,
And I have shown you how to be free;
Serve one another, and when you do,
Do it in love for me**



Hymn after communion

**From Heaven You Came Helpless Babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live**

***Refrain: This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King***

**There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said**

**Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered**

**So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving**

Let us pray.

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son,
you have brought us hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection,
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ,
did not hesitate to be delivered,
into the hands of the wicked,
and submit to the agony of the cross.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

† May almighty God bless you,

The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

**It Is A Thing Most Wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come
from heav'n,
and die to save a child like me.**

**And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died
for love of those who loved Him not.**

**I cannot tell how He could love
a child so weak and full of sin;
His love must be most wonderful
if He could die my love to win.**

**I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me.**

**But even could I see Him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in His heart.**

**It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for Him so faint and poor.**

**And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love Thee more and more,
until I see Thee as Thou art.**

Holy Week

Monday: Mass & Confessions 7pm St Chad's

Tuesday: Mass & Benediction 7pm St James

Wednesday: Stations of the Cross with Mass
9.30am St Chad's

Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
with the Watch St James
10.00pm Night Prayer St James

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm St Chad's
with the Bishop OF Oswestry

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil 7.30pm St James

Easter Sunday: Solemn Mass 8am St Chad's
Parish Mass 9.30am St James
Parish Mass 11am St Chad's