

The Parish Church of
St Werburgh
Spondon



Live-Streamed Parish Mass

Palm Sunday

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10am, 5th April 2020

Welcome.

St Werburgh's stands in the catholic tradition of the Church of England. Here we try to practise the generous Gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we are exploring a way of living which is inspired by joyful, ordered worship and takes seriously the interior life. We embrace the challenges of peace-making both globally and locally. Welcome to this community of healing.

We begin our worship with some pre-recorded greetings from around the parish...

Our reading today is from Matthew 21 : 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.

There may now be a short delay as the Livestream worship begins.

God's love is shown to us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for God by confessing our sins in penitence and faith...

You faced the crowd who shouted for blood; we dared not object.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

You stood before the ruler who washed his hands; we accepted his decision.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

You were mocked by the faithful who feared for their power; we denied we ever knew you.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

May the God of love bring you home, forgive you your sins and assure you of eternal love in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: Grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

Fr Julian blesses the palms for the Parish.

After which he gives a short homily.

Wherever we are, we affirm our faith:

Let us now affirm our faith in Jesus Christ.

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was obedient to death - even death on the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every voice proclaim that Jesus is Lord to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

If you are watching 'live' you are now invited to message your prayers which will appear on the screen for us all to share as Fr J leads the intercessions.

We who were enemies of one another, have been reconciled by the free gift of God; for while we were still at war God has made peace by the blood of the cross.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you

We share the peace with those whom we are physically with or by message or emoji on our phones.

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Now is the time to give you thanks when rage and spite deface your image. You are the undying one whose gift of life never ceases; you journeyed with your people to break the bonds of slavery; you gave the law of justice to free them from lifeless idols; you called the prophets and judges to speak for the dispossessed. When empires ruled you gave your Beloved to systems which silenced what they could not control and wormed their way into our colluding hearts. In his self-offering love the wound of torment became a healing spring, the place of execution a gateway into life. Therefore we stand with all the victims, the faithless and the treacherous, and the ones who only followed orders, knowing we depend on grace to sing of life renewed:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of Power and God of might,
heav'n and earth, heav'n and earth
are full of your glory, your power and your might.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' +

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. +

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love. Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be yours, God of all blessing, for ever and ever.

Amen.

You may wish to hold hands with those sitting next to you... wherever you are we pray together:

As our Saviour taught so we pray:

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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

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have mercy on us.**

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Cath and Julian share in Communion, we share in a spiritual communion together wherever we are, for though we are many, we are one body.

We pray together:

Loving God, we thank you that in your passion you offer forgiveness and invite us to be with you where hunger is no more and death has no dominion: may the broken bread of life fracture our stony hearts for the sake of another world. Amen



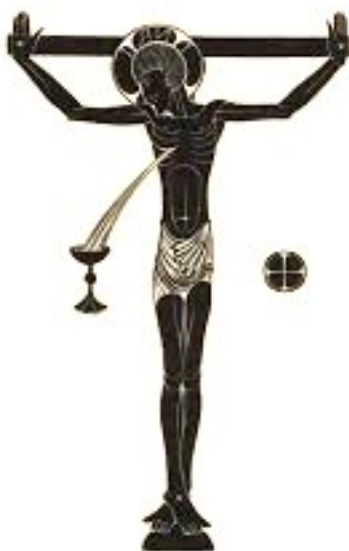
God be with you.

And also with you.

May the cross be the sign in which we begin again to undo the cords of violence, the misery of exclusion, and proclaim the love without conditions. And the blessing of God, Creator Redeemer and Sustainer be among you this day and always.

Amen.

As we cry Hosanna,
have courage my friends to be God's love in the world.
Amen.



Holy Week begins.

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HOLY WEEK

The Holy Week Retreat begins at 4.30pm this afternoon.

Daily prayer at 10am / 4.30pm each day.

If you would like to take part please email Fr J, we will pray using Zoom... contact him for assistance

Mon, Tues', Wed' live-streamed Mass at 7pm

Maundy Thursday

THE MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER livestream 7.30pm

You are invited to go out into the darkness shortly before midnight then return to hear the Gospel of the Desertion live-streamed at midnight.

Good Friday

Live-streamed service for kids 10.30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2pm

Holy Saturday

There is no Easter Vigil this year.

We will light our Easter Candle when we return to church in celebration together.

Easter Day

Livestream PARISH MASS 10am