



## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Kelso

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**"Socially Distant, Spiritually Close"**

**Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> 2021  
Palm Sunday**

### **EASTER OPENING**

**There will be a service in Church on Easter Sunday at 9am, for which booking is essential using this link:**

[https://doodle.com/poll/m7hbyzpkw8egirt?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/m7hbyzpkw8egirt?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

**(Any problems, please ring 01573 229591)**

**Thereafter, services will resume on Wednesdays at 10am and Sundays at 8.30am and 10am. Numbers will be limited to 40 to maintain social distancing. Our online services will continue to be provided via these links.**

**Website. [www.standrewskelso.co.uk](http://www.standrewskelso.co.uk)**

**YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/StAndrewsKelso](https://www.youtube.com/c/StAndrewsKelso)**

**So, welcome to our service, wherever and however you join us, and remember that Grace and I are available at any time to talk on the phone or Facetime or Messenger or Text.**

**With my love and prayers,  
Bob**

**The Peace of the Lord be always with us.**

### **Opening Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honour**

*All glory, laud and honour,  
to thee, Redeemer King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

**1. Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed one.**

2. The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and mortals, joined with all things  
created, make reply.

3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went:  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.

4. To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to thee now high exalted  
our melody we raise.

5. Thou didst accept their praises,  
accept the praise we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
our good and gracious king.

## **The Liturgy of the Word and Intercessions** **The Rev'd Grace Redpath**

### **The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **The Summary of the Law**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind  
and with all your strength."

The second is this:

"Love your neighbour as yourself."

There is no other commandment greater than these.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

God is love and we are his children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen

**Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy.**

## **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.

## **Intercessions**

**Grace** will lead prayers for the Church and the World, and we are invited to bring our own concerns before God, including:

**RIP:** Jonathan Parsons

**Coronavirus:** all who are suffering from it, worrying about it, treating it, researching it, and all who are working to keep us safe, and keep us fed.

**Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time, including :** James Piercy, Norman Keith, Brian Coulson, Georgina Burrell, Walter Clarke, Gerry Gibson, William Simpson, Frederick Prudden, John Bennett, Kathleen Hyde, Evelyn Broderick, William Lyall, Tony Bacon, and all who mourn them.

## **Readings: Philippians 2.5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God**

**This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 11: 1-11  
Glory to Christ our Saviour**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."

<sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?'

<sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

<sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

<sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

<sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

<sup>11</sup>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.

**Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel  
Praise to Christ our Lord**

**Reflection: The Rev'd Canon Bob King**

Well here we are.

Palm Sunday and the second one in lockdown. The second Palm Sunday and Holy Week where instead of being in Church and mixing with our families and friends we are living under restrictions, restraints, almost curfew.

I guess, in a way, this is what the people of Jerusalem felt like.

They were living in a land that was restricted, occupied where civil liberties had been removed and nothing was easy.

The Jews, of course, were living under Roman Occupation and subject to the laws that were imposed upon them.

We are living in a world that appears to be under occupation as well.

We are being controlled by COVID19. Coronavirus.

For the past year we have fought, moaned and struggled.

We have been, and remain, angry, sad, frustrated, sickened and generally fed up as we try to stick to the rules and regulations that have been imposed on us all.

Yes, all of us, no matter our job, ability or status.

COVID knows no boundaries. It just crashes in wherever it sees a chink in the armour.

COVID has no respect of traditions or celebrations.

COVID tries to change everything and turn every situation, country and community upside down.

I have to say it has succeeded.

Our world has changed.

The attitude of everyone has had to adapt to a new way of living.

Of course, we all fight and rebel.

We all want to hang on to that which is dear to us and none of us like being told what we can and can not do.

“How dare those politicians tell me that I can not go and visit my family, or pop down to London to see a show, or have a haircut”

On the whole I think we have done pretty well and looked out for ourselves and those around us.

Rather like the Jews on Palm Sunday there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Many of us have received our first Vaccine shot.

On the news we are seeing some positive results of the amazing job done by the NHS and 1000's of other bodies in producing, distributing and administering the Injections.

I am sure that like me you are feeling more confident that everything may, just may be ok and we will get back to normal.

Normal?

Normal?

What on earth is normal?

Its certainly not going to be as it was.

The future is going to be different and as we build the new future we may well have to be prepared to shed the chrysalis of the past.

Things will never be the same again.

And that, my friends, is what happened on Palm Sunday 2000 years ago

People were desperate for something to change, to get better, to release them from the purgatory they were living in.

And here it was.

A young man.

The Son of God riding on a borrowed donkey into the capital city.

Jesus brought with him the hopes and dreams of generations.

They had been praying for relief. Praying like we have done, for a cure to the dreadful ailments that had been dominating their lives.

And so, they rushed out with their arms extended to welcome the Saviour.

The answer to their prayers.

They shouted “Hosanna, welcome to the Sone of David” and they jostled for position to rip off their coats, wave, shout, post on Facebook that the answer was here at long last.

In the unlikely form of a young country boy from Galilee, the Saviour who was Christ the King, had come to offer them new life and protection.

What excitement, what joy, what hope. What could ever go wrong?

At last, people could hug, kiss, ignore the rules, feel free to do what they wanted.

But this King, this Jesus who brought Good News for all people, also challenged everyone.

He challenged the authorities, and he challenged the ordinary people in the street.

Remember, as Grace told us a couple of weeks ago, one of the first things that he did was to head off to the Temple, the centre, the Holy of Holies, the home of the Establishment and turn over the tables.

Not only turning over the tables but he drove the traders out.

He challenged the corrupt economy that was prevalent and part of the everyday.

And that is what he still does.

This Jesus who we remember in such graphic detail this Holy Week still challenges us to take the Gospel off the Page, to make it more than just a trite story and to make it real. To make it an integrated part of our new lives.

I imagine that Coronavirus is going to do the same.

It too will force us to always be on the lookout and always respect it. Even if we think we are vaccinated and safe. It will be there. In a similar way Christ is too. But Christ, the risen Christ is there with love and compassion as opposed to the virus which is there to destroy and maim.

One of the things that I have been really impressed with over the past year is the way in which major festivals have become very important and focal points.

Christmas and Easter are on everyone’s lips. Suddenly everyone is expressing their strong need and desire to celebrate it. People speaking out saying how important these great feasts are to them.

That is Good News. That is taking the Gospel off the Page and putting it firmly into the centre of people’s lives.

I believe that we have a huge opportunity this year to share our faith and to tell our stories.

It is more than lip service. It’s not just rushing out to wave palms and shout Hosanna.

This Holy Week we can make a difference.

We need to stick to the rules. To love and to care. I know it’s hard, but we must try to resist the temptation to say, we are safe now, we have been saved, and then return to exactly as we were before.

That is selfish. Jesus calls us to be his hands, feet, eyes and ears in the world today.

He came to set us free and release us.

We do need to remember though, that when the people just presumed everything was sorted out, they forgot Jesus and rejected him resulting in the pain and crisis of Good Friday.

Our vaccine gives us the chance to slowly start to rebuild and form anew the world in which we live.

Christ does the same, and as we look forward to Easter Day in our lives and the resurrection, let’s not take our eye off the ball and suddenly be plunged into the darkness that he had to go through on Good Friday.

He came to serve not to be served.

We must do the same

Amen.

## **1. Hymn: The Servant King**

From heav'n 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.

*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.*

2. 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.

3. Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space,  
to cruel nails surrendered.

4. 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.

## **The Service continues with Eucharistic Prayer 3**

**Celebrated for us by The Rev'd Canon Bob King**

**Please join in the Communion anyway you would like to.**

### **Prayer after 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.

### **Song: Hosanna in the highest**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

**Lord we lift up Your Name,  
With hearts full of praise,  
Be exalted Oh Lord our God,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of Kings  
Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of Kings.  
Lord we lift up Your Name,  
With hearts full of praise,  
Be exalted Oh Lord our God,  
Glory to the King of Kings.**

**(Repeat)**

### **Blessing**

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**So, let us all go – or stay –in peace, to love and serve the Lord,  
wherever and however we can.  
In the name of Christ. Amen**