



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 28th March 2021

Palm Sunday



Welcome and notices

Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Gospel: Mark 15: 1-39

Wed 31st Isaiah 50: 4-9a
John 13: 21-32

Collect: 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**

Response: Make us strong: **to do your will in all things.**

Intercessions: Almighty God, we are continually amazed at the way You turn the world upside down. For a Saviour of the world we would have chosen a powerful prince, but you came as a carpenter's son born under questionable circumstances. Thank You Jesus for going to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday for us.

For disciples to help Jesus through his earthly ministry we would have chosen well connected wealthy people of the upper class to fund the operation and get everything done, but you chose fishermen, a tax collector, and other such outcasts. Thank You for ensuring that we would hear the Good News.

For a grand entrance into Jerusalem, we would have chosen a white Stallion worthy of a great king, but You chose a donkey. Thank You for teaching us about humility.

For a place of coronation we would have chosen a palace with a wonderfully decorated royal throne, but You chose a cross with a crown of thorns. Thank You for suffering and dying for us.

For people to share the love and grace that You extend to us, we would have chosen somebody else, but you chose each of us.

Turn the world upside down again this Easter, be glorified, let Your will be done on earth, let the needy be provided for, forgive us our sins, help us to forgive others and deliver us all from evil. **Amen**

We pray blessing and healing for those who are sick: *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Rene Tourle, Pat Major, Martyn, Hannah, Eliza, Bar, Georgina, Michael Seabrook, Debbie, Michael Cole, Rebekah Geary and Kate Nicholas.*

We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families and friends: *Phill Stocking, Rena Partridge and Rachel Lintern.*

We remember and give thanks for those whose Yearsmind is now. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer: 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. **Amen**

Listening Ear. Please email prayer@olney.church for Prayers

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Funerals. Rena Partridge – Tuesday 6th April - Private Church
Rachel Lintern – Monday 12th April – Crematorium

Rena Partridge and Rachel Lintern, two dear members of our church family are now in God's Hands. Many of us have shared happy times with them both. They were ladies who made a difference and I would like to do a special piece about them both, in the next few weeks. Please send me your special memories. I keep this lovely poem, which is very fitting at this time and share it here. *Susan*

God's Garden By Dr. Patricia H. Aman

God looked around his garden, and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest;
God's garden must be beautiful-He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain;
He knew you would never get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough and hills were hard to climb,
So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Services from Palm Sunday to 11th April. All services in church and Children's activities below must be booked please at office@olney.church or on 01234 241721. Email is best. This Sunday is Palm Sunday and your crosses will be with your newly printed Holy Communion Service Leaflet. Please book early for Easter Day if you can. **Remember to state 8am or 10am.** Also please book for **April 1st Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 7.30pm** and **April 2nd Good Friday Meditation and Evensong at 2 pm** (both services are in church).

Zoom services. March 29th to March 31st Compline by Zoom at 7.30 pm

April 1st Maundy Thursday Compline by Zoom at 9.30 pm

Please see last week's sheet for dedicated Zoom link.

Easter Trail. This Easter you are invited to discover the incredible story and meet some of the characters of the Easter story as told in the Bible. The Trail starts at the Catholic church and en route to St Peter and St Paul you will need to find the five clues (letters) that give you a password to a special video. All you need is a phone to scan the QR codes and a good eye for detail on the posters and there are questions and activities for you to do and think about. The Trail will be available from 28th March to 6th April. You can do it in your own time and obviously please follow all Government guidelines.

Children's activities. The Sunday Club will meet again in the Church Hall at 10am on Easter Day 4th April. Church Mice will meet in church on Maundy Thursday 1st April and then every Thursday from 15/04/2021 at 10am or 11am. Book a place

This week's hymns. 28th March (Palm Sunday): 'Make way, make way' and 'Ride on, ride on in majesty'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUYCxcw0quuQ>

For 11th April service, please book after 9th April as the office is closed from 2nd April to 8th April.

Take care. *Susan and Katie*

Remember clocks spring forward one hour this Sunday

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