

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.

Philippians 2.5–11

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

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.**

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² **The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;**

²³ the LORD has done this,

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ **The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.**

²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures for ever.**

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus comes to Jerusalem as king

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly."

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' ¹⁰ 'Blessed is the coming

kingdom of our father David!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!' ¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.



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.

Please pray for: All our Easter Services and events -that God's love will shine through us. All of our local schools – staff, pupils and volunteers. World Leaders – for wisdom and fairness in all they do.

Those who are unwell: Lottie Rann, Eiry Longhurst, Albert Smith, Dorothy Wood, Noel Toogood, Mary Teague, Janice Jacobs, Michael West, Kaye Miles, Natalia Anderson and Norman Young.

RIP: Emily Saunders, Doris Brading, Aeryn Bond, Peggy Hayden, Ian Young, Patricia Laws-Kerr and Rodney Butt.

RIP Anniversaries: John Matthews, Stephen Salter (Sun), Brian Waters (Mon), Iris Rackett, Leslie Bartlett (Tue), Patricia Bartlett (Thu),