

Two green palm fronds are positioned on either side of the word 'PALM', extending outwards and slightly upwards. The fronds have a natural, textured appearance with visible leaflets.

PALM  
SUNDAY

**Holy Communion**

# Information

Thank you for coming to worship with us here in the Benefice of Lower Wensleydale. We ask that you read this information before the service and follow the instructions given by the clergy and sidesmen during the service. The building and service have been prepared in a Covid secure manner for all our safety. The service may look and feel somewhat different to our normal expectations, we thank you for your understanding during this challenging time.

## On Arrival

Please sit in the space allocated by the sidesman - this will be allocated on party size on the order of arrival and not necessarily where you would normally sit. Please proceed to your seating promptly not stopping to chat. Please use a face covering at all times. If you have an exemption please let us know and you will be directed to designated seating. Once seated, please complete the Test & Trace contact form.

## During the Service

Please note that communal singing is not currently permitted within the building, however we are delighted that we are able to sing God's praise outdoors at the end of the service (weather permitting). The Peace will be shared only in words, not by shaking of hands or embracing.

During communion the president will receive in both kinds having spoken the words of distribution once for all communicants at the Altar. They will then come to pew and distribute the wafers into the hand without making contact. Once the priest has moved to the next pew please remove your mask and consume the wafer. To assist the president please hold your hands out if you wish to receive and hold this service book if you do not.

## After the Service

The president will end the service and depart to the vestry. Please leave the church grounds promptly (the sidesmen will assist). Please take this service booklet home, but take any completed forms and used pens and place them in the box on the way out.



# Welcome

*The service may open with a period of silence or a piece of music.*

**P** Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**All** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**P** Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,  
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.  
Ride on in the cause of truth  
and for the sake of justice.  
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;  
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.  
You have loved righteousness and hated evil.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

**All** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*The president greets the people*

**P** Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All** **and also with you.**

*The Trisagion may be used*

**All** **Holy God,**  
**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

## Introduction

*The president introduces the celebration using these or other appropriate words*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the president*

God our Saviour,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;  
let these palms be for us signs of his victory  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**



## Prayer of Preparation

**All** 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers of Penitence

**M** 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.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All** Amen. Lord, have mercy.

*A minister uses an invitation to confession  
or these or other suitable words*

**M** God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

## Kyrie Confession

**M** Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,  
so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds we have been healed.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.  
We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease  
rather than watch with you:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**  
*(a Kyrie may be sung, silence may be kept)*

**M** When we bestow a kiss of peace  
yet nurse enmity in our hearts:  
When we strike at those who hurt us  
rather than stretch out our hands to bless:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All** **Christ, have mercy.**  
*(a Kyrie may be sung, silence may be kept)*

**M** When we deny that we know you  
for fear of the world and its scorn:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**  
*(a Kyrie may be sung, silence may be kept)*

**P** Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver you from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

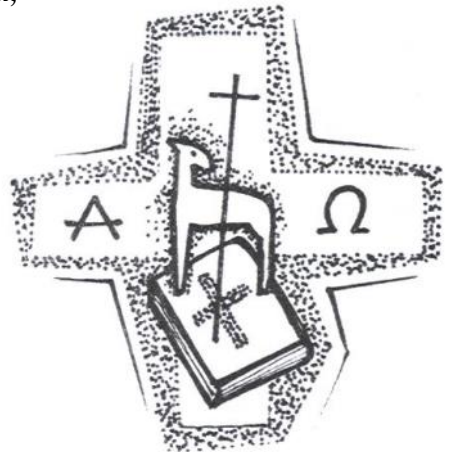
**All Amen.**

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words  
'Let us pray'*

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.

**All Amen.**



# The Liturgy of the Word

## Readings

### Psalm 118.1–2,19–24

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦  
‘His mercy endures for ever.’
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing, ♦  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*At the end of the readings the reader may say.*

**R** Glory to the Father and to the Son

**All** and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Please stand.*



## Gospel Reading

**R** Our Gospel reading is from the Gospel according to St Mark, Chapter 11 beginning at verse 1

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St *Mark*

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

And 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.

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

# Sermon

## The Creed

*M* Let us declare our faith  
in in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers usually include topical concerns and may follow this sequence:*

- ¶ The Church of Christ
- ¶ Creation, human society,  
the Sovereign and those in authority
- ¶ The local community
- ¶ Those who suffer
- ¶ The communion of saints

*Each prayer may end with:*

Lord, in your mercy (or)  
**All** hear our prayer.

Lord hear us  
**Lord mercifully hear us**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**All** accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*The Trisagion may be used*

**All** Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

**P** Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus  
we have been brought near through  
the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All** and also with you.

### **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

**P** Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.

**All** Amen.

### **Prayer B**

**P** The Lord be with you      (*or*) The Lord is here.

**All** and also with you.      **His Spirit is with us.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**P** Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because, for our salvation,  
he was obedient even to death on the cross.  
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;  
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**All** **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**  
**God of power and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*P* Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us  
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me. †

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me. †

*M* Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*P* And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice  
made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of *N* and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
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, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

†

***All*** Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

***M*** Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

***All*** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
in 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

# Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

**P** We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken*

**All** **Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

**P** Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

**P** The body of Christ, given for you.

**All** **Amen**

**P** The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**All** **Amen**

*The president will then receive communion in both kinds having spoken the words of distribution once for all communicants at the Altar. They will then come to each pew and distribute the wafers into the hand without making contact. Once the priest has moved to the next pew please remove your mask and consume the wafer.*



*To assist the president please hold your hands out if you wish to receive and hold this service book if you do not.*

## **After Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

**P** 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.

**All** Faithful God,  
may we who share this banquet  
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our salvation, life and hope,  
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.

*The Trisagion may be used*

**All** Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.



# Song of Praise

*Please leave the building by pew number  
(following the Sidesman's instructions) as we gather outside to  
sing together God's Praise.*

## **Ride on, ride on in majesty**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**

**Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues his road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**

**In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy 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!**

**Thy 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 thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign.**

Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868) alt. Music: Winchester New

*P* May the Father,  
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

*All* Amen.

May Christ,  
who accepted the cup of sacrifice  
in obedience to the Father's will,  
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

*All* Amen.

May the Spirit,  
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ  
that we may share his glory,  
set your minds on life and peace.

*All* Amen.

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* Amen.

*M* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* In the name of Christ. Amen.

We apologise that we can not offer hospitality at the close of the service. Please leave following the Sidesman's instructions. Please do not linger to talk within the building at the end of the service, if you need to talk to the president or a PCC member please do so by phone. We thank you for your understanding during this difficult time.



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