

Brighton Lutheran Mission

Palm Sunday & Sunday of the Passion
13 April 2014



James Tissot (1836–1902), *Le cortège dans les rues de Jérusalem*

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission! May God bless you richly as we gather together to receive His gifts.

Please stay behind for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.
This is followed by a Bible study.

Holy Communion

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the actual body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's spiritual care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available from the pastor.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Silent prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Silent prayer before receiving the Sacrament:

Dear Saviour, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy Body and Blood. Let me find favour in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Silent prayer after worship:

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshipped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Explanation of Symbols

- P** Pastor
C Congregation
✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism
❖ You may bow as a sign of reverence (during italicised words)
† You may bow the head as a sign of reverence at the name of Jesus (Phil. 2:10)

PROCESSION OF PALMS

Stand

Procession of Palms

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when he came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

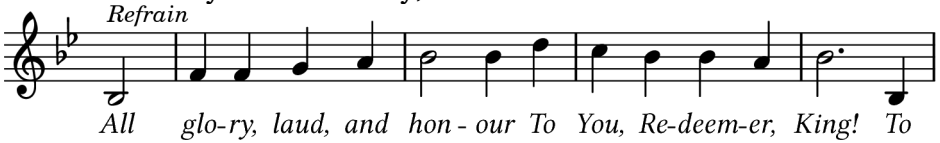
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

Processional Hymn—All Glory, Laud and Honour



Text: Theodulf of Orléans (762–821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–66), alt.

Tune: Melchior Teschner (1584–1635)

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

A silence is observed to contemplate the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CATECHISM

P The First Commandment

C You shall have no other gods.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

P The Second Commandment

C You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, practise witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

P The Third Commandment

C Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Zechariah 9:9–12

After the reading:

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 73:23b–24, 1*)

P You hold my right hand.*

You guide me with your counsel, and afterwards you will receive me to glory.

C Truly God is good to Israel,*
to those who are pure in heart.

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5–11

After the reading:

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

TRACT *Ps. 22:1, 4–5*)

P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

C In you our fathers trusted;*
they trusted, and you de- livered them.

To you they cried and were rescued;*
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 26:1–27:66

P The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh chapters.

C Glory to You, O Lord!

Sit.

Stand after 27:31 “And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

C I believe in one ❖ *God*,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible
and invisible.

And in one Lord † Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

❖ *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is

❖ *worshipped* and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the ✠ world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1. A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
3. "Yes, Fath - er, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
4. Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
Lamb of God, our Sa - viour, Whom God the Fath - er
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con-forms to
taste Your king - dom's pleas - ure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vour "Go
Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
robe shall be, My joy bey - ond all meas - ure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led with -
forth, My Son," the Fath - er said, "And free My chil - dren
wondrous Love, what have You done! The Fath - er of - fers
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righteousness shall



out com-plaint, That spot-less life to of - fer, He bears the
from their dread Of guilt and con-dem-na - tion. The wrath and
up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - e - ry, and
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
to the grave Who built the earth's founda - tion.
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

*Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607–76); tr. The Lutheran Hymnal (1941), alt.
Tune: Wolfgang Dachstein (1489–1553)*

SERMON

After the SERMON, the pastor may say:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts
and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY

C Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free spirit.
Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: The Litany

- P** O Lord,
P O Christ,
P O Lord,
P O Christ,
P God the Father in heaven.
P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
P God the Holy Spirit,
P Be gracious to us.
P Be gracious to us.
P From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition
and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water, and
from everlasting death:
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour
of death; and in the day of judgement:
C Help us, good Lord.
P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting and temptation; by Your agony and bloody
sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and
burial;
By your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of
the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
C Help us, good Lord.
P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour
of death; and in the day of judgement:
C Help us, good Lord.
P We poor sinners implore You
C to hear us, O Lord.
P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors
and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and
understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in
holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offence; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful labourers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend Her Majesty the Queen and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; to protect the unborn and all who are vulnerable; and to have mercy on us all;

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

P O Lord

C have mercy.

C have mercy. Amen.

THE OUR FATHER

C 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.

P Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name.

C Deliver us and pure away our sins for Your name's sake.

P Almighty and everlasting God, since you govern and sanctify the
whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all
its members. Mercifully grant that, by Your grace, we may serve You
in true faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

HYMN: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1. Je-sus, ref-uge of the wear-y, Blest Re-deemer, whom we love,
2. Do we pass that cross un-heeding, Breath-ing no re-pen-tant vow,
3. Je-sus, may our hearts be burn-ing With more fer-vent love for You;



Foun - tain in life's de - sert drea - ry, Sav - iour from the
Though we see You wound-ed, bleed-ing, See Your thorn - en -
May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be - hold Your



world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - iour's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace hath taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis-tress.
hearts for - ev - er Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola (1452–98); tr. Jane F. Wilde (1826–96); Music: Basel (1745)

RITE OF PREPARATION

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A CONFESSIOAL ADDRESS follows

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord †Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our ✠ help is in the name of the Lord.

C Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, †Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord †Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C It is meet and right so to do.

The PROPER PREFACE appropriate to the season is spoken:

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C❖ *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth.
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!

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

After the distribution: stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

C Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace,
according to Your word.
For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all people.
A light to enlighten the Gentiles,
and the glory of Your people Israel.

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C and His mercy endures forever.

P Let us pray.

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith towards You and in fervent love towards one another; through †Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN: Cross of Jesus



1. Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, Where the blood of
2. Here the King of all the a - ges, Throned in light ere
3. O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing! O a - ban - don -
4. Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, Where the blood of



Christ was shed, Per - fect Man on
worlds could be, Robed in mor - tal
ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God Him -
Christ was shed, Per - fect Man on



thee did suf - fer, Per - fect God on thee has bled!
flesh is dy - ing, Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
self is bear - ing All the suf - fer - ings of time!
thee did suf - fer, Per - fect God on thee has bled!

Text: William J. Sparrow Simpson (1860–1952); Music: John Stainer (1840–1901)

Sit

IN OUR PRAYERS

Barbara; St. David Lutheran Church (Cardiff); Pr. Naumann; *The British Lutheran*; Pr. David McNally (cancer); Pr. Paul Fry (health); Pr. Graham Jenks (heart attack); Lutheran Church in Southern Africa; Holland Road Baptist Church, Pr. David Treneer; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Roger Jones (stroke)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

THE LARGE CATECHISM

PART II: THE CREED, THE SECOND ARTICLE

... Let this, then, be the sum of this article: the little word *Lord* means simply the same as *redeemer*. It means the One who has brought us from Satan to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and who preserves us in the same. But all the points that follow in this article serve no other purpose than to explain and express this redemption. They explain how and by whom it was accomplished. They explain how much it cost Him and what He spent and risked so that He might win us and bring us under His dominion. It explains that He became man, was conceived and born without sin, from the Holy Spirit and from the virgin Mary, so that He might overcome sin. Further, it explains that He suffered, died, and was buried so that He might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owe, not with silver or gold, but with His own precious blood. And He did all this in order to become my Lord. He did none of these things for Himself, nor did He have any need for redemption. After that He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed the government at the Father's right hand. He did these things so that the devil and all powers must be subject to Him and lie at His feet until finally, at the Last Day, He will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, and such.

... Yes, the entire Gospel that we preach is based on this point, that we properly understand this article as that upon which our salvation and all our happiness rests.

Paragraph 31, 33

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God willing, the next service will be on
Sunday, 11 May at 4.30 pm.

There is no Friday Bible study in April.