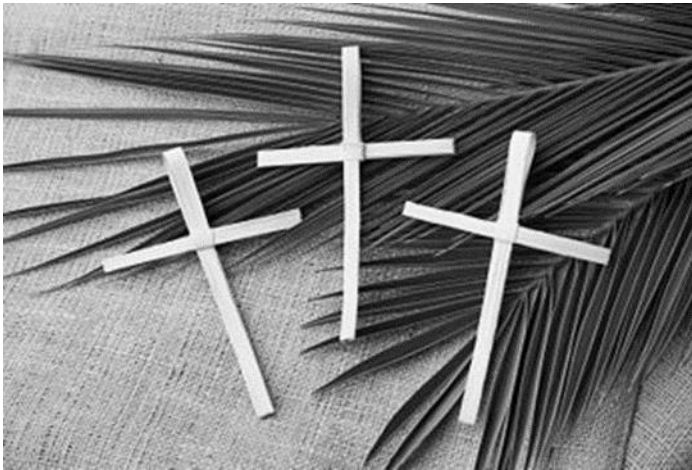


PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION



**St Barnabas Anglican Church
Limassol**

Everyone is welcome. Thank you for being with us today – if you need any help please ask a sidesperson or churchwarden. If you are visiting, please make yourself known as you enter or leave the service. If you are unsure where to sit, a sidesperson will assist you. Refreshments are served after our morning services, please join us.

Palm Sunday: Please ensure that, as you came in, you collected a palm cross and a leaflet with the Passion Gospel in it. The palm crosses have been made by members of our congregation. Along with other Anglican churches on the island, we make a large number for our link diocese, the Exeter Diocese.

On Palm Sunday, there are two Gospel readings, the first tells of the account of Jesus riding into Jerusalem and the second tells the events of his last week and is read in dramatic form. After the first Gospel reading, and the blessing of the crosses; members of the congregation are invited to join the traditional Palm Sunday procession. Members of the procession may wave their palm crosses. As we process, a hymn will be sung.

Getting to know us. Our weekly newssheet contains information about the parish and its activities. Please speak to one of the sides-persons or priests, as you leave, if you need more information and assistance. There is also a welcome leaflet that introduces the parish and tells you a little about us. Please take one. We would welcome your completed information page and any further inquiry.

Gluten free. If you require a Gluten free wafer, please tell a sidesperson or churchwarden and then say to the minister giving Communion that this is what you need.

A collection is taken during the offertory hymn. Please respond generously to support the mission and ministry of this church. If you are a UK taxpayer, please give via a completed Gift Aid envelope to enhance your donation and enable us to reclaim tax. Your donations are very important as we have no outside funding.

Thank you.

Palm Sunday Communion

Processional HYMN

The Gathering and the Liturgy of the Palms

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

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:

Let us pray:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; bless these palms that they may 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. **Amen.**

The congregation remains standing as the Palm Gospel is read.

HYMN *(A procession with all holding their palm crosses will take place during the singing of this hymn.)*

When all have returned to their places and are seated, the following is said:

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

The Collect for Palm Sunday

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. **Amen.**

First Reading

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

Second Reading

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Passion Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

When the Passion reading is announced, the reader says:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to:

The Gospel is led by a narrator who begins by saying: 'The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St'.

The Passion Gospel ends with the words: This is the Passion of the Lord.

At the end, a moment of silence is kept. The congregation will then be invited to be seated for the Intercessions, which follow.

Prayers of Intercession

The following intercessions, or another form are used.

Let us bring to God our Father the prayers of the Church, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to submit to the agony of the cross. Confident in the hope to which his death has brought us, let us pray that his Resurrection will lead us to where he calls.

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world:
may the events of Holy Week help all Christians to acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the Father.
The Lord comes to our help. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our life together as the church in this community:
may these holy days be filled with a spirit of penance and reflection, gratitude and joy.
The Lord comes to our help. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who seek the joy of peace:
may they be rewarded with the peace of the Risen Lord.
The Lord comes to our help. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are wearied by life:
may the Church, speaking with a disciple's tongue, bring news of happiness and peace.
The Lord comes to our help. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who long for justice:
may they find comfort and strength in the Lord, who emptied himself to live among us.
The Lord comes to our help. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who receive blows and insults:
may there be justice and peace, healing and wholeness everywhere.
The Lord comes to our help. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who share in the Lord's Passion through pain or illness: may the Lord come to their help and pour his blessing and peace upon them. Hear us as we particularly pray for ...

The Lord comes to our help. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the community in which we live and worship: through our life together and example to others may many come to acclaim Jesus as Lord.

The Lord comes to our help. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all the faithful departed: may they be raised on high to the glory of heaven.

The Lord comes to our help. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God our Father, your Son went forth to die for us. Grant that we and all for whom we have prayed may follow his example of patient suffering and gain a share in his Resurrection.

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

Stand

The Peace

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,
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

HYMN (Offertory Hymn)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented, and the table is prepared.

The following prayer is said over the offertory:

God of grace, you have given us everything in Jesus, including life in your kingdom. Accept these, our gifts, and warm our hearts that we may lead lives that reflect your generosity. **Amen.**

The following Table Prayer is said:

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

Please sit or stand for the Eucharistic Prayer, as is your custom.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

For Christ, bearing the human likeness, humbled himself and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross. He was lifted up from the earth that he might draw all people to himself. And so we gladly thank you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

**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.**

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.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 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.

Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

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.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Agnus Dei

One of the following forms is used:

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world, grant us peace.**

**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.**

Giving of Communion

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.

*All who normally receive communion are invited to receive the
sacrament. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring this
booklet with you as an indication of your wish.*

*One of the following prayers may be said privately in preparation for
receiving communion:*

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in
our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

After the administration of communion, a hymn may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand. One of the following post Communion prayers is said by the Celebrant:

Let us pray:

O God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

All are invited to say:

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 Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

Amen

Recessional HYMN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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