

*St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy*

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*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Palm Sunday*

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*Liturgy of the Palms:*

*Please gather in the hall*

Blessed be God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**And blessed be God's kingdom,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, in our observance of Lent we have been preparing, by self-examination and spiritual discipline, to celebrate the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ. Today we begin the solemn celebration of our salvation through his death on the cross and his resurrection to glory. We now recall our Lord's entry as king into Jerusalem, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us follow him, that, as we died with Christ in our Baptism, so we may share his risen life.

*Collect:*

Assist us Lord God of our salvation:  
that we may enter with joy  
into the celebration of those mighty acts  
whereby you give us life and immortality;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Readings:*

Luke 19.28-40

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
Praise to Christ our Lord.

*Blessing of Palms:*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
may these palms be for us  
a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death;  
and may we who have been baptised in his name,  
worship him as king, obey him as Lord,  
and follow him in the way of the Cross,  
which leads to eternal life.  
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Procession:*

Let us proceed in peace  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**  
*Congregation process into the church*

<i>Introit Hymn:</i>	511	Ride on, ride on in majesty
<i>Collect:</i>		Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. <b>Amen.</b>
<i>First reading:</i>		Isaiah 50.4-9a (Page 714)
<i>Second Reading:</i>		Philippians 2. 5-11 (Page 248)
<i>Gradual hymn:</i>	86	My song is love unknown
<i>Gospel:</i>		The Passion according to Luke
<i>Offertory hymn:</i>	509	All glory laud and honour
<i>Communion hymn:</i>	95	When I survey the wondrous cross
<i>Prayer after Communion:</i>		<b>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.</b>
<i>Blessing:</i>		Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. <b>Amen.</b>
<i>Recessional Hymn:</i>	271	Alleluia sing to Jesus

*Notices:*

*All baptised Christians are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion, to receive bread alone, or to receive bread and drink from the chalice. All are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar. Gluten free wafers are available; please advise a sidesperson if you require this.*

*An Induction Loop is installed in church. Hearing aid users should adjust their aid to the T position.*

*Large-print copies of the liturgy are available on request*

*Worship:*

**Holy Week Services:** Midweek Eucharist 10 am Wed 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Maundy Thursday Eucharist 7pm Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Good Friday Service and Communion 12noon Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Sunday Services 9.15am and 10.30am on Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Church Decoration:** We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday morning 19<sup>th</sup> April, If you are able to help please come along at 10 am. On **EASTER SUNDAY** please bring along a small flower from your garden to place in our Easter Garden.

**Fellowship Group:** There will be no Fellowship meeting in April. The next one will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm due to Ascension falling on 29<sup>th</sup> May this year. All welcome.

**Zumba:** Zumba will resume on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am in the hall after the Easter break

**Craft Group:** The craft group will resume on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April in the hall. All welcome.

**Bishops Lent Appeal:** Bishop Ian writes: We have been praying and working for the war in Gaza to end, for aid to reach its people, and for the hostages to be released. There is at last a temporary ceasefire, and we pray for it to become permanent.

Now is the time for reconstruction in Gaza. There is a desperate need for the rebuilding of ruined hospitals and communities. USPG is working with the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, to support the work of reconstruction and to give medical aid. Please support my Bishop's Lent Appeal, and through it the USPG Lent Appeal, as generously and sacrificially as you can. Your donation will enable people in Gaza to rebuild hope. There will be a retiring collection on Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April for those who wish to support this. Thank you.

**Post- Easter Break:** The Rector will be away from 20<sup>th</sup> April pm till 29<sup>th</sup> April. For pastoral emergencies, please phone the Rectory number where your call will be diverted to someone who can help.

**Hospital Visits.** The local hospitals no longer allow access to their in-patient lists. If you, a relative or friend are admitted to hospital, please contact the Rector on 01592 204208 or [cnfraser@btinternet.com](mailto:cnfraser@btinternet.com) and visits will be arranged.

*Please pray for:*

All those in our own congregation, their families or friends who are ill, housebound or whose year's mind falls this week. Archbishop Stephen and the Karen people in Burma, Thailand and Sheffield

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