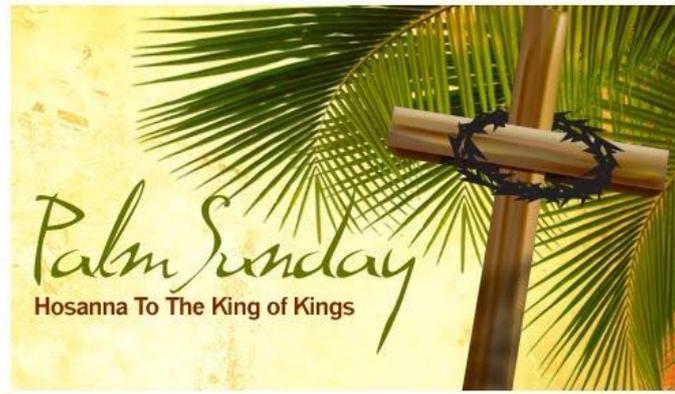


# St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy

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*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Palm Sunday*

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*Please remember to put your clocks forward. British Summer Time commences at 1am today.*

*Liturgy of the Palms: Please use the palm that you received in your booklet pack or one that you have had from a previous year*

**Greeting:** 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.**

**Gospel of the Palms:** Mark 1. 1-11

*When the Gospel is introduced:*  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

*At the end:*  
Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Distribution of the Palms (Please bring your Palm from last year)**

*Palms held up to the presiding celebrant, who says:*

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:** Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy,  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant, that we,  
walking in the way of his cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us proceed in peace.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Introit Hymn:* Ride on, ride on in majesty

*Collect for Purity:* **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 our Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love we, and worthily magnify our holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Summary of the Law:* Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
We shall love the Lord our God  
with all our heart,  
with all our soul,  
with all our mind  
and with all our strength.”  
  
The second is this:  
“Love your neighbour as yourself.”  
There is no other commandment greater than these.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Kyrie:* Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Collect:* 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. **Amen.**

*First reading:* Isaiah 50. 4-9a

*Second Reading:* Philippians 2. 5-11

*Gradual hymn:* At the name of Jesus

*Gospel:* The Passion according to Mark

*Nicene Creed:* **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 substance with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of 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. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.**

*Intercessions:* *Composed and prayed on behalf of the congregation by a member of the Intercessors Group*

As we recall the Passion of our Lord Jesus; the time that he gave up his life for all of us, let us gather our thoughts to pray.

As we approach Easter time, we pray this will be a time when many more will welcome Jesus into their hearts and lives. We pray for opportunities to spread the good news and courage to take them. Jesus chose humility over greatness, even becoming obedient unto death on the cross. We ask for real humility in our hearts and in the hearts of all members of your church across the world. We pray for Bishop Mark our Primus and Bishop Ian our Diocesan Bishop; for Christine our Rector and all those involved in worship at St Peters. We pray that you will give us all strength and maintain the bonds of community while we are apart.

Lord Hear Us

Lord we pray for the troubled parts of this world, where there is so much suffering, where darkness prevails. Let your love inspire leaders, both local and global, to work to spread peace and justice where there is fear and oppression. Let their actions reflect Jesus's example to serve the needy and outcast, those who are neglected by the self-serving world in which we live. As we continue to struggle with the Coronavirus pandemic, we pray for genuine cooperation between nations, to deliver the hope of vaccination across the world.

Lord Hear Us

Lord we bring before you all who suffer in any way at this time. Jesus knew such suffering in his earthly life and we pray that those in need are aware of the strength and comfort that comes from knowing you. In a moment of silence we remember any known to us who are in particular need of our prayers, both from our congregation and the wider world.

May they all be strengthened and comforted by your loving touch.

Lord Hear Us

Father of all mercies, we ask that you be with all those who mourn. We ask that casting their cares on you they may know the consolation of your love, which brings eternal hope. We remember those who have gone before us to take their place in your kingdom, particularly David Livingston, Helen King and Jack Robertson whose years mind falls at this time. To your loving arms we commend them all.

Lord Hear Us

Merciful Father, we ask that you accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*Confession  
and Absolution:*

God is love and we are his children. There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because he loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

**God our Father, we confess to we  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us our sins,  
and deliver us from the power of evil.  
For the sake of our Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(May) God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Peace:* We share in Christ's Peace. Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Offertory hymn:* Lift high the cross

*Communion Prayer:* **God of infinite mercy. We thank you for Jesus our Saviour who feeds his people and gives them eternal life. Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine we thank you that we do receive Christ's saving presence, the forgiveness of sins and all other benefits of his passion. Grant that we may continue for ever in the risen and ascended life of our Saviour. Amen. (This prayer is said during the online Provincial service).**

*The Lord's Prayer:* **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Communion hymn:* When I survey the wondrous cross

*Concluding prayer:* **God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with holy things. 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.**

*Blessing:* 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. **Amen.**

*Recessional Hymn:* All Glory, laud and honour

## **Sunday 7pm Candle Prayer**

**Living God, in whose image we are made,  
Hear us we ask, through your Son who prays for us.  
Hear us, as we recall all we have endured as community and Nation  
In the year that has passed.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

**Living God, who knows us in all our suffering,  
Hear us we ask, through your Son who prays for us.  
Hear us, as we reflect across the Nation  
And remember those who have suffered the deepest loss.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

**Living God, whose name is Love,  
Hear us we ask, through your Son who prays for us.  
Hear us, as we reach out our hand to those who suffer still  
And stand with them in the face of all that is to come.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

**Living God, who gives good gifts to all Creation,  
Hear us we ask, through your Son who prays for us.  
Hear us, as we give thanks for those who, in hospital and in care home,  
Have cared for the dying and the sick.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

**Living God, who inspires Hope,  
Hear us we ask, through your Son who prays for us.  
Hear us, as we acknowledge and give thanks for all who have created the vaccines  
That give hope to the peoples of all Nations.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

**Living God, who gives Light to the World, even in the face of Darkness,  
Hear us we ask, through your Son who prays for us.  
Hear us, as we bow in the presence of the One who,  
In the days of his flesh, shed tears for us.  
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**