



St Lawrence Church

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

Sunday 24th March 2024

PALM SUNDAY

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION



We will be using the green service books
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WELCOME

Once the procession with palms and donkey has reached the church, the first hymn is sung.

HYMN

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue your 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 wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
awaits 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 power and reign.!

Henry Hart Milman

GREETING - service book page 4-5

COLLECT (for Palm Sunday)

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as
Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you on the way of the
cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Psalms 118:1-2,19-29 *Pew Bible OT page 576*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Mark 11:1-11 *Pew Bible NT page 45*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

HYMN

From heaven You came, helpless babe,
entered our world, Your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears
my heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.

This is our God, the Servant King....

Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God, the Servant King....

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone Him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God, the Servant King....

Graham Kendrick

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HYMN

Make way, make way for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.

Fling wide the gates and welcome Him into your lives.

Make way, make way, for the King of kings.

Make way, make way, and let His kingdom in.

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.

The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

Make way, make way....

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh;
with laughter, joy and royal crown He'll beautify.

Make way, make way...

We call you now to worship Him as Lord of all;
to have no gods before Him, their thrones must fall!

Make way, make way....

Graham Kendrick

HYMNS during Communion

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us Him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to Thee
that only offering perfect in Thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on His anointed face,
and only look on us as found in Him;
look not on our misusings of Thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo, between our sins and their reward
we set the Passion of Thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to Thy mercy's breast,
O do Thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
and crown Thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to Thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in Thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with Thee.

William Bright

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God is here! As we Your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace.
Here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here, in honesty of preaching,
here, in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without You,
we adore You! We believe!

F Pratt Green

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

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HYMN (*a collection will be taken during this hymn*)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers, in distress;
praise Him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
ye behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

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*Members of the Prayer Ministry team are ready to
pray with you in confidence in the side chapel after
the service this morning*

You may prefer to give contactlessly – if so
please use the payment unit at the back of
church or scan this code with a smartphone.



Please feel free to take service sheets home