

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – 13th April 2025

Welcome. St Nicholas' is the original church of Brightelmston village, and the Ancient Mother Church of Brighton: a haven of peace and prayerfulness in the heart of our city. We celebrate diversity, and believe that God's unconditional love is for all. Children are very welcome here.

The Eucharist is celebrated on most days of the week in this church. *See notices inside.*

Instruction in the Christian Faith

Holy Baptism for children and adults

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Holy Matrimony and **Thanksgiving after Civil Marriage**

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arrangement
with
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BLESSING OF PALMS, PROCESSION AND EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David.

People: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

The cantor sings the chant, Pueri Hebraeorum.

The children of the Hebrews, carrying palms and olive branches,
went forth to meet the Lord, crying out and saying.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The celebrant introduces the liturgy and a minister reads the gospel of the palms, Luke 19.28-40.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

We sing the following hymns in procession to church:

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

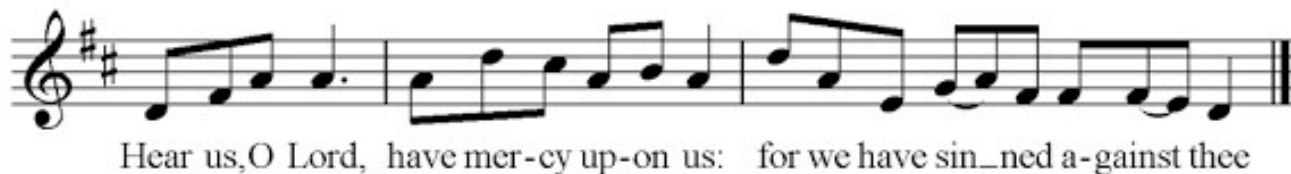
Give me joy in my heart,

All glory, laud, and honour,

*At the altar, the celebrant prays the Collect and we respond: **Amen***

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Isaiah 50.4–9a) read by Alara Cleur we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing the Lent Prose led by the cantor.



We stand and join in the acclamation before the passion reading, Luke 23.1-49.

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

*Please join in with the congregational parts in **bold**.*

Luke: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Priests: **We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**

Luke: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Luke: He answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Luke: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Luke: But they were insistent and said,

Priests: **He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**

Luke: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put

an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Luke: Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd: **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

Luke: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd: **Crucify, crucify him!**

Luke: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Luke: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Luke: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Luke: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Priests: **He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**

Luke: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers: **If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**

Luke: There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Luke: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Luke: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Luke: Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Luke: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Luke: Having said this, he breathed his last.

Here all kneel or bow, and keep silence.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Luke: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Luke: This is the Passion of the Lord.

After the Passion we sit to hear the homily.

We stand together to declare our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We sit or stand for the prayers of intercession, led by Veronica Thomason, and respond:

Lord hear us, Lord, graciously hear us or Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.
At the end: **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We stand for the Peace.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A collection is taken for the work of St Nicholas'; contactless donations may also be made after the Eucharist at the door. As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates,

*We stand as the celebrant says the Prayer over the Offerings and we respond: **Amen.***

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.

The celebrant praises God and we sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might:

Heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory, your power and might.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes; blessed, blessed is he who comes;
blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.

Let us proclaim the myst'ry of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ris'n, Jesus Christ will come again.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

*The celebrant continues the prayer and we respond: **Amen, amen!***

People: **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.

As the bread is broken, we sing:

Jesus, source of everlasting life; Jesus, source of reconciling love:
Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.
Jesus, by whose suffering we are healed; Jesus, man of sorrows, friend of grief:
Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.
Jesus, crucified, transcending time; Jesus, Saviour, by whose death we live:
Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All who are baptised and normally receive Communion are welcome to do so here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward with this service booklet in your hands. If you are unable to stand, please wave your service sheet and communion will be brought to you.

Communion anthem: Farrant: Hide Not Thou Thy Face.

We remain seated to sing.

This is my body, broken for you,

*We stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and respond: **Amen***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The celebrant gives the blessing and we respond: **Amen. Amen. Amen. AMEN.***

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

We remain standing to sing:

The royal banners forward go,

All are most welcome to stay after the Eucharist for refreshments.

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