

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

**13 April 2025
PALM SUNDAY
Te Rātapu Nikau**

10.00 am

FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH PROCESSION



Presider

The Reverend Ivica Gregurec, *Cathedral Precentor*

Liturgist

Paul Bushnell

Readers

Anita Banbury

Isaac Langi

Setting

Communion Service in B b, Walter Alcock

Following the welcome and notices, the congregation gathers in the Cathedral Crossing – between the Nave and the Chancel. Please bring the Palm Cross which you received with this service sheet to the Crossing. The Choir gathers on the Chancel Steps.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Introit *Hosianna dem Sohne Davids, Bartholomäus Gesius*

Hosianna dem Sohne Davids!
Gelobet sei, der da kommt
im Namen des Herren.
Hosianna in der Höhe!

*Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one that comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!*

The Dean greets the congregation with these words.

Dean Grace and peace to you from God.
All God fill you with truth and joy.

Dean E te whānau a te Karaiti, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ entered the holy city, Jerusalem, this day in triumph, to complete the work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die and to rise again. In faith and love may we follow this Messiah, the humble ruler, who comes riding on a donkey.

Let us pray.

Silence

God of our salvation, help us to enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts by which you have given us fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All Amen.


Cathedral Precentor proclaims the Palm Gospel.

Precentor The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All 
Praise and glo - ry to God.

Gospel Luke 19:28-40

Precentor This is the Gospel of Christ.

All 
Praise to Christ the Word.

The people hold up their palm crosses and palm fronds as the Dean prays the following blessing:

Dean The Lord is here.

All **God's Spirit is with us.**

Dean Let us give thanks to God.

All **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Dean It is right to praise you, Sovereign God, for the acts of love by which you have set us free.

On this day Jesus entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and die and was greeted with branches of palm.

✠Let these palm crosses and palms branches be for us signs of Christ's victory. May we who carry them follow Christ in the way of the cross which leads to life; through Christ, who lives and reigns in glory, with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The palm crosses and fronds are sprinkled with water and censed.

The Dean invites those assembled to join in a procession:

Dean Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, palm crosses and palm fronds are held high. All follow the Choir, Clergy and Altar party in procession to the Great West Doors, through the Patteson entrance, singing:

Refrain. *All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one: *R.*

2

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present: *R.*

3

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise: *R.*

4

Thou didst accept their praises:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King: *R*

5

Thy sorrow and thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare. *R.*

Text: St Theodulph of Orleans

6

For homage may we bring thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow: *R.*

Tune: St Theodulph, AM 159

As the procession comes to the Great West Doors, the Sunday school children go directly to their activities and return before Communion. If there are any young people visiting, please come and join in.

As the Procession enters the Cathedral Nave we sing the following hymn.

Hymn

1

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered
garments strowed.

2

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.

3

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad
and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son!

5

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.

Text: H. H. Milman

Tune: Winchester New, AM 161i

Please remain standing.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Collect

Presider Let us pray.

Silence.

God of transcendence, as an example of humility for the human race, you sent our Saviour to become incarnate and to submit to the cross; grant us the grace to learn from this patient suffering and so to share in the resurrection; through Jesus Christ, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please sit.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 31:9-16

The congregation repeats the response R. after the Cantor, and in between each verse.



Have mercy on me Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eyes are wasted from grief, my soul and my body also.
My life is worn out with sorrow, and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my misery, my bones are wasted away. *R.*

I am the scorn of my enemies:
and a byword among my neighbours.
Those of my acquaintance shudder at the sight of me:
when they see me in the street they shrink away from me. *R.*

I hear the whispering of many fear is on ev'ry side
while they conspire together against me
and plot to take away my life.
But my trust is in you O Lord, I say, 'You are my God,
my fortunes are in your hands.' *R.*

Love the Lord all you servants of the Lord
for the Lord preserves those who are faithful,
and fully repays the haughty for their presumption.
Be strong and let your heart take courage:
all you that wait for the Lord. *R.*

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

1
Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

2
Take up thy cross - let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm:
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross and in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Text: C.W. Everest

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only he who bears the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Tune: Breslau, AM 135

Please be seated for the Reading of the Passion and stand as directed in the text.

Luke 23:1-49

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

Praise and glory to God.

The assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, '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.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

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, '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.'

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (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, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, '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.' 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, '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?'

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, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' 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, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, '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.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.

You are invited to bow your head or kneel as we keep a time of silence.

Please stand as the reading continues.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' 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.

Please sit.

Silence is kept.

Reflection Fr Ivica Gregurec

The Prayers of the People

Presider Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
giving thanks for God's goodness.

Please sit.

To the bidding: Loving God, in your mercy,
all respond: hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude with the following Collect prayed by all.

Loving God, keep before our eyes the suffering and death of Jesus. May we find in Christ strength for our journey and victory over every evil. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Peace

Please stand.

Presider The peace of God be with you all.

All In God's justice is our peace.

Presider E te whānau, Christ calls us to live in unity.

All We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Please turn and acknowledge those around you by offering a greeting of Peace. During the Offertory Hymn, the bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist. A collection is taken at this stage.

Offertory Hymn

1

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2

He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.

3

For us he was baptised, and bore
his holy fast and hunger sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.

4

For us to wicked ones betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed;
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

5

For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6

To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity. Amen.

Text: Thomas à Kempis (adapt. v. 4)

Tune: Eisenach, AM 149

The Preparation of the Gifts

Presider God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

All All you have made is good. Your love endures for ever.

Presider Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love; you who live and reign now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are as follows:

Staff 1: Celebrant: The Lord is here: | People: God's Spi - rit is with us.

Staff 2: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts: | People: We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3: Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: | People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
the pioneer of our salvation,
one of us, yet from the heart of God.
For with your whole created universe,
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.
Your love is shown to us, for while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save,
you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord.
You make all things new.
In Christ's suffering and cross
you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself,
their true and living God.

By Christ's journey into darkness
are we all brought home;
by his agony and bloody sweat
are we come finally to life;
the tree of shame is now the tree of glory.

Through Christ you gather us,
new-born in your Spirit,
a people after your own heart.
Therefore with saints and martyrs,
apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed,
joyfully we praise you and sing:


Sanctus and Benedictus are sung by the Choir.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation,
in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer,
we meet you in your glory.
Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come.
With thanksgiving and hope we sing:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a 4/4 time signature. It is marked 'Organ' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ, your death we show forth; your re-sur-rec-tion
we pro-claim, your com-ing we a - wait; A - men, come Lord Je - sus.

May Christ ascended in majesty
be our new and living way.
In him we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
 feed us with your life,
 fire us with your love,
 confront us with your justice,
 and make us one in the body of Christ
 with all who share your gifts of love.
 Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
 with all who stand before you
 in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Creator God,
 in songs of everlasting praise.



Silence may be kept.

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider breaks the bread.

Presider	The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
All	We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Presider lifts the cup.

Presider	The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.
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The Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **May we who share these gifts
 be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

Agnus Dei is sung by the Choir.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

All those who are baptised are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. If you feel uncertain about sharing a common cup, to receive the bread only is to receive a full Communion. Please indicate to the administrant if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please fold your arms across your chest.

As you wait to receive and after returning to your seat, please observe silence and pray for those around you. The Presider will distribute communion at the seats of those who have reduced mobility.

Communion Motet *Hosanna to the Son of David*, Orlando Gibbons

Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the King of Israel; blessed be the Kingdom that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places; Hosanna in the highest heavens.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Presider Jesus, 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 a humble Lord and King, to the glory of God.

All **Faithful God, may we who share this banquet glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life and hope, who reigns with you and the Spirit, now and for ever.
 Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

1

When I survey the wondrous Cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the Cross of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Text: I. Watts

3

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingling down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Tune: Rockingham, AM 157i

Blessing

Presider

May you find in the cross a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the ✠blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

All

Amen.

Dismissal

Liturgist

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

All

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Organ Sortie

played by Dr Philip Smith

Please stand while the Servers and Clergy leave the nave. It is our custom to remain standing until the cross has made its way up the side aisle and returned to the ambulatory. The service concludes with the Organ Sortie, you are warmly invited to remain for this.

Please join us for refreshments in the Bishop Monteith Visitors' Centre.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS IN HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Holy Wednesday, 16 April

6.00 pm Choral Evensong with Benediction

Maundy Thursday, 17 April

7.30 pm Festal Choral Eucharist:
Memorial of the Last Supper with Washing of the Feet

Good Friday, 18 April

10.00 am Family Service
3.00 pm Good Friday Service

Easter Eve, Saturday, 19 April

8.00 pm The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Day, Sunday, 20 April

8.00am Eucharist with Easter Hymns in St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity
9.00am Holy Communion (1928 BCP) in St Stephen's Chapel
10.00 am Choral Eucharist
5.00 pm Choral Evensong

Sincere thanks to those who made the palm crosses for today.

**It is our custom that the crosses be returned prior to the beginning of
Lent next year,
so that they may be used for the imposition of ashes on Ash
Wednesday.**

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**Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir
Director of Choirs: Peter Watts
Cathedral Organist: Dr Philip Smith**



CATHEDRAL COLLECT

**Loving God, the source of all life, as we worship you and
rejoice at your presence in our midst;
open our hearts that we may always be a welcoming
and nourishing community; empowering each other to
be active in your service, through Jesus Christ,
Redeemer of the world. Amen.**

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