



ST MARY'S CHURCH WELWYN



**PALM SUNDAY
EUCCHARIST WITH
DRAMATIC READING OF
THE PASSION 2021**

**Welcome back to church – it's great you are here.
We think of those still shielding and just to note that we
will be livestreaming the service this morning.
The camera is at the front of the nave,
please don't sit in front of it!**

**Please remember to maintain social distance with those
outside your household and sanitise your hands on
entry. The wearing of face masks is now mandatory in
places of worship unless you are exempt.
There will be some other differences in the service,
which you will see by following this sheet.**

***If you are new to this church please introduce yourself
to one of the clergy. There is an induction loop for those
with hearing aids.***

Please stand as the minister enters.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

The Celebrant introduces the service:

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The Celebrant invites the congregation to hold up their palms:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
(11:1-11):

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

**THE PROCESSION OF PALMS –
(This is a 'procession of the mind'
please stay in your places and please sit)**

The Celebrant says:

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah

The choir sings the hymns:

*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.
All glory...

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and
anthems
before thee we present.
All glory...

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.
All glory...

4. To thee before thy Passion
they sang their hymns of
praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.
All glory...

5. Thou didst accept their praises:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.
All glory...

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race, sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross; grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:5-11)
Read by Tyler Kirby**

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE READING OF THE PASSION

The congregation is invited to remain seated for the reading of the Passion

YEAR B - Mark Chapter 14 & 15

Evangelist: But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them: Pilate: Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Crowd: Crucify him! Crucify him!

Pilate: Why? What evil has he done?

Crowd: Crucify him! Crucify him!

Please stand

THE PEACE

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Please share the peace physically ONLY with people in your household. No collection will be taken – please support the work of your parish church - You can donate online at www.welwyn.org.uk

The Offertory Hymn is sung by the choir:

During the hymn the altar is prepared.

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!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings
(For the King of kings)
Make way! (Make way!)
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

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

We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all
To have no other gods before Him
Their thrones must fall!

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. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
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.

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has
come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for
ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

(The choir sings)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the World**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Alban, and
all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

Please kneel

Silence is kept

As our Saviour taught us so 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The choir sings:

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us (x2)
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Please move for communion -

All are welcome. Baptised Christians are welcome to receive the bread only. All others are welcome to come for a blessing from the priest. Please maintain social distance.

***The Choir sings the anthem 'Hosanna to the Son of David'
by Telemann, Words from Matthew 21: 9***

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna. Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those at home

**My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if
You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

After communion we pray together:

**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.**

The priest gives the notices and reads the banns of marriage.

*We listen to STARS singing our **Final Hymn:***

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die.

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Please stand

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.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

The organist plays a voluntary 'Intrada' by Grayston Ives

Please take this booklet with you.

We regret that refreshments after services cannot be served

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NOTICES

The Parish Office is open
Monday, Tuesday 9-1pm & Friday: 9.00 -12noon
Parish Office: secretary@welwyn.org.uk, 01438 840964

Clergy surgery (particularly for bookings of marriages and baptisms) is open on Saturday 10-11am, when coffee is also served in New Church House.

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Further information: www.welwyn.org.uk; 'The Welwyn Magazine';

NOTICES

Please could any notices for the pew sheets be sent to the office at secretary@welwyn.org.uk before Tuesdays 12noon. Thank you

Pandemic Anniversary

On Tuesday gone, a year has passed since the start of the Pandemic and the first lock-down. Stewart Bishop has created a beautiful memorial, which is under the alter, which helps us to remember those who have lost loved ones from COVID this past year.

Sponsor an Easter Lily – if you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily in memory or celebration of a loved one contact Jenny Wiseman.

Easter Weekend Children's Activities

Please look out on Facebook page and website for Children's Easter Trail and other activities over the next week or so. At the moment restrictions means these have to be outdoors in the churchyard, and not 'gathered' – but there will be something for children and others to do within those restrictions.

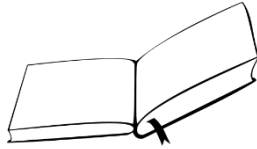
Virtual Ordination Placement Student – Mark Hafkenscheid

Students training to be ordained usually undertake a months' placement in a church to find out something about its life and context. Obviously at the moment, that is very difficult, not least if the student is from the Diocese of Europe. The Rev'd Lucy Dallas, a former curate in our team, teaches on our local ordination course – Eastern Region Ministry Course (ERMC) has asked if we could have a student from Amsterdam on a 'virtual' placement. I am delighted to welcome Mark Hafkenscheid from the Netherlands. Mark is a second year student and is lay chaplain at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam. Obviously, Mark cannot travel here for the placement, but during the next couple of months he will where possible, be joining us virtually. He may pop up in a service, Lent group, or other virtual setting – so do please welcome and encourage Mark.

Easter Services – up to and during Holy Week

31 st March	8pm	Taize Service
1 st April	8pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist & Watch
2 nd April	12-3pm	Good Friday Service
3 rd April	9pm	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
4 th April	8 & 9.30am	Easter Sunday Eucharist





Diary of Weekly Events

Sunday 28th March 6.30pm		Evening Prayer
Monday	5.00pm 9.00pm	Evening Prayer at Tewin Compline via zoom
Tuesday	8.30am 9pm	Morning Prayer at Codicote Compline
Wednesday	9.00am 9.30am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Welwyn Eucharist at Welwyn Taize Service
Thursday	5pm 8.00pm	Evening Prayer at Datchworth Maundy Thursday Service Eucharist & Watch until Midnight
Friday	9.30am 12-3pm	Morning Prayer at Woolmer Green Good Friday Service
Saturday	9.00am 9pm	Parish Prayers at Welwyn Holy Saturday Vigil (outside)

Sunday 4th April – EASTER DAY

8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
6.30pm	NO EVENING SERVICE

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 10: 34-43
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
John 20: 1-18

