

CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
PARISH OF ABINGDON-ON-THAMES
SAID MASS – PALM SUNDAY

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

All **Amen.**

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 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 people hold up their palms as this blessing is said.*

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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

¶ *The collect.*

¶ *Reading.* Philippians 2.5-11

¶ *The musicians sing a GRADUAL HYMN.*

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

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

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

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

¶ *Please stand or sit for the reading of the Passion. This year there is no congregational part.*

Priest The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to *Mark*.

¶ *Prayers of Intercession.*

... let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

¶ *At the conclusion, we say together THE TRISAGION:*

All **Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

Priest Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

¶ *Please do not share the peace with physical touch, or move closer to those around you. However, please offer one another a sign of peace with a warm smile, nod or bow, and with the words 'peace be with you,' 'the peace of the Lord,' or similar.*

¶ *The musicians sing an OFFERTORY HYMN.*

¶ *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.

¶ *The CANTOR sings a setting of the Sanctus and Benedictus*

¶ *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.**

¶ The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says

Priest We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the
world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the
word, and I shall be healed.**

¶ The CANTOR sings a setting of Agnus Dei.

Priest Heavenly Father: as we participate with your people in
these holy mysteries, we pray you now to grant to those
who seek it your gift of spiritual communion, with trust in
your faithfulness and your abiding love, through Jesus
Christ Our Lord.

Priest The Body and Blood of Christ.
All **Amen.**

*¶ We receive the sacrament in one kind only. Please maintain social
distancing as you come to receive the sacrament. Please do not
speak.*

¶ Following the post communion prayer we pray together:

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

¶ *The Blessing and Dismissal*

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life.

Amen.

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of the cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ, that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

¶ *Please leave the church in silence.*

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