

The Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton
Growing as beacons of Christ's light in our communities



Sunday 28 March 2021
with Rev DAVID PAYNE
& Rev ANNE BARKER

PALM SUNDAY

Recorded in Silsoe

Words of Welcome & Call to Worship

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

All: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Humble Lord,
you chose to ride on a donkey into Jerusalem,
a beast of the field and the dusty road;
an animal used to carrying burdens,
a creature overlooked by most.

Make us ready to live simply too,
to carry the burdens of others;
to notice and pay attention to those ignored and unheard,
and help us to follow in your footsteps,
today and every day.

Amen.

Blessing of the Palm Cross

All: Bless to me this palm cross, loving God.
May it help me to praise you from my heart today.
May it help me to understand
how much it cost you to die for me.
As I live through this Holy Week,
and all through the coming year, may it remind me
that you have promised to be with me always,
and that I have promised to follow you always.
Amen.

Hymn: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark all the tribes 'hosanna' cry;
thy humble beast pursues his 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 wond'ring eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy 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.

Prayers of Confession

For when we have failed to recognise you in your humility and in your glory,
we pray to the Lord,

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For when we have acted in our own strength and disobeyed your commands,
we pray to the Lord,

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For when we have failed you out of arrogance and pride
and have not humbled ourselves before you,
we pray to the Lord,

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For when we have behaved as though you had no part in our lives
and have not acknowledged you as Lord and King,
we pray to the Lord,

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For when we have acted out of self-interest
and not shown your compassion and love to those in need,
we pray to the Lord,

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

All: **Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us
and grant us grace. Amen.**

Bible Reading: Mark 11:1-11

Read by Jo Payne

11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there said, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple . He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Address – Rev Anne Barker

Affirming our Faith in Christ

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

All: **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name
above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honour

*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.

2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortals, joined with all things
created, make reply.

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

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

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

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

Palm Cross Prayers

Lord Jesus, you came to announce the Kingdom by going to the Cross
Hear our prayers for the coming of your Kingdom
as we make them now in your name. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

All: **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.**

Closing Prayer & Dismissal

Go and walk the Jesus way.
Go with him in triumph;
go with him in suffering.
Go with your cross as he goes with his.
Go knowing his blessing and his peace.
and may the blessing.of .God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be yours and remain yours this Palm Sunday and forever more. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Please remember in your prayers this week:



Those who have recently died, including

Brian Finney,
James Kerr,
Jean Thompson,
Raymond Wells

and their families and friends who mourn them

Those who are ill, including

Des Brazier,
Alice Butler,
Kara De Napoli
(granddaughter of Margaret Butt),
Stella Lawton,
Sally Metianu,
Bill Powers,
Joan Preston
Penny Stabler

We also remember: Jonah - born at 27 weeks -great-grandson of Anne Stiles
The residents and staff at Taymer Nursing Home

You are invited to join Chris Nixon and others for Zoom prayers twice a week - Mondays @ 21:00 and Thursdays @ 09:00

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75169742287?pwd=NnNGNHkzU3FkODF2R1U3TG5CaXJ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 751 6974 2287 Passcode: hf7e1x

'Silence, words, encouragement, music, a candle, and all of this because we need to spend time with our 'Father in heaven'



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#LIVE LENT



God's Story
Our Story

Until Easter Day on 4 April we will be publishing a daily Family Lenten Activities from the Church of England on the Virtual Vicar web page and our Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/ThreeChurchesUBSFP>

<https://www.facebook.com/flittonchurch>

There will also be information about how to access daily reflections for Lent, etc.



Don't forget TEA at THREE

ZOOM time together every Sunday from 3pm to 4pm

– everybody welcome.

A chance to catch up with others, laugh, moan, get things off your chest. .

It's the same code every week, so if you joined us last week you can use the same code this week. Contact Rev David on 01525 864858 or vicar@3churches.uk for the ZOOM access code



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

0800 804 8044

Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND Faith in Later Life CONNECTIONS

Daily HOPE - A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers
– 0800 804 8044

Forthcoming Services for Easter

Thursday 1st April – Maundy Thursday - Silsoe 10.00am

A traditional communion service from the Book of Common Prayer, marking the events of the Last Supper. Places will be limited, please advise the Churchwardens if you would like to attend.

The service will be recorded and made available on the Virtual Vicar page of the benefice website for viewing at 7.30pm.

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

A recorded service featuring the story of Good Friday as told in the Stations of the Cross and filmed on location in the Benefice will be available on the benefice website.

Saturday 3rd April – Easter Eve - Flitton 6.00pm

A brief Vigil Service reflecting on the Easter message and admiring the transformed cross in Flitton churchyard with its decoration of flowers of all kinds.

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*** Sunday 4th April – Easter Day**

Pulloxhill 7.30am

First Communion of Easter – an outdoor service in the churchyard with its sweeping view to the hills.

Silsoe 9.30am

Easter Communion to greet the risen Christ

Flitton 11.00am

Easter Communion at Flitton to celebrate resurrection hope.

Virtual Vicar

A pre-recorded service of Morning Worship for Easter Day with Reverend Payne.

*If you are intending to come to any of the Easter Day Services in our Churches please will you let one of the Churchwardens know:

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All of these are subject to change at short notice depending on lockdown.

Please check the Benefice website for up-to-date information.

<https://3churches.uk/benefice-services/>