

Welcome to St Luke's Morton and St Mary's Riddlesden

Sunday 28th March 2021 – Palm Sunday

As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, the most sacred time of the year for Christians, we rejoice that Jesus Christ defeated all the powers of evil and death by dying on a cross, and then on the third day being raised from the dead. He did this to bring **new life** and **new hope** for all people. After the year we've had we certainly need that experience of **New Life** and **New Hope**!

At 7.00pm each evening until Easter Day, along with prayers and a Bible Reading, we look at one image and listen to a short reflection on one of the 'Stations of the Cross'. Go to Zoom and put in: Meeting ID: 747 7014 9048 Passcode: 7VCx7T
You can also watch this afterwards on St Mary's and St Luke's Facebook pages.

Activities this Holy Week:

Monday	12.15pm	Funeral of Margaret Wilson at St Luke's
	7.00pm	Night Prayer with Reflection in St Mary's and by Zoom
Tuesday	7.00pm	Night Prayer with Reflection in St Mary's and by Zoom
	7.30pm	Lent Course on 'A Cross in the Heart of God' Week 6
Wednesday	8.00am	Morning Prayer by Zoom
	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's and online
	2.00pm	St Luke's Church Open for Private Prayer
	7.00pm	Night Prayer with Reflection in St Mary's and by Zoom
Thursday	2.00pm	Maundy Thursday Walk to Twelve Apostles Stone Circle and Cowper's Cross (meet at Keighley Gate at 2pm) – approx 3½ miles, footpaths may be muddy!
	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at St Mary's and Livestreamed
Good Friday	10.30am	Good Friday Scavenger Hunt in St Luke's Churchyard (weather permitting!)
	2.00pm	One Hour at the Cross (Music and Meditation) at both St Luke's and St Mary's and online
Easter Day	10.00am	Easter Holy Communion at both churches and online

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Morning Worship for Sunday 28 March – Palm Sunday

Greeting

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters 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.

Hold up your palm cross

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.**

Hymn – Make Way, Make Way for the King of Kings (*160 in our hymn books*)

Prayer of Confession

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you came to change the world. Forgive us when we become complacent, when change is difficult – and we give up.

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to serve, not to be served. Forgive us when we put ourselves and our needs before those of our brothers and sisters.

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to bring peace. Forgive us when we cause more fights, more trouble, and more wars than peace.

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to set the captives free. Forgive us when we don't stand up for justice and freedom for our neighbours.

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to meet us where we are. Forgive us when we don't stand with each other through the pain and struggle.

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

May almighty God who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading Mark 11:1-11

at end This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn – All glory laud and honour (*159 in our hymn books*)

Talk

Affirmation of Faith

We declare our faith and trust in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn – Meekness and majesty (*728 in our hymn books*)

Prayer for Today (Collect for Palm Sunday)

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

Prayers for others and ourselves

We praise and thank you, Lord, for the progress that has been made in the Covid vaccination programme, and we pray for those in our health services who have been put under additional pressure as a result of the pandemic; for those preparing for a third wave; and those working in care homes.

Praise the Lord:

Hosanna.

We praise and thank you for those churches like ours that have been able to reopen for worship, and for creative ways which have been found to unite people in prayer and worship. We pray for those who feel isolated; who long to gather with others; who cannot access online worship.

Praise the Lord:

Hosanna.

We praise and thank you for signs of spring; for crocuses and daffodils, and all the green shoots of growth. We pray for gardeners; for those who look after parks and public verges; for those who keep our streets clean and make our communities more pleasant.

Praise the Lord:

Hosanna.

We praise and thank you for the message of hope, encouragement and peace that Jesus brings. We pray for those who are fearful for the future, those who have lost direction in life and those whose lives are troubled. We especially pray for...

Praise the Lord:

Hosanna.

Lord Jesus, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – blessed for all you are; blessed for all you do. Receive our prayers and speak to the needs of all your children, we pray.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has 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.**

Hymn – Ride on, ride on in majesty *(161 in our hymn books)*

Blessing

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 with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.