

Holy Trinity
Millhouses

St John's
Abbeydale



Palm Sunday

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

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 people hold up their palms while this prayer 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Gospel

When it is announced

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Matthew 21 v 1 - 11

This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to Christ our Lord.

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

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

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

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

All glory

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

All glory

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

All glory

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

All glory

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

All: Amen.

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said.

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.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Please remain seated for the Passion Gospel or a dramatic presentation of the Gospel.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father

All: Accept our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All: His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: 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 saying/singing:

**All: 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in
glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died:
Christ has risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together
for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father.
For ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Breaking of the bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**

Agnus Dei

**All: Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

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you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**All: Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us, grant us peace.**

The president says the invitation to communion

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.**

The president and the people receive communion

We invite all today to come up to the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. For a blessing, just bow your head when at the altar rail instead of holding out your hands.

The body of Christ. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer after communion

Silence is kept

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.

**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.**

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 among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Hymn

A minister says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

You are invited to join us for refreshments
in the hall after the service.

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