

## Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich



**5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 • Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when the Church relives the greatest story on earth – Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection. It culminates in Easter, which we celebrate next Sunday.**

During this week, the Church offers special services each day, to enable us to become part of those events nearly two-thousand years ago which are the foundation of our faith. This year, we will not be able to live through this week gathering for worship in our church building, but we can be together in spiritual communion. Attached are some prayer resources to observe Holy Week.

I hope you are able to follow services on the Radio and on TV - look out for special programmes for Good Friday and Easter. If you have a chance to follow St Thomas Online Worship, it can be found on **Facebook/ St Thomas Ipswich**.

### **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.

### **Palm Sunday Gospel: Matthew 21.1-11**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

**Prayer at the blessing of the palms:** God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, bless these palms to 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, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Today, we also read the Passion of our Lord – perhaps, you can take time to read it in your Bible: Matthew 26.14 – end of chapter 27.**



**Here are the words of two hymns you may like to sing or pray this week**

***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...*

*St Theodulph of Orleans (d.821)  
Transl. J Mason Neale (1818-61)*

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from earth born passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.**

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
with care and woe opprest;  
let me thy loving servant be,  
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
amid the battle's strife;  
in all my pain and misery  
be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point thou the heav'nly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
when flows the tempest high:  
when on doth rush the enemy,  
O Saviour, be thou nigh.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when the flood is past,  
I may th'eternal brightness see,  
and share thy joy at last.

*Gr. Synesius of Cyrene (375-430)  
Transl. A W Chatfield (1808-96)*

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**Please pray for:** Eric Dickerson, Rosemary, Adam, Andrew Barfield, Alan Seeley, Kathy Steele, Frank D., Andrew Derrett, Peggy, Pat, Natacha, Clare Baxter, Christine, Stephen, Julie, Samantha, Jill, Rex, Molly Johansen, Mike Harding, Emily, Tilly, Juliet Adams, Mark Eley, Matthew Hare, Gloria Elmer, Margaret Christian, Helen Harlow, Jean Dominy, Amanda, Jim & Daphne (in hospital)

**We give thanks** for Brian Sears, now pain-free

**Those who have died:** Janice (Caroline's cousin)

**Pray for all** who are affected by the Coronavirus, their families and friends, in the UK and around the world; for health care staff and all who are working long hours in the service of others. For victims of conflict and natural disaster around the world, support agencies and peacemakers; for all who have died.



Baby Dylan, born on 22 March & Naomi, his mum.

**Pray for members of the St Thomas Congregation** (each week we will include a dozen names)

Lyanne & Aaron, Keith, June Browes, +Martin, Revd Jutta, Anna & Luke, Gemma & David Brunning, Mary Bullass, Phyllis, Simon Clark (DoM)



**Birthdays this week:**

Rosemary Suggate (7<sup>th</sup>),  
Jackie Sears (9<sup>th</sup>)  
Gloria Elmer (11<sup>th</sup>):



**Appeal from Rev Celia Cook, Chaplain at Ipswich Hospital**

A huge thank you to you all for the wonderful boxes of food and drink. They have been much appreciated, particularly as the hospital cafes close and fewer people are allowed to visit. It is a really difficult time here: there is fear in the air, with many staff who are parents, children or partners of vulnerable relatives. The porters and estates staff feel very forgotten too and have been touched by your concern and care for their wellbeing.

**We would greatly appreciate further donations which can be left in the chapel 24/7. Please continue to buy the following:**

Cans of drink, Cartons of juice, Fruit  
Small packets of biscuits, Crisps, Chocolate, Sweets (special request from Somersham Ward for Freddos, fingers of fudge, Maoams and Haribos!

**Church website:**

[http://sthasipswich.org.uk/](http://sthasipswich.org.uk)

**Church Facebook page:**

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

*Please, look out for a worship video on our facebook page on Sunday morning.*

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