



ONLINE WORSHIP
FOR
PALM SUNDAY

5TH APRIL 2020
9.30AM

Today marks the beginning of Holy week. Through participation in the whole sequence of services this week, we share in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century.

Holy Trinity, Prestwood is your parish church serving Prestwood and Great Kingshill. We come to church every Sunday at 9.30am.

Here we are invited to celebrate God's love for all people, rest in his presence and go out empowered to live our everyday lives.

In our worship we remove the barriers that separate us from God's love and build up the ties that bind us as a loving community.

We also like to enjoy ourselves, and there's lots going on!

We believe in an Inclusive church—a church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We believe in Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

Private prayer of preparation

Prepare us, O God, for the worship of your house, and give us grace to serve you with reverence, joy, and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Thank you for your support.

How can I connect with the Church? Please visit www.htprestwood.org.uk/coronavirus .

We are aware of about 12 people who are not online with whom we are connecting by telephone.

How can I worship online? We have two streams:

1. **Virtual Church:** No one is allowed to enter the church, but whilst we're closed we're [broadcasting a live feed](#) from the church. If you can't come to church, your church can come to you. Pray and rest awhile. *No online worship takes place on this feed, it is a prayer resource.*

2. **Prayer for Prestwood: please join us online each day**

For as long as we are unable to gather for public worship, we will be holding daily times of prayer online: at 8am, noon and 8pm

Monday through Friday.

This will be live streamed each day the following times on our Facebook page:

8:00am: Morning prayers

12:00 noon: Prayers for Prestwood , during which we will offer any prayer requests we have received

8:00pm: Night prayer

Weekends

Saturday: No online prayers on Saturday

Sunday morning 9.30am: Main Service

Sunday evening 8:00pm: Night prayer

But please check online for details of **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday** and **Easter** worship.

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

*The children of the Hebrews,
carrying palms and olive branches,
went forth to meet the Lord,
crying out and saying.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

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.

The people hold up their palms while this prayer is read.

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 forever.

All: Amen

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

(NEH 509)

*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.
Refrain

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

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

Words: Theodulph of Orleans c. 820
Trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

The Collect

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.

All: Amen.

The Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father

During the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy...

All: ...hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

Merciful Father...

**All: ...accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

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.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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.**

The notices are given.

Final Hymn

(NEH 511)

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

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.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The winged-squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

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.

Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

The Dismissal

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

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

Please join us for a virtual coffee immediately after the service.

We will be meeting via Zoom.

Download the app or [click on this link](#) and follow the instructions.

Meeting ID: 407-726-936

We will alert you when the Oxford Diocese service reaches the point where we ended our worship so we can join with them to share—at a distance—in the Eucharist.

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GREAT HAMPDEN AND HOLY TRINITY NOTICES:

AVS LENT APPEAL

Whilst we are in lockdown the people in Uganda are also suffering but not necessarily from Coronavirus yet. Our Lent Appeal for African Village Support has, for obvious reasons, slowed appreciably. BUT it doesn't mean that it has been stopped. Indeed the need for funds for AVS is greater now than ever and if you wish to donate money please let us know and we'll give you their bank details. Also some of you may have more time on your hands and if you can make or collect things that are needed for the Mamma bags then please do so and we'll gather them all together as soon as we are able.

Thank you for your continuing support.

VIRTUAL TODDLER THURSDAY!

Whilst we can't meet together at Toddler Thursday, let's make sure we are still supporting each other and having fun together. Each week I will upload a Toddler Thursday PDF here with craft activities, songs and our Toddler Prayer. Every Thursday at 11.00am we will hold a Toddler Thursday Zoom meeting! If you and your little ones would like to join us then please email me on

families@htprestwood.org.uk.

VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Whilst the Church site is closed, and we are not meeting together, I will be uploading weekly 'Children's Church' activity sheets here for you to do together. If you'd like any more information, activities or support don't hesitate to email me on families@htprestwood.org.uk.

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HAVE AN IMPACT - UPDATE ON GIVING

INITIATIVE You will have read and heard about our 'Have an Impact' giving initiative over recent weeks. Thank you to those who have already responded. In total responses represent an increase in Giving which (together with Gift Aid) represents £6,500 a year. For those who have been meaning to respond but not yet managed to, the good news is that it's not too late. Forms are still available in Church, or talk to Gill or Nigel Bicknell. Thank you for enabling us to continue our exciting work, as we seek to have a wider impact in the Church and in the community.

BABY CLOTHES FOR UGANDA African Village Support have now asked us to continue knitting and crocheting baby clothes and blankets/shawls, so please pick up your needles and hooks and get going during the lockdown! Please keep the completed items until you can safely give them to Mary Wiles, who will pass them on to the charity. Thank you



Have an impact

Helping
Caring
Inclusive
Praying
Living
here in Prestwood

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE Week by week, we pray for every part of our parish.
This week we are remembering the following parts of our village:

Sun 5th Apr	Moat Lane, Lyndon Close, Moat Drive, Pankridge Drive, Moat Close
Mon 6th Apr	High Street
Tues 7th Apr	Maybush Gardens, Peters Close, Rosetree Close, Barley View
Weds 8th Apr	Green Lane, New Road, Salmons Lane, Green Park, Cherry Close
Thurs 9th Apr	Clare Road, Blacksmith Lane, Graeme Avenue
Fri 10th Apr	Sixty Acres Road, Honor Road, Orchard Lane
Sun 12th Apr	Wycombe Road, Pepys Drive, Clarendon Road, Idaho Park

The Weekly Herald

Sunday April 5th –Palm Sunday

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF PRESTWOOD & GREAT HAMPDEN

Prayer for the week 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.

Online Worship and Events at Prestwood and Great Hampden

9.30am **Online Worship,**
8.00pm *with virtual coffee followed by Diocesan Worship*
Compline

Monday 6th	8.00am	The Litany
	Noon	Midday Prayers
	8.00pm	Compline
Tuesday 7th	8.00am	The Litany
	Noon	Midday Prayers
	8.00pm	Compline
Wednesday 8th	8.00am	The Litany
	Noon	Midday Prayers
	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross

Maundy

Thursday

Please check online for details of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship

Good Friday

10.00am Food Bank Distribution Centre - Annexe

Holy Saturday

Easter Day

9.30am **Online Worship,**
8.00pm **Compline**

Next Week's Readings

Exodus 2.1-10 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 Luke 2.33-35

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