



PALM SUNDAY

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.10-11

13 April 2025
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Setting – Parish Eucharist, Michael Dudman (1938-1994)

The service begins outside the Cathedral for the blessing of the palms. Palm crosses are distributed as the people assemble.

Introit *Hosanna to the Son of David* – Kevin Mayhew (1938-44) arr R Eather

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

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

Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year.

During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection.

With Christians throughout the world,
we come together this week to call to mind,
and to express in word and action,
the centre of the Easter mystery:

our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah:
to suffer, to die and to rise to new life.

Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross,
so that, sharing his sufferings,
we may be united with him in his risen life.

All may hold up their palms for the blessing:

Sovereign God,

we thank you for these branches and crosses of palm.

By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son. May we
who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah, and follow him in
the way that leads to eternal life;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Hosanna in the highest.

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

THE PROCESSION

The procession begins:

Let us praise Jesus our Messiah
as did the crowd who welcomed him to Jerusalem.
Let us proceed in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn

TIS 333 *All glory, praise and honour*

ST THEODULPH
Melchior Teschner 1584-1635



*All glory, praise and honour
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the king of Israel
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and blessed one.

The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we and all creation
exultant make reply.

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

To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you now high exulted
our melody we raise.

Their praises you accepted:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure,
our good and gracious king.

Theodulph of Orleans, (d. 821)
Tr. John Mason Neale, (1818-66) *alt.*

After the congregation has entered the Cathedral:

Merciful God,
as we enter this holy week
and gather at your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
that, united with Christ and all the faithful,
we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands,
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,
where, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Christ lives in glory for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy
enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31.9-18 (Chant – Eric Wyse (1959-)))

Choir

*9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.*

*10 For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.*

*11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.*

*12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.*

*13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.*

*14 For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;*

*15 While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.*

*16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'*

*17 All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.*

*18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.*

Second Reading

Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 22.14-23.56

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high and given him a name above all other names.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

*Due to the length of this reading, the congregation is invited to sit for the majority of the reading and then to stand as Jesus is led out to be crucified.
After the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For Christian communities everywhere,
following the way of the cross this week:
that the passion of Christ may sustain our faith
and enliven our witness to the world,
we pray to you, Living God:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the pastors, teachers, evangelists and prophets of
the church: that the wisdom of Christ may keep them
grounded in the gospel, we pray to you, Living God:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all candidates for baptism and confirmation,
and for the church preparing to welcome them:
that the faith of Christ may gather us together at the
foot of the cross, we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world, and for the peace of Jerusalem:
that the kingdom of Christ may come with true peace
and the forgiveness of our enemies,
we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the endangered earth,
where human carelessness and waste threaten the environment:
that the Spirit of Christ may teach us how to care for the earth,
and revive our delight in creation,
we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the hungry, the homeless and the outcasts of the world: that
the love of Christ may teach us hospitality, hope,
and care for the least of our sisters and brothers,
we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For people whose lives are limited by sickness, grief, or fear:
that the compassion of Christ may come to them
with comfort and courage, we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who bear the weight of others' troubles:
that the easy yoke of Christ may lighten their burdens
and strengthen them for service,
we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For people offering their lives in loving service:
that the blessing of Christ may come to them,
and their gifts be received and remembered with joy,
we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who deny their faith or betray their friends,
for all who repent of their sins,
and for ourselves as we turn and ask for mercy:
that the forgiveness of Christ may come with healing and love,
we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For people preparing to die:
that the light of Christ may shine on them
both now and in the day of resurrection,
we pray to you, Living God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The presider concludes with this prayer

Living God, you listen when your people cry out to you,
hearing our prayers and forgiving our sins:
hear us now, forgive us,
and send us on in newness of life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a greeting of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

TIS 528 *The Son of God proclaim*

VINEYARD HAVEN

Richard Dirksen 1921-2003



**The Son of God proclaim,
the Lord of time and space;
the God who bade the light break forth
now shines in Jesus' face –
hosanna, hosanna,
now shines in Jesus' face.**

**He, God's creative Word,
the church's Lord and Head,
here bids us gather as his friends,
and share his wine and bread –
hosanna, hosanna,
we share his wine and bread.**

**Behold his out stretched hands,
though all was in his power
he took the towel and basin then,
and serves us in this hour -
hosanna, hosanna,
he serves us in this hour.**

**The Lord of life and death
with wondering praise we sing;
we break the bread at His command,
and name him God and King -
hosanna, hosanna,
we name him God and King.**

**We take this cup in hope;
for he, who gladly bore
the shameful cross, is risen again
and reigns for evermore –
hosanna, hosanna,
he reigns for evermore.**

Basil Ernest Bridge (1927 – 2021)

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;

where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

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.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,

in songs of never-ending praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The presider breaks the bread, then says

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies it bears much fruit.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in
remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Agnus dei

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

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

*Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing rather than Holy Communion are invited to simply cross
their arms in front of them. Gluten-free wafers are available on request.*

Communion Anthems – O bone Jesu – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1549)
Ave Verum – W A Mozart 1756-1791)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God our help and strength,
through these holy mysteries
confirm our faith
that by the death and resurrection of your Son
we may walk in the way of salvation.

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Notices

Mission Hymn

TIS 357 When his time was over

WAKEFIELD STREET

Robin Mann b. 1949



**When his time was over the palms lay where they fell.
As they ate together he told his friends farewell.
Jesus, though you cried out for some other end,
love could only choose a cross
when our life began again.**

**Secretly they planned it, with money changing hands;
in the quiet garden a kiss betrayed their man.
Priests and elders tried him. Soldiers crowned him king.
We were in the crowd that day
when our life began again.**

Women wept to see him; he said, 'Don't weep for me.'
Many laughed and mocked him: 'Forgive them, they don't see.'
Jesus, please forgive me, you know what I am;
I was one who nailed your hands
when our life began again.

There was one who asked you, 'Remember me this day.'
Jesus, when I'm dying, remember me that way;
when my life is over, be with me, my friend,
like the thief upon the cross,
when our life began again.

Robin Mann (1949-)

The Blessing

Grant, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Deacon:

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

Organ Postlude Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott (Lord God have mercy on me)
BWV 721 – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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EASTER & HOLY WEEK GRAFTON CATHEDRAL

Palm Sunday 13th April

9am Eucharist with Procession of Palms

Wednesday 16th April

10am Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 17th April

7pm Eucharist with Foot Washing

8pm The Watch

Good Friday 18th April

9am Stations of the Cross

Saturday 19th April

6pm Children's Easter Vigil Family Service

Easter Sunday

9am Easter Day Eucharist



MUSIC OF HOPE ORGAN RECITAL

Experience the grandeur of the Cathedral organ in Music of Hope, a captivating recital by Director of Music Robert Eather BMusEd ACertCM FSCO Hon FGSM. As part of the Australian Heritage Festival and the Anglican Church of Australia's Season of Hope25, this special event invites you to immerse yourself in the beauty of sacred music in a historic setting.

Date: Saturday, 10 May

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Cathedral Church of Christ
the King, Grafton

Tickets on the website



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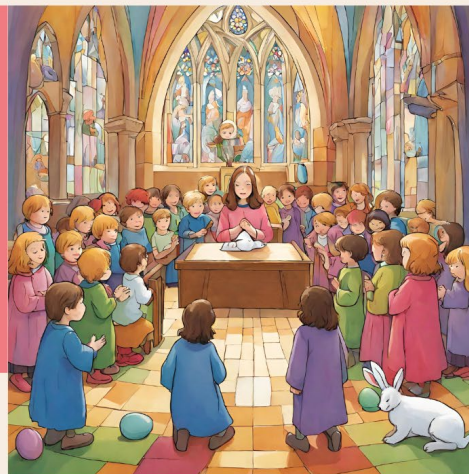


Celebrate new beginnings. An Easter Service for the Whole Family

Children and Family Easter Service

6pm Saturday
19th April
Easter Vigil
Grafton Cathedral

The service of Holy Communion commences at the Cathedral steps with the lighting of the Easter fire, followed by the Easter story told in the Godly Play circle.



Easter Egg Hunt around the Cathedral follows the Service



TAIZE PRAYER SERVICES

8.30AM FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Grafton Cathedral



Unearth the
Secrets of
Grafton
Cathedral -
Heritage Tour

Tickets on the
website

Date: Saturday, 10 May
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Cathedral Church
of Christ the King, Grafton



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Cathedral Prayer		
Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage, prayer and discovery. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.		
Prayers for those in need		
Joy Baldwin Sue Cotter Gail Gilmore Allen Madden Amy McArdle	Ruth Kingsley John McAnally Roy Ford John McFarlane	Mervyn Kingsley Aneta Jones Grace Clague Kahla Clague Ressinda Flower
Remembering those who have died		
Year's Mind: Roy Brown, Grace Power, Nancy Pocock, Estelle Wood, Zelda Ebeling & John Oxenford .		

Around the Parish this Week	
Today	Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au
Birthdays this week	Ellen Polsen
Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral &/or via Zoom</p> <p>Evening Prayer 5.15 Wed, Thurs & Fri Zoom only</p> <p>Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom</p> <p>Cathedral Office 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat)</p> <p>Wednesday Worship at 10.00 am</p> <p>Please ensure that we have your email address and mobile number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support. If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either Dean Naomi or Deacon Grant.</p>
Next Sunday	Easter Day 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au
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YEAR 2025

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

APR

2 - Taize 8.30am
6 - Family Service
5pm
9 - Chrism Mass & Oils
Blessing 10am
17 Maundy Thursday
18 - Good Friday
20 - Easter Sunday
29 - Parish Council

MAY

4 - Family Service
4pm
7 - Taize 8.30am
10- Cathedral tour
2pm
10 - Music of Hope
Organ Recital 4pm
17 - Men's BBQ
Brekkie

JUN

1 - Family Service
4pm
4 - Taize 8.30am
8 - Pentecost
15 - Trinity Sunday

JUL

2 - Taize 8.30am
6 - Family Service 4pm
6-13 NAIDOC Week
8 - Parish Council
19- Men's BBQ Brekkie
25 - 141yrs since
Dedication

AUG

3 - Family Service
4pm
6 - Taize 8.30am

SEP

1-4 Oct Season of
Creation
3 - Taize 8.30am
5 - Parish Council
7 - Family Service 4pm
20 - Men's BBQ Brekkie

OCT

1 - Taize 8.30am
5 - Family Service 5pm
24-2Nov Jacaranda
Festival
26 - Organ Recital
3pm
26 - Ecumenical
Service 6.30pm

NOV

All Saints & All Souls
2 - Family Service 5pm
5 - Taize 8.30am
11 - Parish Council
15 - Men's BBQ
Brekkie
23 - Christ the King

DEC

3 - Taize 8.30am
6 - Family Service
5pm
Carols & Lessons
Christmas Services

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