

St Michael And All Angels Sandhurst



Order for a Service to be used at home (Adult version) Palm Sunday, 5th April 2020

Notes on using this service

This service has been written to be used with one or more adults at home. (There is a separate order of service intended for families.) It should also be used for joining in the live-streamed service at www.facebook.com/StMichaelsSandhurst.

It is suggested that if possible you print out copies for each person, or download it to a tablet or smartphone per person, or display it on a TV screen.

The roles of leading and reading the Bible reading and the prayers can be shared out.

Posture: choose what is most suitable for you; you might like to stand to sing and to share the Peace, sit or kneel for the prayers and sit for the rest.

Please adapt the material to suit your situation.

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Texts from the Bible are taken from the New Revised Standard Version, © 1989,1995 The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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!

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Hymn

Listen to it and sing along. You can find it at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3a8fTTrAdE&list=RDh3a8fTTrAdE&index=1>

*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 Blessèd One.

All glory, laud and honour ...

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

All glory, laud and honour ...

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems
Before thee we present.

All glory, laud and honour ...

To thee, before thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

All glory, laud and honour ...

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

All glory, laud and honour ...

Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Silence

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *us* pardon and forgiveness of all *our* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Collect for Palm Sunday

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. **Amen**

Bible Readings

Psalm 118:19-29

- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
- Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. You humbled yourself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted you and given you the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵'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.'

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!’

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ ¹¹ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

A Sermon by Rev John White is available to read at <http://www.stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk/april-2020-services.html>

Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers

Jesus, our King, who entered the Holy City in humility and was lifted up on the Cross to reconcile us to the Father; we pray for peace and justice in our broken and suffering world; strengthen and empower all who seek to bring harmony and reconciliation among the nations, between communities and within families; inspire your Church throughout the world to proclaim the gospel of your salvation in word and deed, so that men, women and children may know the healing power of your love.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

Lord Christ,
the chief priests and elders plotted your death because of jealousy and fear,
and Pontius Pilate chose expediency over principle;
guide the leaders of nations and all who have responsibility over the lives of others,
that they may protect the vulnerable and pursue the paths of justice and peace.
Especially we pray for wisdom for all governments as they face the threat of the Corona virus pandemic.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

Lord Jesus,
you were wounded for our transgressions,
and by your bruises we are healed;
bring wholeness to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit
– those who are ill in hospital or at home,

those troubled with anxiety for themselves or for those they love, and those alienated from each other or from your love. We pray for wisdom, skill and protection for all who work to relieve their suffering.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

Blessed Lord,
who died to bring us life and rose victorious over death;
we commend to your mercy those who face their own death or the death of loved ones, and those who have died;
and we ask you to comfort all who mourn: give them hope, and the joy of your risen presence.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared. This can be with a sign rather than a handshake.

The live-streamed service will include Holy Communion. If you are not watching the service but conducting your own, you can skip to the Post-Communion prayer and last hymn.

The Communion

The taking of the Gifts

The Priest leading the service gives thanks for the bread and wine in these or similar words:



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

The priest continues the Prayer. The response to

This is his story/This is our story is
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer ends:

... where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

We join our prayers with Christians throughout the world as we say the prayer which Jesus taught:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The breaking of bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Post-Communion Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Hymn *You can listen to this at*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaR4DSjBLO4&feature=youtu.be&list=PL0yuQv2bo5xe90ZG5ZNmUJa7zogyNkyfQ>

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me:
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blessed throne,
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
And for his death they thirst and cry.

They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay,
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
That he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (1623-1683)

Blessing

Christ crucified draw us 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 us, and with all for whom we have prayed,
this Passiontide and evermore. **Amen.**

You can listen to the whole of the Passion according to Matthew
read by David Suchet at
<https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/Matt.26>
(click on the right arrow to advance to chapter 27)