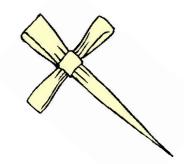


ST MARY'S CHURCH OLD SWINFORD

Worship Together for







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Welcome the newly baptised

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ? **With the help of God we will.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

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. And also with you.



HYMN NHWS 43 Christ triumphant

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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



OUR PRAYERS The Lord's Prayer (Please join in with the singing of this prayer)

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, hallowed be Your name.

On earth as it is in heaven, hallowed be Your name, give us this day our daily bread, hallowed be Your name.

Forgive us all our trespasses, hallowed be Your name, as we forgive those who trespass against us, hallowed be Your name.

And lead us not into temptation, hallowed be Your name, but deliver us from all that is evil, hallowed be Your name.

For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, hallowed be Your name, for ever and for ever, hallowed be Your name.

Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowed be Your name, amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowed be Your name.

Prayers for Holy Week

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

The service begins in the Church Hall

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice. Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever; and the sceptre of your throne is a righteous sceptre. You have loved righteousness and hated evil. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows. Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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



President:

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 Palm Gospel

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

At the end the reader says: This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

The procession into Church

- HYMN: All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring
- I.Thou art the King of Israel thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest the King and blessed one.
- 2. The company of angels are praising thee on high and mortal men and all things created make reply
- 3.The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

- 4.To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise to thee now high exalted our melody we raise.
- 5.Thou didst accept their praises accept the prayers we bring who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
- 6.Thy sorrow and thy triumph grant us, O Christ, to share, that to the holy city together we may fare.

7.For homage may we bring thee our victory o'er the foe, that in the Conquerer's triumph this strain may ever flow. All glory, laud and honour..... True and humble King hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

HYMN NHWS 82 From heaven you came

Please sit for THE READING OF THE PASSION and stand when indicated in the text

Please join in the passages marked **CROWD** There will be a period of silence at the end of the reading followed by

AN ADDRESS

HYMN NHWS 226 Meekness and majesty

OUR FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things? **We believe and trust in him.** Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world? **We believe and trust in him.** Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God? **We believe and trust in him.** This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith.**

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

