

The Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf



St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Nicosia

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 2nd April 2023



CHORAL EVENSONG

5pm

Welcome

Hymn – 763 Praise to the Holiest in the height vv 1,2,3,4

Opening Sentences

Stand

Worship the Lord in raiment of holiness, let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *(Psalm 96.9)*

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. *(John 4.24)*

Invitation to Confession

Stand

Beloved in Christ, we are here in the presence of the living God and of the whole company of heaven, to offer to him, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and praise and thanksgiving; that we may know more truly the greatness of his love, and that his grace may bear fruit in our lives. We have come to hear and receive God's holy Word, to seek the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit, and to pray for ourselves and all mankind that we may be given those things which are necessary for our true well-being. But first let us confess our sins, and seek our Father's pardon and peace:

Confession

Kneel

**We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

**Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.**

Absolution

Kneel

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips
All and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us
All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
All as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord
All the Lord's Name be praised.

The Psalm (*Psalm 80*) (Linda Vrahimis)

Sit

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, • you that led Joseph like a flock;
 2 **Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, • before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**
 3 Stir up your mighty strength • and come to our salvation.
 4 **Turn us again, O God; • show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
 5 O Lord God of hosts, • how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
 6 **You feed them with the bread of tears; • you give them abundance of tears to drink.**
 7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, • and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
 8 **Turn us again, O God of hosts; • show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
 9 You brought a vine out of Egypt; • you drove out the nations and planted it.
 10 **You made room around it, • and when it had taken root, it filled the land.**
 11 The hills were covered with its shadow • and the cedars of God by its boughs.
 12 **It stretched out its branches to the Sea • and its tendrils to the river.**
 13 Why then have you broken down its wall, • so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
 14 **The wild boar out of the wood tears it off, • and all the insects of the field devour it.**
 15 Turn again, O God of hosts, • look down from heaven and behold;
 16 **Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, • and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.**
 17 Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down, • perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
 18 **Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, • the son of man you made so strong for yourself.**
 19 And so will we not go back from you; • give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
 20 **Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; • show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

The First Lesson (*Isaiah 5: 1 – 7*) (*Ian Brooks*)

The Magnificat (*sung by the choir*)

Stand

The Second Lesson (*Matthew 21: 33 – end*) (*Margaret Michaelides*)

Sit

The Nunc Dimittis (*sung by the choir*)

Stand

The Apostle's Creed

Stand

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the Holy Catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Kyrie and Lord's Prayer

Kneel

All The Lord be with you
and with your spirit

Let us pray

All Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

All 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.
Amen.

Versicles and Responses

Kneel

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us
All and grant us thy salvation

Endue thy ministers with righteousness
All and make thy chosen people joyful

O Lord, save thy people
All and bless thine inheritance

O Lord, save the King
All and give him counsellors wisdom

Give peace in our time, O Lord
All and evermore mightily defend us

Make clean our hearts, O God
All and renew a right spirit within us

The Collect of the Day

Kneel

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Collect for Peace

Kneel

Almighty God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Collect for Aid against Peril

Kneel

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen

Hymn –161 Ride on Ride on in Majesty (during which a collection will be taken to support the victims of the Syrian Earthquake)

Sermon: Canon Dr John Holdsworth

Intercessions: Maria Evangelou

Kneel

The Blessing

Stand

Hymn – 164 You are the King of glory

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY MONDAY

19:00 Service of Light

HOLY TUESDAY

19:00 Lent Bible Study (contact the Cathedral Office for more details)

HOLY WEDNESDAY

10:30 Holy Eucharist

19:00 Taize

MAUNDY THURSDAY

19:00 Holy Eucharist (with the stripping of the altar)
Followed by The Watch

GOOD FRIDAY

13:30 The Liturgy of Good Friday

HOLY SATURDAY

20:00 Vigil and First Mass of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 Holy Eucharist (with the one-year memorial of Agnete Cleave)