



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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Palm Sunday

Led by David Gill



The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Prelude on 'All Glory, Laud and Honour'

Malcolm Archer (1952 -)

Please stand for the...

Processional Hymn 333

All glory, praise and honour
(St Theodulph)

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

...This is the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Doxology: Hymn 155 verse 3 and Refrain

But when I think that God, his son not sparing (O store gud)

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Service of the Word

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet: **A light to our path.**

First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

4 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 wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. **5** The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. **6** 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. **7** 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; **8** he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. **9** It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Hymn 12

Ye Gates, lift up your heads
(St George's, Edinburgh)

(paraphrase of Psalm 24)

Second Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, **7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, **8** he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Anthem

On the Way to Jerusalem

from 'Olivet to Calvary' - J H Maunder (1858 - 1920)

Matthew 21

When o'er the steep of Olivet, the Lord to Salem came, the crowds their glad hosannas raised, to His beloved name. They made the path across the Mount, with leafy branches gay: and spread their robes with eager hands, to deck Messiah's way. His power has poured the light of heaven, upon the sightless eyes! His voice has thrilled the silent dead, and bade the sleeper rise! Hosanna to the Prince who comes, to free a race oppressed! To drive the Gentile from our land, and make His people blest! Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Gospel Reading

Mark 11: 1-11

1 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples **2** and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. **3** If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?' just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " **4** They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, **5** some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" **6** They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. **7** Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. **8** Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. **9** Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! **10** Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" **11** Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

May your word live in us: **and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Hymn 348

Ride on, ride on in majesty (Winchester New)

Sermon

Hymn 231

At the name of Jesus (Camberwell)

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Lord, hear us: **Hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Offering

Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 351 *Lift High the Cross* (Crucifer)

Blessing

... and remain with you always.

Dismissal

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

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Postlude on 'All Glory, Laud and Honour'
Dale Wood (1934 - 2003)

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