



Order of Service

Palm Sunday – 29 March 2026

Led by the Goldsmith Players

Scenes adapted from the Gospels of Matthew and John

*You are invited, nay encouraged to take part in the scenes as “the crowd”, with your words in **bold**.*

Welcome and notices - and lighting the Peace candle

Call to worship

Hymn - Ride on, ride on in majesty – R+S 209

Prayers with Lord's Prayer

Scene 1 - Location: Entering Jerusalem

The crowd – (Repeating when prompted) **Hosanna or Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord or Hosanna to the Son of David**

Hymn – We have a king who rides a donkey - R+S 210

All age address

Prayers for offertory and for the younger children

Scene 2 - Location: Temple

Scene 3 - Location: Upper Room

Hymn - Jesus in dark Gethsemane – R+S 213 – vv 1 & 5

Scene 4 - Location: Gethsemane

Scene 5 - Location: Chief Priest's House

Chief Priest: (furious) He has blasphemed! You all heard this!

What is your verdict?

The crowd – **He deserves death. Prophecy to us, you “Messiah”!**

Scene 6 - Location: Courtyard

Hymn - Before the cock crew twice - R+S 214 – vv 1-3

Scene 7 - Location: Temple

Scene 8 - Location: Pilate's House

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

The crowd - **Barabbas!**

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

The crowd - **Let Him be crucified! or Crucify him!**

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

The crowd - (louder) **Let Him be crucified! or Crucify him!**

Scene 9 - Location: Governor's headquarters

Scene 10 - Location: Golgotha

Narrator: Two thieves were crucified with Him, one each side. The people and the priests mocked Him.

The crowd – (any of)

Destroy the temple and build it in three days? Save yourself!

Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!

He saved others, but he can't save himself!

King of Israel? Come down from the cross, then we will believe in him.

He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now.

Hymn - Were you there when they crucified my Lord

- R+S 227 – VV 1 & 2

Scene 11 - Location: Golgotha

Scene 12 - Location: Pilate's house

Prayers of intercession

Hymn - In the cross of Christ I glory - R+S 224

Blessing

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We give a very warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today, either in the sanctuary or on-line. If you are sitting next to a microphone, it is in use.

This Service will be live-streamed and you may be seen on camera, although we will not deliberately take any close-ups of the congregation. By attending you agree to be seen in this way. If you have any concerns, please speak with our Church Secretary.

If you are visiting for the first time, please do fill out a visitor's card, which can be found on the end of the pews. We would be very pleased to stay in touch with you.

Play-bags for our youngest friends are available for collection from the vestibule. Please use these in the pews until our younger friends leave for Junior Church.

We extend a very warm invitation to you all to join us after the Service for coffee and friendship in our Fellowship Room downstairs. Please leave the sanctuary by the door on the right at the front and turn downstairs. There is a lift, if you require one. When using the lift, please keep your finger on the button until you have arrived at your destination.

If you would like to make a donation to support our Church's life and witness, donations may be made by cash in the offertory bags hanging on the end of the pews at the back of church or, at the end of the Service, on the large offertory plate by the door leading to coffee. Donations may also be made through the card reader on the shelf by the right hand door at the back of Church.

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