



Palm Sunday

29th March 2026



The water that I will give him will become a spring of water within him welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14

This Sunday, we cross the threshold of Holy Week with much jubilation and palm waving and begin to share the saddening journey with our Blessed Lord in the final days of his earthly life.

We know, in faith, that he makes this journey out of love for us. He accepts this rejection on our behalf, to show us that no matter what we do, we will never be rejected by him. He embraces the fate of the victim, so that every victim may know, in their isolation and pain, they are not alone but enfolded in his embrace.

Out of love he journeys with us, in our struggles and joys, in our pain and frustrations, in our living and dying. Out of love, we make this journey with him, coming close to him not solely here in church, but in our hearts, in every quiet moment of this week as we raise our minds and hearts to him. In this way we make these days truly a Holy Week.

Today we bring ourselves to him. Where we go, he goes too. Where he goes, so do we. He accompanies us always for he has bound himself to us in the flesh of his body and in the love of his heart.

He accompanies us. In him we recognise 'our own humanity' and our final destiny. Our calling now is to walk together, to accompany one another, in his name, in his love, so that we may truly be his people, his Church.

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.



In addition, this week let us pray for:

- ♦ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning;
- ♦ all the Lenten intentions and promises throughout our community;
- ♦ a safe and blessed Easter break for all.



**He humbled himself, but God raised him high.
Philippians 2**