

Lorgues with Fayence in the Var

Part of the Anglican Mission of the Diocese in Europe

You are very welcome to our online worship this morning, we hope you enjoy it and feel part of our church family, Click below to hear about this mornings worship.



<https://youtu.be/EKli1UmPtOY>

Hymn Ride on Ride on in Majesty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-qDQSjnzH8>

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your pow'r and reign.

Introduction and todays collect prayer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLJeP3Ptfqg>

As we come to terms with the reality that we need to worship together in a new way, we ask God to make His presence known to us through word and music and the

wonders and mysteries of modern communications. We acknowledge our need to be healed and ask for our faith to be strengthened and we pray together wherever we are. ***Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

Our prayer for self-reflection

We can approach God with our prayers and praises because the Lord Jesus has opened the way for us in his death and resurrection. We do so, however, as those who continue to sin, and who need to seek God's forgiveness and help to serve him more faithfully. So, in the words of Hebrews 4:16, 'Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy, and find that grace to help us in our time of need.'

***Most merciful God,
We humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way:
We have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe away our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit
that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.***

Assurance of forgiveness:

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and be able to serve you with a quiet mind;
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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On this Palm Sunday, when the crowds greeted the man they hoped would be their Saviour and King, the crowds shouted Hosanna and threw their robes and palm fronds on the ground before him, we too are

called to recognise and praise his Majesty through words and Music. Martin Smith now sings **Majesty** at the Royal Albert Hall during Prom Praise. The words are below

Majesty Martin Smith and All Souls Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gsJfFG0BUQ>

Here I am, humbled by your majesty
Covered by your grace so free,
Here I am, knowing I'm a sinful man,
Covered by the blood of the lamb
And now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
Since you laid down your life the greatest sacrifice,

***Majesty. majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed, but alive in your hands***

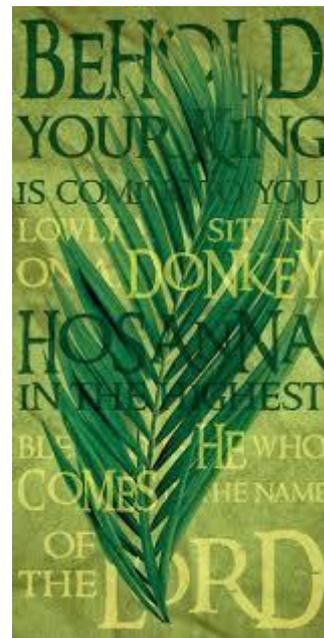
So here I am humbled by the love that you give
Forgiven so that I can forgive
Here I stand, knowing that I'm your desire
Sanctified by glory and fire,
And now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
Since you laid down your life the greatest sacrifice,

***Majesty. majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed, but alive in your hands***

Singing majesty. majesty
Forever I am changed by your love
In the presence by your majesty
Majesty

***Singing Majesty. majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
I'm nothing but alive in your hands***

***We're singing majesty. majesty
Forever I am changed by your love
In the beauty by your majesty***



The Word https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtwzI_k0BCs

As we come to read our Bible and learn from God's word, let us ask God to give us understanding and the will to obey him:

We thank you heavenly Father, for inspiring all Scripture by your Holy Spirit. Help us by your Spirit, so to hear your holy word that we may be equipped for every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

David and Sarah Brock are going to read and share some thoughts for us this morning, and today we have readings from both the Old and New Testament, David explains why, and the readings are below. but first, lets go to Jerusalem...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbWurHq1bCQ>

Hosanna to the Son of David

Bible Readings and Reflection

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLOZ8MdjniI&feature=youtu.be>

Matthew 21:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna^[b] to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”



This is the Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

Zechariah 9:9-12 New International Version (NIV)

The Coming of Zion's King

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

This is the Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

Hymn

As the Deer Pants for the water (psalm 42) Robin Mark

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBppKZ0eJlQ>

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You

You're my Friend and You are my brother even though You are a King
I love You more than any other so much more than anything
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You

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Our beliefs

The word creed comes from the Latin verb Credo which means, to believe or to have confidence in. It is in effect an affirmation of our faith and a vital part of our liturgy and our collective worship. We now share that belief in the shorter form,

We believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist
We believe and trust in him.

We believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again
We believe and trust in him.



We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world
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.

Prayer and Thanksgiving.

Some of you may remember Rev Pippa Soundy who used to visit us many years ago. Pippa keeps in touch and follows all we do and has sent the following prayerful reflections and we will use them today. They are from a minister in her own diocese of Salisbury, Bill Smith, and he serves in the cathedral there and he writes,

Last week I heard from someone who has to 'shield' themselves in the present situation. This led to some Bible searching on the word 'shield' for God to speak to this from his written and eternal word. I offer these Scriptures, I was moved to put together after thinking just what 'shielding' means in our present context. You may be having to 'shield' or know somebody who needs to, or somebody who is alone. I offer this as a resource to you all."

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." Genesis 15:1

These are important words from the Lord. It is the 'law of the first mention'. Let us take these words to heart. We do not have to shield ourselves. God does this for us especially when we do not have enough strength

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. 2 Samuel 22:2
You are a shield around me, O Lord. You bestow glory on me and lift up my head.

To the Lord I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again because the Lord sustains me. Psalm 3:3-4

God sees us his children as special. He promises rest to those who are his. Let us see sleep as sustenance from the Lord. I always say a sentence from Compline which I learnt years ago when I could not sleep: "I will lay me down in peace and take my rest; for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.(Ps.4:9)

Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favour as with a shield. Psalm 5:11-12

It is good to remember others in prayer that God may protect them, too. My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart. Psalm 7:10 There it is again. God IS the shield.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2

These words come from the experience of the Psalmist; they are not just some motto of wishful thinking to engender a happy feeling – they are formed by divine intervention, truth and gratitude.

Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:6-7

When God acts in our lives, we grow in faith, hope and love by giving thanks and praise. Thanks focuses on what God has done for us; praise focuses on God for who he is.

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Psalm 33:20-21

Jesus did say "Trust in me".

Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Ephesians 6:16

Faith is not a mere commodity, sometimes weak, sometimes strong. It is the very gift of God eternally present in us and sustained by his divine being.

Take a few moments for your own prayers

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Finally, a prayer for the places where we live. We could pray this for each other. Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord this dwelling, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy angels dwell in it, to preserve us in peace, and may Thy blessing be upon us evermore; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, for feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.

*Take us, use us and bless us to love and serve you, and all people,
in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son,*

Jesus Christ our Lord. And as we move through this week towards the cross, give us the Peace of God which passes all understanding.....

Hymn When I Survey the wondrous cross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c82KMj3E-AE>



