



St Michael with St Mary

Services for Holy Week

**All services take place at St Michael's unless otherwise stated.
The Holy Week preacher for 2024 is the vicar, Rev'd Jonny Lloyd**

Sunday, 24th March 2024: Palm Sunday

08.00 Holy Eucharist
09.30 Parish Eucharist
18.00 Evensong (St Mary's)

Monday: 09:30 Morning Prayer
10:30 Holy Eucharist at the North Aisle altar
20:00 Compline (*short service of prayers for the night*) with address

Tuesday: 09:30 Morning Prayer
10:30 Holy Eucharist at the High Altar
20:00 Compline with address (St Mary's)

Wednesday 10:00 Morning Prayer
10:30 Holy Eucharist at the Nave Altar
20:00 Compline with address

Maundy Thursday 09:30 Morning Prayer
11:00 Diocesan Chrism Eucharist (St Albans Cathedral, all welcome)
20:00 Holy Eucharist of Maundy Thursday with a vigil (*time of waiting with Jesus in silence*) in the Lady Chapel

Good Friday 09:30 Morning Prayer
12:00 Children's service – stations of the cross and building the Easter Garden. Followed by hot cross buns in Parish Centre.
14:00 Liturgy of Good Friday (with music, readings, and hymns we reflect on the cross, and receive the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist)
20:00 Compline with address (St Mary's)

Holy Saturday 09:00 Morning Prayer
09:30 Decorating St Michael's for Easter (*please bring white or yellow flowers in a vase*)

Sunday, 31st March 2024: Easter Day

08.00 Holy Eucharist
09.30 Parish Eucharist (All-Age followed by Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard)
11.30 Holy Eucharist (1662) (St Mary's)

Welcome to our service this morning on Palm Sunday. As we enter into this holiest week of the church year, do look at what is on offer in this parish and join as much as you can. If you are new, we would like to meet you – do stay for coffee after the service in the Parish Centre.

Toilets are available in the Parish Centre at the east end of the churchyard; please see a steward for access.

Collect (see Order of Service)

Antiphon

The multitude with flowers and branches go forth to meet their Redeemer, and render worthy homage to the triumphant conqueror. The Gentiles with their lips proclaim the Son of God; and in the praise of Christ their voices thunder through the sky: Hosanna.

Gospel Reading: The Passion according to St Mark (see printed script)

**During communion the choir sings: Anthem – Solus ad Victimam
Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142) Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)**

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win.
This is the night of tears, the three days' space, sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass, to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Prayers for: The children from St Michael's School preparing for baptism and confirmation this Easter.
- Ourselves, that we may walk faithfully the way of the cross.
- All who will celebrate Holy Week and Easter in fear of persecution.
- those who are **ill**, including: Nicola Cann, Ben Collins, Anne Fletcher, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Daphne Hodges, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Joanne Laws, Sam Mahoney, Alison Munro, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney
- the recently departed, including Mike Clasby and Rhoda Limebear and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Those who lead Emmaus and Alpha Courses*