

The Gospel Reading today is:
Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

St George's Church, Madrid. Sunday 5th April 2020.

Palm Sunday

We are living through extraordinary times in Madrid. Everyone is welcome to join this virtual Holy Communion whilst we cannot attend Church.

Follow the link on Facebook and our website to join in a virtual service led by Rev'd Fran Le Blanc.

Locum Chaplain: Father John is well and trying to get back to Madrid but while he is "trapped" in The United States the Rev'd Fran Le Blanc is acting as locum for us.

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The Church office is closed for now but our administrator, Liz M, is working from home. She will answer any queries about Church services at this difficult time. The phone has been re-routed to her home and has an answer machine which gives the emergency contact numbers of our Wardens. We hope that you don't need them!

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race, sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

THE GREETING

Priest: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father And the Lord Jesus Christ be with You

All: *And also with you*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters His own city to complete His work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us Go with Him in faith and love, so that, united with Him in His sufferings, we may share in His risen life.

The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the Celebrant.

Priest: God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of His victory... and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail Him as our King, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: *Amen.*

THE PALM GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (Luke 19:28-40)

All: *All Glory to You, O Lord*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

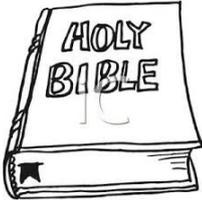
All: *All Praise to You, O Christ*

THE HYMN

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

A PRAYER FOR USE AT HOME ON PALM SUNDAY

O God, you gather what is dispersed and you preserve what is gathered together: You blessed the people who went forth to meet Jesus bearing branches of palms and other leafy branches; likewise bless these branches we bring before you this day as we also seek to meet Jesus. May these branches and symbols be to us a sign of the faithfulness you have toward us, your people, and help us to turn always to seek your protection in adversity, as we put our trust in the redemption won for us by our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.



Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,^[a] ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,^[b] ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,^[c] being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

News from the Chaplaincy

Please pray for all those involved in caring for the sick and vulnerable at this time. Pray for all those in need known to the congregation of St George’s especially those affected by the Covid-19 virus, that they might make a full and rapid recovery. For a list of those mentioned this week go to the website and click on the Prayer tab.



Good news. Several people from previous prayer lists are out of hospital and well on the way to recovery. This news will never make the headlines, but people have reported many acts of kindness and generosity, from a simple phone call to offering to do shopping. Let’s give thanks for that and hope that it continues when the present crisis is history.

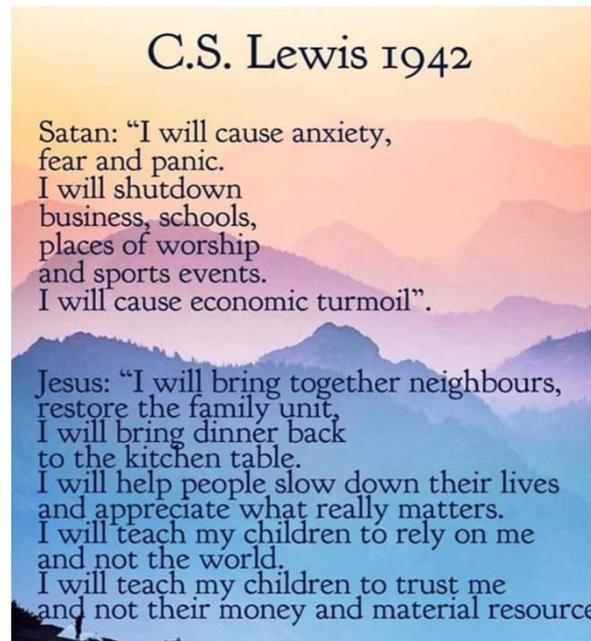
Winter Wonderland by Romilly P (Age 9)

Inspired by the snow on Tuesday 31st March 2020

Snow, oh snow, I see out my window
I wish you weren’t so cold, because
you’re too cold to hold,
The snow still falls, and I make
snowballs!
And I throw it at my Mum and I got
her in her tum!
I try to make a snowman, and I make
it the best I can,
To leave my house I know I’m banned,



A prophetic poem sent in by Celia



Our services may not be happening in the building at Nuñez de Balboa but they are even more frequent online! We are indeed blessed to have Rev’d Fran leading us each

Sunday at 11:30 for a virtual Eucharist, and for Compline every night at 20:30. Join the amazing number of people worshipping by going to the church Facebook page, St Georges Madrid. You do not need a Facebook account. If you need instructions go to our website and the tab for our services.



In this time of need for so many please remember St George’s church building also needs maintaining. All those joining us for computer based worship will hopefully come to join our community to give thanks in the coming months. **Please give generously for the upkeep of the church.**



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All the crew were taken into custardy.



Melissa has sent this update on the Scouts activities.

This week in Lock down! The Cubs are still having their weekly meetings online, having fun with quizzes and challenges. They are really happy to see each other! The young Beavers were set a "Scavenger Hunt" inside their homes by video, they went on a hunt to find things like a pencil sharpener, a torch, a slipper, a bar of soap! They all did very well, sending in photos of all their finds! The Scouts (with the Cubs & Beavers help), have been "climbing" Mount Everest!! Counting every UP step on every flight of stairs in their house!! And keeping fit at the same time!! Well done Scouts, Cubs and Beavers!!

