

cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Mark 15. 1-39

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The **Collection Plate** is no longer passed around during the service and, if you are not signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme, you may put your offering in the plate at the back of church as you enter or in the second plate as you leave.

**Flowers for Easter:** there will be a collection bowl put out during coffee after our Sunday morning service for anyone wishing to make a contribution towards flowers for the Easter decorations. Many thanks.

If anyone would appreciate a home visit and/or home Communion, then please contact Connie Clark on 07544 380163.

**Privacy Notice:** seating in the side aisles is designated a "video-free" area - out of range of our cameras.

**Sunday Reflection:** Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on: [vimeo.com/dioceseofyork](https://vimeo.com/dioceseofyork)  
This Sunday, The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, reflects on John 12. 12-16 for Palm Sunday.

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24th  
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Palm  
Sunday

## St Michael's Church, Malton

*The Church in the Market Place*

*We are a church, who invites and welcomes others,  
to journey together, growing in our love of Christ  
and deepening our relationship with Him.*

### Welcome to our service today

We welcome to Communion all baptized Christians. Coffee is served after the Parish Communion service; please stay for this and, if you are new to St Michael's, make yourself known to us.

### Collect

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 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.

### Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Website: [www.maltonbenefice.org.uk](http://www.maltonbenefice.org.uk)

**A big thank you to** Alison for last Sunday evening's beautiful & reflective service for Passiontide and also the ladies of the choir who enhanced our worship. Thank you also to everyone who read at the service.

During Communion, the choir sings the Anthem "How deep is the Father's Love" by & Hymn 123. At the end of the service, Alison will play Fantasia on "Farewell, I gladly bid Thee" by J. S. Bach.  
**HYMNS: 128, 129, 432 & 127**

### **BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 7**

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Chancery Lane, Cherry Avenue, Market Place, Pitman Road, Roman Garth and West Lodge Gardens.

### **Special Services for Holy Week at St Mary's Priory**

**Choral Compline** with The Chanticleer Singers on Wed 27th March at St Mary's Priory church, starting at 7pm. All Welcome  
**An Hour by the Cross** at 2 pm on Good Friday, 29th March.

### **FAMILY EASTER ADVENTURES**

at St Michael's on Good Friday starting at 9.30 am. Exploring the Easter story with fun activities for all the family. Help build the Easter garden and get involved with eggs, jelly beans, Lego and hot cross buns.

The **Good Friday Gathering** will follow on in the Market Place and starts at 10.30 am.

### **READINGS & DUTIES**

#### **Maunday Thursday at 6.30 pm**

Duty Leader Sam Free  
Assistant Tracey Young  
Readers Tracey Young  
Sam Free

Intercessions Alan Young  
Chalice Tracey Young

#### **Sunday 31st March at 9.30 am**

#### **Easter Sunday**

Readings Isaiah 25. 6-9  
Acts 10. 34-43  
John 20. 1-18

Duty Leader Mike Rhodes  
Assistant Sue Wright  
Sidesperson Elaine Matthews  
Readers Heather Williams  
Andrew Nicholson

Intercessions Connie Clark  
Chalice Connie Clark  
Coffee Joyce Birch  
Sue Thackray

### **SERVICES**

**Parish Communion** on Sundays at 9.30 am in church, except third Sunday of the month, when Parish Communion starts at 10.45 am and Rise & Shine (for families & children) is at 9.30 am. The All-Age service on the first Sunday is a non-Eucharistic service.

**Holy Communion** on Wednesdays at 10.30 am in church.

**Maunday Thursday** (28th) at 6.30 pm. A commemoration of the Last Supper and stripping of the altar.

Items for Weekly Sheet to:  
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## **Readings for Palm Sunday**

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.  
Isaiah 50. 4-9a

### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.  
Philippians 2. 5-11

### **Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Mark**

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So, the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple