**Palfrey Church**

**Notes on the services 6th April to 27th April 2025**

**Sunday 6th April** Fifth of Lent

St Mary of Egypt

Apolytikia **Resurrection** Tone 8

**You the Compassionate one came down from above,**

**You accepted burial for three days,**

**That you might free us from the passions.**

**Our life and resurrection, Lord, glory to you!**

**The Saint** Tone 8

**In you, Mother, was preserved unimpaired**

**That which is according to God’s image:**

**For you took up the Cross and followed Christ,**

**And by your deeds you have taught us**

**To despise the flesh, for it passes away,**

**But to care for the soul, which is a thing immortal.**

**And therefore your spirit, holy Mary,**

**Rejoices with the angels.**

**Church** Tone 4

**Your nativity, O Mother of God,**

**Has made joy known to the whole inhabited world,**

**For from you has dawned the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God.**

**He abolished the curse and gave the blessing;**

**And by making death of no effect, he bestowed on us eternal life.**

**Kontakion** for LentTone 8

**To you the champion leader we your flock dedicate**

**A feast of victory and of thanksgiving**

**As ones rescued out of sufferings, O Theotokos.**

**But as you are one with might which is invincible**

**From all dangers that can be do you deliver us;**

**That we may cry to you:**

**Hail, Bride without bridegroom.**

**Saturday 12th April Great Feast of the Raising of Lazarus**

**Liturgy** of St John Chrysostom

**Apolytikion The Feast** Tone 1

**Assuring us before your Passion of the general resurrection,**

**You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God.**

**Therefore, like the children, we also carry tokens of victory,**

**And we cry to you the conqueror of death:**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Kontakion The Feast** Tone 6

**Mounted on the throne in Heaven, Christ God,**

**And on the colt on earth,**

**You accepted the praise of the angels and the hymn of the children,**

**Who cried to you:**

**Blessed are you, who come to call back Adam.**

Instead of Holy God:

**All you that in Christ have been baptised**

**Have put on Christ: Alleluia!** /

Readings, It is truly right and Communion hymn are special to the Feast.

**Sunday 13th April** **Great Feast of Palm Sunday** *(fish is eaten)*

**Liturgy** of St John Chrysostom

**Apolytikia The Feast**

**Lazarus Saturday** Tone 1

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**You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God.**

**Therefore, like the children, we also carry tokens of victory,**

**And we cry to you the conqueror of death:**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Palm Sunday** Tone 4

**Buried with you through Baptism, Christ our God,**

**We have been granted eternal life by your Resurrection,**

**And we sing your praises, crying:**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Kontakion The Feast** Tone 6

**Mounted on the throne in Heaven, Christ God,**

**And on the colt on earth,**

**You accepted the praise of the angels and the hymn of the children,**

**Who cried to you:**

**Blessed are you, who come to call back Adam.**

Antiphons, Little Entrance, It is truly right are special for the Feast

Communion hymn for the Feast:

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord**

*At the end palms are distributed and there is a procession with the apolytikion.*

**19th and 20th April - Holy Saturday/Holy Pascha – midnight**

**Sunday 27th April** **Second Sunday of Pascha St Thomas Sunday**

**N.B. From now until the Leave-taking of Pascha**, in the liturgy:

**The Easter apolytikion** is sung many times (see Part 2 of For Those Who Sing)

T**he antiphons** are those of Pascha

Instead of It is truly right we sing **The Angel cried**

**Liturgy**

**Apolytikion The feast** Tone 7 sung three times, as today is a feast day which takes precedence over the order for normal Sundays:

**While the grave was sealed, Christ God, You dawned as life from the tomb; And while the doors were shut, You came, the resurrection of all, to your Disciples, Through them renewing a right spirit in us, According to your great mercy.**

**Kontakion Pascha Tone 8**

**Though you descended into a tomb, O Immortal, Yet you destroyed the power of Hell: And you arose as victor, O Christ God, Calling to the Myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!**

**And giving peace to your Apostles, O You who grant resurrection to the fallen.**