

Palm Sunday Service



10 April 2021

Welcome

Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel:

Hosanna in the highest.

Procession of the Palms (Start outside)

We begin this morning, the Great Week of the Christian year. During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection, by prayer, through study, through contemplation of our Lord's great love for us. Today we come together with the church throughout the world to call to mind, and to express in word and action, our Lord's Passover from death to life, which is the centre of the Easter mystery.

Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne is a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of his resurrection, by the way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Prayer

Blessed are you Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ entered in triumph into the holy city this day to complete his work as our Messiah. May these branches and these crosses be signs of the victory of your Son. May we who carry them in his name, ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who now lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy spirit, now and for ever.

Amen

The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches of olive, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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Prayer

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

In the Name of Christ. **Amen.**

Song: Make Way

Make way make way for Christ the King
In splendour arrives
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him into your lives

Make way (make way) Make way (make way)
For the King of kings (for the King of kings)
Make way (make way) Make way (make way)
And let His kingdom in

He comes the broken hearts to heal the prisoners to free
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance
The blind shall see

And those who mourn with heavy hearts
Who weep and sigh
With laughter joy and royal crown, He'll beautify

We call you now to worship Him as Lord of all
To have no gods before Him
Their thrones must fall

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Multi-age Talk

Message

Song: This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting the all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One

**I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

Our judge and our defender, suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness you rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You, I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

**I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

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Thanks for the Offering

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.
In the upside down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
To bless your church, your people, your creation. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

In penitence and faith let us confess our sins to Almighty God
**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed:
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
We repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of forgiveness

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith, pardon us and set us free from all our sins, strengthen us to do his will, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers for the Church and our World

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory

Are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who became obedient unto death, even death on the cross. He offered the one true sacrifice for sin, And obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory; where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
This bread and wine and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and
blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and when he had given
you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat.
This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me".
After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it
to his disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of
the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Therefore, with this bread and this cup,
We remember the saving death of your Son,
His resurrection and his ascension, and his promise to be with us for
ever. In the power of the Holy Spirit, bring us to eternal life with
Christ, as we look for his coming in glory, and for the heavenly
banquet prepared for all people. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite
us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the
joy of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
With whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
We worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever and
ever. Amen.**

Prayer

God our help and strength, through these holy mysteries
confirm our faith that by the death and resurrection of your Son we
may walk in the way of salvation.

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Notices

Song: Sing to the King

Sing to the King who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Come let us sing a song

A song declaring that we belong to Jesus

He is all we need

Lift up a heart of praise

Sing now with voices raised to Jesus

Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

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The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will working in you what is pleasing in his sight. And the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**