

# **Sunday 10.00 am Service (O2T1)**

## **2 April 2023 – Palm Sunday**

### **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 (Bec)**

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> 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, <sup>38</sup> saying,

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

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> 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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### **Song: Worthy Is The Lamb**

Thank you for the cross, Lord  
Thank you for the price You paid  
Bearing all my sin and shame in love You came  
And gave amazing grace  
Thank you for this love, Lord  
Thank you for the nail pierced hands  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow  
Now all I know  
Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb  
Seated on the throne  
Crown You now with many crowns  
You reign victorious  
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## **Multi-age Talk (Bec)**

### **Bible Reading: Luke 22.47-53 (Merylin W)**

47 While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" 49 When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" 50 Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as though I were a rebel? 53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness!"

### **Message**

#### **Song: The Servant King**

From heav'n You came helpless babe  
Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live

**This is our God the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King**

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load He chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
Yet not my will but Yours He said

Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice

Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails  
Surrendered

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving

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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.

### **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,**  
**And in what we have failed to do:**  
**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 (Colin L)

### 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 – Holy Week Liturgy

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 Saviour Jesus Christ, who became obedient unto death, even death on a 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, Jesus 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, we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, His one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

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**

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving



and help us to grow in love and obedience  
that we may serve you in the world  
and finally be brought to that table  
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

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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## **Blessing**