

Sunday 10am Service (O2T1 Holy Week liturgy)

13 April 2025 – Palm Sunday

(Jaq lead, Wayne and band music)

Welcome

Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he that comes 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 (pass out palm crosses)

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: Mark 11.1-11 (Robyn R)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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: Above all

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what you're worth

Crucified, laid behind the stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall, and thought of me
Above all

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Song: Lift those branches high

**Lift those branches high,
Raise them to the sky
Hosannah! Hosannah!**

A mighty king is coming into our town
Tho' we as a people are so trodden down
God is showing us His love today
By sending King Jesus, and so we say:

(We) fling down the palms and our coats to the ground
King Jesus is riding on into our town!
Cheers are now rising, they grow to a shout
If we didn't sing, then the rocks would cry out.

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Prayer for the children

Bible Reading: Zechariah 9.9 (Robyn R)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Message

Offering Song: Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers toils and snares,
I have already come;
This grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

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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 (Zilpha)

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 (Julia with Jaq & Zilpha)

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

Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ
you have fed us and have reconciled your people to yourself.

Following his example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you
with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love.

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

Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you
with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.