

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

and

HOLY EUCHARIST



PALM SUNDAY



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# PALM SUNDAY 2020

*We gather on-line.*

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,  
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.  
Ride on in the cause of truth  
and for the sake of justice.  
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;  
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.  
You have loved righteousness and hated evil.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you  
**And also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been  
preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of  
our Lord's death and resurrection.

Let us pray.  
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 forever. **Amen..**

*The celebrant motions to the palm branches around the altar.*

God our Saviour,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer  
and to die;

✠ let these palms be for us signs of his victory  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Palm Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Lord**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." *Matthew 21.1-11*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*singing:*           **All glory, laud and honour**

*Refrain:*           **All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessed One.   *Refrain***

**The company of angels  
are praising thee on high;  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply.           *Refrain***

**The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.       *Refrain***

*The celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:*

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

*Silence is kept.*

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

**Amen.**

### **Confessional intercessions**

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,  
that they may find support and encouragement,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,  
feel that God is far from them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Absolution**

✠ In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven,  
Go and sin no more.

### **The Trisagion**

**Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

### **The Gospel.**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even  
death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.  
All praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St Luke.

*No response is made.*

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.' After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.'

This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
*No response is made.*

## **Sermon**

Fr Ian

### **The greeting of peace**

Once we were far off, butt now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## **MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

### **The Thanksgiving Prayer**

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.**

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever 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 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.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,  
**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.  
And 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 Fraction

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

## Agnus Dei (*'Lamb of God'*)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

## Invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The Blessed Sacrament is distributed.*

The body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## Post communion prayer

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.

**Amen.**

**Faithful God,  
may we who share this banquet  
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our salvation, life and hope,  
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May the Father,  
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

**Amen.**

May Christ,  
who accepted the cup of sacrifice  
in obedience to the Father's will,  
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ  
that we may share his glory,  
set your minds on life and peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## The Dismissal

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

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