



# A Liturgy of the Word Palm Sunday

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**The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.**

## Blessing of the Palms:

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith, that united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Let us pray:

Eternal God,  
bless these palms to our use:  
grant that we who have received them  
may ever hail as King, and love as Saviour,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 11:1-11

## Glory to Christ our Saviour

This is the Gospel of Christ

## Praise to Christ our Lord

My brothers and sisters, we have heard how the crowds who welcomed Christ to Jerusalem cut branches from trees to do him honour. During the procession into the church, let us hold high our palm crosses and branches and praise Christ our King and Saviour.

## Processional Hymn



*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]



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

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]

To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to thee now high exalted  
our melody we raise: [Refrain]

Thou didst accept their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King: [Refrain]

Thy sorrow and thy triumph  
grant us, O Christ, to share,  
that to the holy city  
together we may fare: [Refrain]

For homage may we bring thee  
our victory o'er the foe,  
that in the Conqueror's triumph  
this strain may ever flow: [Refrain]

St Theodulph of Orleans (c.750-821)



*Call to Worship* 

Hosanna to the Son of David!  
**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
Let us lay down our garments and branches in praise.  
**Our king comes, humble and seated on the foal of donkey**

Hosanna to the Son of David!  
**Hosanna to the King of kings!**

*Introductory Rite* 

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



*Collect for Purity*



Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.

*The Kyrie*



Morena, Morena re hauhele, Morena, Morena re hauhele  
Kriste, Kriste re hauhele, Kriste, Kriste re hauhele  
Morena, Morena re hauhele, Morena, Morena re hauhele

*The Penitence*



*If anyone sins we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation of our sins:*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Absolution*



Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you:  
pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Collect*



Eternal Father,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
fulfilled your will by taking our nature  
and giving his life for us:  
help us to follow the example of his humility  
by walking in the way of the cross;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.





*The Word of God*



Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

*Gospel Acclamation*



Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ  
King of endless glory  
If today you hear his voice  
Harden not your hearts  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ  
King of endless glory

*Gospel Reading*



Mark 15:1-39

*The Sermon*



by Rev. Matthew Wright

*Affirmation of Faith*



**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**





## Prayers of Intercession



Heavenly Father we give you thanks for the passion of your Son Jesus Christ. We identify with those he draws to himself on the cross and we hear the crowds acclaiming him as the one who is to come. We pray for the leaders of the church, that they may grow into the likeness of your Son and be transformed by the service they render in your name. Bless the bishops, the clergy and lay leaders who are leading the church in the example of Christ. Fill them with the same spirit that led your Son in his daily life and service.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We bring before you the leaders of our country and countries everywhere. Lord God may there be a change of heart that would inspire a new wave of servant leadership among your people. May we all learn from the passion of your Son Jesus, how to spend our lives in the pursuit of our true purpose here on earth, how to show unto the world that leadership truly is about service; and selfless service at that. May our leaders draw their inspiration from you our loving God.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful father we remember those who are engaged in essential services, those on the frontlines of the COVID19 response. May your kingdom come in their lives Lord and may we never forget to pray for them and their families. Help and inspire those who are involved in the COVID19 vaccine program. May there be equity, justice and charity guiding the process.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

As we start this Holy Week, we remind ourselves of this same time in the life of Jesus Christ and how, through his passion death and resurrection, we are brought to eternal life. We pray for the spiritual family of St Michael's, that we all experience a special outpouring of your Holy Spirit upon us. May we experience a blessed Holy Week. Keep us safe Lord and make us prosper in every good work.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord we pray for our children and young people who are in need of your special care and protection in this time. Be with the most vulnerable and marginalised in our communities. Bless those who are sick and infirm or in special need Lord. Through the prophet Jeremiah we hear that your plans for us are to prosper us and give us hope, so we come before you Lord and pray that your will be done for us, that your plans for us come to pass. Lord fill us anew with this spirit of hope and a prosperous future. We come before you seeking to be filled and restored, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

There has been so much loss experienced over the last year, it has changed the way we live and make sense of our lives Lord. Be with those among us who are experiencing loss and those who are experiencing challenges each in our own way. Bless those who died and grant them eternal life. To those who are sick and infirm, grant healing and restoration Lord. We remember those who passed away in these last weeks and those whose years mind it is this week. May your grace and mercy always be enough for us Lord.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We make these prayers in the name of Christ, the great I am, the one who is to come. **Amen**

## Prayer for Offering



Loving Father, thank you for the privilege of partnering with you and each other in the work of the ministry. We know that you will bless our efforts and contributions for the proclamation of the gospel and the building up of your kingdom.



Father be pleased with our offerings today. Affirm your love, grace, and provision for each one who contributes and participates in establishing your kingdom here on earth.

Thank you for the generous spirit you place in our hearts. Bless us as we move forward in hope towards the eternal salvation you promise to all who believe in you. Always make us mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Lord's Prayer*



**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*



Lord, we approach your throne of mercy, filled with gratitude on this special day. Your great love made you lay down your life for our redemption. We are forever indebted to you. As we observe Palm Sunday, we declare you our King, our friend, and our savior.

**We thank and praise you Lord.**

You are mighty to save. Hosanna in the Highest. We pray that you guide our every move and let your Holy Spirit comfort us in times of need. Let your love infuse our souls and give us peace as we meditate on your word.

**We thank and praise you Lord.**

We offer this prayer of thanksgiving in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Final Blessing*



The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Having welcomed Christ, our Saviour, in anticipation of his saving act, let us not be like the crowds, fickle and easily swayed, but let us hold steadfast to the promise of God, knowing that the suffering of our Lord leads to eternal life.

May Christ be praised forever. **Amen**

### *Dismissal*



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**





### Recessional Hymn



Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, thy triumph now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O Go, thy power, and reign.



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