



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

Reading for Blessing of Palms

Luke 19: 28-40

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]**

**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]

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

The 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. Amen.**

The Kyrie

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

by Ven Moses Thabethe





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 neighbours 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.**

The 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

Psalm :31:9-16 (Chanted)

⁹ Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; * but hast set my feet in a large room.

¹⁰ Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble, * and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul
and my body.

¹¹ For my life is waxen old with heaviness, * and my years with mourning.

¹² My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity, * and my bones are consumed.

¹³ I became a reproach² among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours; * and they of mine
acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without, conveyed themselves from me.

¹⁴ I am clean forgotten as a dead man out of mind; * I am become like a broken vessel.

¹⁵ For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude, and fear is on every side; * while they conspire together against
me, and take their counsel to take away my life.

¹⁶ But my hope hath been in thee, O LORD; * I have said, Thou art my God.

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Philippians 2:5-11

The Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Word of God
Lord Jesus Christ x2

I am the Light of the world, says the Lord
All who follow me, will have, the light, of life

Glory to you, o Word of God
Lord Jesus Christ x2

I am the resurrection, and the life
All who believe in me, will live forever

Glory to you, o Word of God
Lord Jesus Christ x2

The Passion Reading from Luke

Luke 23:1-49

The Sermon

Revd Sharmain James

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

Everlasting God, you call us to your service and so we ask that you make us worthy of your calling; and to hear us as we intercede and give thanks to you through Jesus Christ your Son.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Holy God, as those who gather for worship in a place that is not theirs but given over to them by another denomination we thank you for the Ecumenical partners in the mission of the Christian Church Worldwide; teach us all to serve you as you deserve, putting aside sectarianism whilst healing any divisions that keep us on the path towards your kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**





Creator God, we pray for the nations of the world and for their right dealing with one another, especially between Russia and Ukraine where we pray for a cessation of hostilities and a declaration of peace. May barriers of race, creed, gender and colour be broken down and political freedom established where there is oppression and suppression of new ideas. We pray for educational development and for a more just economic structure which pays people fairly for their labour.

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

Father God, we thank you that no matter how widely spread throughout the world our families may be, our hearts may be joined together in prayer. We also thank you for the means of technological advances in communication that enable us to keep so closely in touch with those we love, so that we not only hear our loved ones but also see them.

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

Gracious God, look mercifully upon those whose lives have been shattered by illness. Help them and those who care for them to be freed from resentment and give them the strength to seek your will, whatever it might be, in every situation.

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

Merciful God, we remember the thinness of the thread which separates life from death, and the suddenness with which it can be broken. Help us also to remember that whatever occurs in life we are surrounded by your love. Help those bereaved by the loss of a loved one to find in your love peace and reassurance.

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

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim in all that we do and say.

Merciful father: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Blessing of Offering

God of provision, as we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honour, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowéd be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, hallowéd be Thy name, Hallowéd be Thy name.

On earth as it is in heaven, hallowéd be Thy name.

Give us this day our daily bread, hallowéd be Thy name,

Hallowéd be Thy name.

Forgive us our trespasses, hallowéd be Thy name,

As we forgive those who trespass against us, hallowéd be Thy name, Hallowéd be Thy name.

Lead us not into temptation, hallowéd be Thy name,

But deliver us from all that is evil, hallowéd be Thy name,

Hallowéd be Thy name.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, hallowéd be Thy name.

For ever and for ever and ever, hallowéd be Thy name,

Hallowéd be Thy name.

Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowéd be Thy name.

Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowéd be Thy name,

Hallowéd be Thy name.



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 Saviour.

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.**

The Final Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, The Father and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

Amen

The 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 God, thy power, and reign.**

Author: Henry Hart Milman (1827)

