



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe Service Order for 5th April, Palm/Passion Sunday



God's grace as you prepare for Worship. A Note about this Order.

First, there are a number of places that 'Link' to other websites that are in '[blue and underlined](#)'. If you are reading this on-line, and click on these links, they should lead you to the Bible Readings and Songs.

Also, throughout this Service are various for Songs. You may choose a hymn, a song, or where they are listed a children's song.

May you experience God's blessings in your worship.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May God's grace be with you as you Worship the LORD.

The following is a prayer you may wish to pray for Worship

LORD God, loving heavenly Father:
we praise You for the love shown to us through Jesus,
who entered Jerusalem to give His life for us.
Fill us with the Spirit, that our hearts are open to Christ's rule,
and we may rejoice in the blessings of His kingdom;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

You may wish to watch the Video "On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem by Mary Kay Beall"

[Click here for Video](#)

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

*In this Season of Lent our Congregation has been reflecting on 'The Journey to the Cross'
– reflecting on Jesus' journey to the Cross, and our journey to our Easter Celebrations.*

This week we have added Items that reflect on Jesus being whipped, mocked, and nailed to the cross.

This picks up the dual theme of the Church's worship this weekend.

Jesus entered Jerusalem, and the crowds proclaim Him as a King. But Jesus entered Jerusalem with a different 'Kingdom' in mind. And only a few days later the crowds would shout out, 'Crucify Him'.

And here Jesus received a crown of thorns. He received them out of love for you.



You may wish to Read [Matthew 21:1-11](#)

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as Hymn 86: "All glory, laud and honour"

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Hymn [Click here](#)

Or you may wish to listen to this as a Song: [Click here](#)

Or may wish to listen to the song for younger children "Cloaks and Branches": [Click here](#)

OPENING SENTENCES: Matthew 21:9

You may wish to say the following aloud:

Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

In our Bible Readings this day we are reminded that Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king, but in humility as the Servant King. Jesus entered Jerusalem to suffer and die because we are sinners. So in the knowledge of God's great love for us in Christ, let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

A Prayer for Confession

LORD God, loving heavenly Father:

we arrive at this Palm Sunday, remembering and celebrating the story.

But we confess that so often we forget who we follow.

We can get lost in the fanfare, wanting Jesus to be a powerful king.

We can get lost in seeking personal comfort, and not listening to Jesus' call to be humble servants.

Forgive our faithlessness, O God, and restore our hearts to You; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Most merciful God, You have given Your only Son to die for us.

Have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins.

By Your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of You and Your will,

and make us obedient to Your word, so that by Your grace we may come to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us,
and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name

He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit.

Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

Continue with the Psalm for today

If someone is leading this Service at home, you may wish to Read this Responsively

INTROIT: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹ Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress;
my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.
¹⁰ My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning;
my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

Into Your hands I commit my spirit.

¹¹ Because of all my enemies,
I am the utter contempt of my neighbours and an object of dread to my closest friends –
those who see me on the street flee from me.
¹² I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.
¹³ For I hear many whispering, ‘Terror on every side!’
They conspire against me and plot to take my life.

Into Your hands I commit my spirit.

¹⁴ But I trust in You, LORD; I say, ‘You are my God.’
¹⁵ My times are in Your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.
¹⁶ Let Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your unfailing love.

Into Your hands I commit my spirit.

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

GREETING and PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD God, loving heavenly Father,
Your only Son came as a servant
and was obedient all the way to His death on the cross.
Make us humble like Christ, and bring us to be with Him in His glory.
We ask this through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS

*Continue with Bible Readings – the text of these are on the Resource for ‘Growing Faith at Home’ –
or you may wish to follow the hyperlinks below.*

FIRST READING: [Isaiah 50:4-9a](#) The obedience of the Lord's servant

SECOND READING: [Philippians 2:5-11](#) Christ - obedient servant and exalted Lord

LENT RESPONSE: Philippians 2:9

Christ humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

GOSPEL: [Matthew 27:11-54](#) Jesus' suffering and death

APOSTLES' CREED

Say aloud

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

**And 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as Hymn 62: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Hymn [Click here](#)

*Or you may wish to listen to the Song: "The Power Of The Cross"
by Keith & Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend [Click here](#)*

SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon

If you have Internet Access, you may view Pastor's Sermon Video [Click here](#)

If you wish to access written Sermon Notes [Click here](#)

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as Hymn 406: "God still lives and His compassion"

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Hymn "Great is Thy faithfulness" [Click here](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the "Great is Thy faithfulness" as a Song [Click here](#)

PRAYER TIME

You are invited to spend some time in Prayer

You may wish to read The Prayer of the Church in "The Service Without Communion"

*Or you may wish to reflect on the various Prayer Points as Below
(as also additional Prayer Points in the Bulletin)*

In our Readings this day we are reminded that Christ humbled Himself for us, and suffered death for our sakes. In the certainty of God's love, let us pray for the world, the church, and our local needs, and pray that the Lord Jesus, our King, would come and rule in our lives so that we are humble and gentle like Him.

LORD God, on this day of Palm Sunday and Passion, we remember Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, and we are reminded that Jesus' ride into Jerusalem was more than a show. It was a signal that things are changing. LORD, open our ears that we may hear You as clearly as Isaiah did. Teach us to listen more intently to Your Word than we do to the sounds of the world. Give us the strength, hope, and joy we need to follow in Jesus' way. Amen.

Prayer points for today, and in the week ahead:

- * thanksgiving to God our Father that morning by morning He awakens us, and He sustains those who are weary with His Word;
- * all who are affected by the coronavirus COVID-19: those who mourn the death of loved ones (and all who are unable to gather with loved ones at these times); countries around the world that have had significant death tolls (Italy, Spain, China, U.S.A, France, Iran); all who are ill; doctors and nurses and specialists and carers; those whose lives and livelihoods have been upended; all who are isolated and who feel a great sense of loneliness; all who face difficult situations in homes and families; those in authority (including the Prime Minister, Premiers, and National Cabinet; the A.H.P.P.C. advising the National Cabinet; all Leaders of Nations and World Health Organisations) that they wisely formulate measures to address the impact; ourselves that our actions towards others are guided by care and concern, and we are sustained by hope in God;
- * all in need around the world, including those affected by war or disaster (including those affected by the locust plague through parts of East Africa and South Asia; the 700,000 people in different parts of Zambia affected by floods);
- * all who seek to minister to people in need (including Government agencies, various NGOs, and agencies such as Australian Lutheran World Service, World Vision, etc);
- * all homes and families, and for all on 'holidays' at this time, that we may know the blessing of life together lived with a love that honours and respects one another;
- * thanksgiving to Jesus, God's Son, that He humbled Himself for our sake;
- * the Church on earth that we shine with the love of Jesus, and seek to reach out to care and connect in these times;
- * all who prepare for Holy Week, that our hearts and homes may be ready for Easter worship services in settings we are not normally accustomed;
- * the Lutheran Church of Australia, and National Bishop John Henderson and District Bishop Paul Smith, and for all Boards and Councils;
- * local Christian Congregations and ministries (including welfare activities across the Peninsula that seek to minister to people in need);
- * thanksgiving to God the Spirit that He leads to know Christ's love for us;
- * our 'Community of Grace' including those in Leadership Positions, and for His wisdom and guiding as we make adjustments in these times;
- * all who rejoice in birthdays, baptism anniversaries, wedding anniversaries;
- * the sick, the housebound, all in hospital, and all recovering from surgery;
- * all who mourn the death of loved ones;

Loving heavenly Father, Your Son Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient even to the point of death. May we find salvation in His obedient love, walk the way of the cross with Him, and come with Him to the resurrection. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

After the Prayers, pray aloud

**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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Say aloud:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all. Amen.

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BIBLE VERSE: Matthew 21:9

You may wish to say the following aloud:

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

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

You may wish to say the following aloud, or share with one another:

May Jesus rule as King in your life.

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as Hymn 807: "Lift High The Cross"

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Hymn [Click here](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the song "Hosanna – I see the King of glory": [Click here](#)

Or you may listen to a children's version of the song "Hosanna – I see the King of glory": [Click here](#)

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*We pray that you experience God's presence in your worship as you meditate on His Word.
If you have any Prayer or Praise points, or any suggestions, please send an email to Pastor Mark
(mark.brinkmann@lca.org.au). May God's grace and blessing be with you.*