



CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 13 April 2025

Palm Sunday



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Almighty and eternal God,
you sent your Son, our Saviour,
to take our nature on himself and to suffer and die on the cross.
Lead us to follow the example of his great humility,
and bring us to share in his resurrection.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the crowd praised him.
"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"
Jesus said, "If the crowd keeps quiet, the stones will cry out".
Nothing can silence our praise, for our God is so kind and so great!
With joy and reverence, let us worship the King who reigns forever.
We give thanks for his salvation. Hosanna in the highest!

INVOCATION

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

LORD, WHAT A PARADE!

Lord, what a parade! The crowd quickly grew;
What noise they all made in welcoming you.
"Hosanna!" they shouted. "It's David's own son!
Hosanna! Come save us! God's reign has begun!"

**They welcomed you in, a conquering king,
Yet what kind of reign would you really bring?
It wasn't a war horse you rode on that day;
A creature of peace carried you on your way.**

**Did those in that crowd expect something more
Than one who reached out in love to the poor?
Did they think a saviour with armies was best,
Or did they remember: the peaceful are blessed?**

**Lord Jesus, it's true — we give you glad praise,
Yet living for you will challenge our ways.
So may we be open and welcome your reign.
Hosanna! Come save us! Renew us again!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

*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.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins,
and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the
sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be
gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

*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.*

GOD FORGIVES

*..... peace be with you.
Amen.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LORD HAVE MERCY

(spoken)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE KING OF LOVE

**The King of love is my delight, His eyes are fire, His face is light,
The First and Last, the Living One, His name is Jesus.**

**And from His mouth there comes a sound
That shakes the earth and splits the ground,
And yet this voice is life to me, The voice of Jesus.**

**And I will sing my songs of love, Calling out across the earth;
The King has come, The King of love has come.
And troubled minds can know His peace, Captive hearts can be released;
The King has come, The King of love has come.**

**My Lover's breath is sweetest wine, I am His prize, and He is mine;
How can a sinner know such joy? Because of Jesus.
The wounds of love are in His hands, The price is paid for sinful man;
Accepted child, forgiven son, Because of Jesus.**

**And my desire is to have You near,
Lord, You know that You are welcome here.
Before such love, before such grace
I will let the walls come down.**

Stuart Townsend, Kevin Jamieson

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus,

As You entered Jerusalem with praise, we welcome you as our King and Savior. Help us to follow you in faith, trusting in your victory over sin and death. Fill our hearts with joy as we honour you, singing, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord." Amen.

PSALM 118:1-2,19-29

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.

Let Israel say:

'His love endures for ever.'

Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Lord, save us!

Lord, grant us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.

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

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a The obedience of the Lord's servant

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11 Christ- the obedient servant and exalted Lord

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40 Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Procession)

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" say, "The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They replied, 'The Lord needs it.' They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples!' 'I tell you,' he replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

HOSANNA, HOSANNA

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

**Lord, we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise;
be exalted, O Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

**Lord, we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise;
be exalted, O Lord my God! Glory to the King of kings!**

Carl Tuttle

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MESSAGE

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

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**

ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOUR

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

**You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.**

**The company of angels is praising you on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.**

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

**To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**Their praise you accepted, accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure, Our good and gracious King!**

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord God,

thank you for Jesus, who came humbly into Jerusalem. We praise you for the hope he brings. As we offer our gifts, we remember that all we have comes from you. Use our offerings to further your Kingdom, to help those in need, and to share the love of Christ with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus willingly submitted to suffer in our place. Let us pray to God our Father, and place in his hands the suffering of the world.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for the holy and joyful days that lie before us. As we begin to celebrate this most holy week, be with your church throughout the world and bless her worship and praise. May your Son Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, be clearly portrayed before the world.

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

We pray for those who have no faith, like the crowds. Bless the witness of your church this holy week that the word of your Son's death and resurrection may call all people from death to life.

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

We pray for those who have sinned, like Peter. Teach us all to be sorry for our sins, and forgive us for Jesus' sake.

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

We pray for prisoners and criminals like Barrabas. May they find true freedom through your forgiveness and by changing the way they live.

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

We pray for people in government, like Pilate. May they be responsible and serve truth and justice, and use their power for the good of all people.

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

We pray for those who are dying, like the thieves who died with Jesus. May they die with Jesus by their side, and be received into your kingdom.

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

We pray for parents like Mary who have lost a child. May they bear their suffering and know the comfort of your love.

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

We pray for all who face sickness and distress. Watch over them, sustain them, and heal them according to your good and gracious will.

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

We pray for the whole human race, that all will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, and king of all the world.

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

Almighty God: Father, King and Saviour – we praise you for goodness and grace shown to us in Christ Jesus your Son. As he rode humbly into Jerusalem on a donkey, to conquer the world through his own execution, may he ride into our lives this Easter and renew our lives in service and praise to you, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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.
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 TO SHARE

May Christ your King fill your heart with joy and with peace.
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May your life overflow with praise, honoring God in all you do.
May your life overflow with praise, honoring God in all you do.
May you go with confidence, knowing God is always near.
May you go with confidence, knowing God is always near. Amen.

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

**Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth
to show the way;
From the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

**Rick Founds, C Maranatha Music
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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

LHS

48 Lamb of God most holy
52 O sacred head, now wounded
55 O dearest Jesus, what law hast
Thou broken
57 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth
60 Christ, the life of all the living

AT

245 You are the prisoner

TIS

337 O dearest Jesus, why aren't you
acquitted

62 My song is love unknown
70 Stricken, smitten and afflicted
406 God still lives and His compassion
413 Why should cross and trial grieve
me?

347 O dearest Jesus

339 O sacred head sore wounded
341 My song is love unknown

Second reading: Philippians 2:5-11

LHS

11 The advent of our King
36 Jesus, name of wondrous love
166 All hail the power of Jesus' name
174 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King
divine

AT

31 Freely, freely
50 I will sing (v 5)
55 His name is wonderful
139 Christ humbled himself

TIS

174 Morning glory, starlit sky
218 Jesus! The name high over all
224 All hail the power of Jesus' name
225 My heart and voice I raise
231 At the name of Jesus
247 Let all be one in mind and heart
256 From heaven you came, helpless
babe

239 Son of God, eternal Saviour
782 At the name of Jesus
790 O Lord of light, who made the stars
807 Lift high the cross
857 Low, the way is low

157 Jesus, name above all names
190 Low, the way is low
261 The Servant King
370 You are glorious

271 The advent of our God
351 Lift high the cross
373 Hail, our once despised Jesus
422 Come Holy Spirit, come
448 Blest are the pure in heart
606 Son of God, eternal Saviour
746 The heavens shall declare

Palm gospel: Luke 19:28-40

LHS

5 O bride of Christ, rejoice
7 Come, Thou precious ransom,
come
10 O how shall I receive Thee
18 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates
62 My song is love unknown

AT

211 Hosanna!
328 Tell the city

TIS

219 Jesus comes with all his grace
244 Trotting, trotting through
Jerusalem
267 Lift up your heads, you mighty
gates
279 The King of glory comes, the nation
rejoices
333 All glory, praise and honour

86 All glory, laud and honour
87 Ride on, ride on in majesty
733 Daughter of Zion, O rejoice
737 Prepare the royal highway
817 O Jesus Christ, to you may hymns
be rising

335 And we stood right there
344 The New Road

336 O bride of Christ, rejoice
341 My song is love unknown
346 Prepare the royal highway
348 Ride on, ride on in majesty
353 The glory of our King was seen
620 O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns
be rising
724 Hosanna!