



## **CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER**

**Sunday, 29 March 2026**

**Palm Sunday**



### **A PRAYER FOR CONFESSION AND GRACE**

**Merciful Father, we come as we are—  
not hiding our sin, not polishing our pride,  
but trusting your promise that where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more.**

**Wash us in your forgiveness, lift our burdens,  
and set us free to worship you with honest hearts and joyful voices,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.**

**Amen.**

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**He comes to us gentle and humble, riding on a donkey, bringing peace, not power.**

*Hosanna to the Son of David!*

**We welcome Jesus, our Saviour, who comes to deliver us by grace and mercy.**

*Let us lay before him our lives, our praises, and our trust.*

**Come, let us worship the Lord who comes for us and for our salvation.**

### **INVOCATION**

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

**Amen.**

### **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

## ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOUR

All glory, laud, and honor  
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.  
As you received their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
for you delight in goodness,  
O good and gracious King!

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## LORD HAVE MERCY

*(spoken)*

*Lord, have mercy.*  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
*Christ, have mercy.*  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
*Lord, have mercy.*  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## 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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*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us pray.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**you come to us gentle and humble, riding not in power but in peace, and yet as the King who brings salvation. Open our eyes to see you as you truly are, open our hearts to receive you in faith, and open our lives to welcome your reign of grace. Lead us to follow you in trust and obedience, even when your way leads to the cross; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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**

**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.**

**Philippians 2:5-11** - Christ - 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.**

**Matthew 21:1-11** - Jesus enters Jerusalem

*Before the reading*  
**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.’ This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: ‘Say to Daughter Zion, “See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”’ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds answered, ‘This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.’

*After the reading*  
*This is the gospel of the LORD.*  
**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

### **LENTEN STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, who calls us out of dust and sin to life in him.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who took our humanity, suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried, bearing our sin for our salvation. We believe that he rose from the dead, that we are forgiven and justified by grace alone, through faith alone, for his sake alone.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who draws us to repentance, creates faith through the Gospel, and leads us in the way of the cross. We believe in the one holy Church, the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **LIFT UP YOUR HEADS**

**Lift up your heads,  
you mighty gates,  
behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near,  
the Saviour of the world is here;  
salvation and new life he brings,  
therefore the earth is glad and sings:  
Our Maker, we sing praise,  
mighty in all your ways.**

**Lift up the gates;  
lift up your heart,  
make it a temple set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy;  
so shall your sovereign enter in,  
and new and nobler life begin.  
To you, O God, be praise  
for word, and deed, and grace.**

**Redeemer, come!  
With me abide,  
my heart to you I open wide.  
Let me your inner presence feel,  
your grace and love in me reveal;  
your Holy Spirit guide us on  
until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
we offer to your name.**

Catherine Winkworth

### **MESSAGE**

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.  
For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))  
For LCA Worship Resources ([click here](#))

### **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.*

**WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS**

**You were the Word at the beginning  
one with God the Lord Most High,  
Your hidden glory in creation,  
now revealed in You our Christ.**

**What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is;  
the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is,  
nothing compares to this; what a beautiful Name it is,  
the Name of Jesus**

**You didn't want heaven without us,  
so Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater,  
what could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is;  
the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a wonderful Name it is,  
nothing compares to this; what a wonderful Name it is,  
the Name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You,  
You silenced the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory,  
for You are raised to life again.**

**You have no rival, You have no equal,  
now and forever, God You reign.  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory,  
Yours is the Name above all names.**

**What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,  
the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful Name it is,  
nothing can stand against; what a powerful Name it is,  
the Name of Jesus.**

**What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Lord,  
as the crowds once laid their cloaks before Jesus, we now lay before you all that we have and all that we are. Receive these offerings as signs of trust and thanksgiving, and use them to proclaim your gentle reign – a kingdom not built on power or pride, but on mercy, humility, and love. 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.*

Heavenly Father: we pray for your church on earth, that all Christians may bear their cross and follow Jesus.

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 be clearly portrayed before the world.

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

We pray for those who have sinned, like Peter.

Teach us 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 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.

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 have hope in the midst of their suffering and know the comfort of your love.

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

We pray for the whole human race, that we may all come to know Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

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

We pray for God's guidance and blessings for all members and friends of our congregation. Today we pray for Werner & Eileen; Mel; Errol; Essie; Marianne & John. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless the families, students, and staff at all our Grace Places. Today we pray specially for GLPS Students Charlotte & Naiya in Year 1; Grayson in Year 2; Elijah (3R), Elijah (3D), Jack, Jesse, Halen & George in Year 3; Mia in Year 4; Charlie, Lena, Charlize & Bella in Year 5; and staff members Jasmine D & Ashleigh O. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, may the suffering and death of Jesus lighten the burdens of all those who suffer. Lead us in the way of the Cross, so that, as we suffer with Jesus, we may rise to life in his glory, 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 the King who comes in peace fill your heart with joy.*

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*May Jesus, gentle and loving, be with you every day.*

**May Jesus, gentle and loving, be with you every day.**

*May the Lord hear your "Hosannas", giving you hope and strength.*

**May the Lord hear your "Hosannas", giving you hope and strength. Amen.**

**LET'S PRAISE THE LORD!**

**Let's praise the Lord!  
Worship and bow down.  
Shout his name from mountains high,  
the king of all creation,  
the King who reigns on high.**

**Let's praise the Lord!  
Kneel before his throne,  
Lift our voice with songs of praise,  
The Lord of our salvation, the Lord of all our Days,  
Let's praise the Lord!  
Let's praise the Lord.**

**I will be your true and faithful,  
I will show you constant love.  
I will make you mine forever,  
I will always love the unloved.**

**I will make the raindrops tumble,  
I will make the sun shine through.  
I will answer you my people,  
I will keep my promise.  
Let's praise the Lord!**

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Lift our voice with songs of praise,  
The Lord of our salvation, the Lord of all our Days,  
Let's praise the Lord!  
Let's praise the Lord.**

**I will be your loving shepherd,  
I will give you all you need.  
I will lead you by still waters,  
I will keep you safe from all danger.**

**I will hold you, comfort, love you,  
I will bless you all your days.  
I will be with you for ever,  
I will keep my promise.  
Let's praise the Lord!**

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Worship and bow down.  
Shout his name from mountains high,  
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