



PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

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Welcome

Minister: Dear friends in Christ, during Lent, and in this time of great uncertainty and trial, we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Confession and Absolution

Minister: As we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Minister: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Minister Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

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

Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures forever."

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.

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

**God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

“You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

The Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ ‘Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Minister: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

All: **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.**

The Prayers

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **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.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our governments at this time,
and shaping policies,
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
for any who suffer in body, mind or spirit,
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

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

Minister: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to bring before you our common supplications, and you have promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests. So, Lord, fulfill now the desires and prayers of your people in ways and to degrees that are best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the world to come life Everlasting. Amen.

The Blessing

Minister: The Lord bless you, and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace, both now and evermore.

In our prayers this week

The Anglican Communion: Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop
of the Seychelles

The Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada:

ACC: Archbishop Anne Germond, the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario
ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba East Area of the
Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee: The clergy and people of the parishes of St Bartholomew; St Bede, Scarborough; St Bride, Clarkson; St Chad, Toronto and their outreach activities

The Parish of St Mary and St Martha

In our parish cycle of prayer: Mavis Breckenridge, Anne Brown, Gloria Brown
Celebrating birthdays: Bev Sneyd, Shay-Anna Gordon, Leila Francis, Cecil Romain

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