

# Palm Sunday



# Liturgy of the Palms

*Celebrant*      Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People*      **Hosanna in the highest.**

## *Celebrant*

Dear friends in Christ,  
during Lent 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.

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.

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*        **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues,*

It is right to praise you, almighty God,  
for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King,  
with palm branches in their hands, crying,  
Hosanna in the highest.

May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.

***People*** In the name of Christ. Amen.

# Ride On, Ride On

Ride on king Jesus no one can a-hinder thee  
ride on king Jesus ride on no one can a-hinder thee

King Jesus rides to Jerusalem no one can a-hinder thee  
Hosanna to king David's son no one can a-hinder thee  
he rides upon a donkey small no one can a-hinder thee  
the king of peace the Lord of all no one can a-hinder thee



Ride on king Jesus no one can a-hinder thee  
ride on king Jesus ride on no one can a-hinder thee

The children sing and they dance and shout  
no one can a-hinder thee

If they won't praise, the rocks cry out no one can a-hinder  
thee

King Jesus done just what he said no one can a-hinder thee  
He healed the sick and he raised the dead no one can a-  
hinder thee

**Ride on king Jesus no one can a-hinder thee  
ride on king Jesus ride on no one can a-hinder thee**

**The light of God shines on his face no one can a-hinder thee  
He offers all his pardoning grace no one can a-hinder thee  
come join the throng you voices raise no one can a-hinder  
thee**

Ride on king Jesus no one can a-hinder thee  
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**Collect**    *(we pray together)*

Holy and immortal God,  
as we enter into this holy week  
turn our hearts to Jerusalem,  
so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may enter the city not made with hands,  
your promised realm of justice and peace,  
eternal from age to age. Amen.

**First Reading: *Philippians 2:5–11*** (NRSV)

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
7 but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
8 he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People Thanks be to God

## Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.



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

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

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

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

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

25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
Lord, send us now success.

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

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

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

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

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

# ***Holy Gospel***

*(Please stand)*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

***All:*** And also with you.

*Leader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark

***All:*** Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Mark 11:1-11**

(NRSV)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples  
2 and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ”

4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6 They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Reader      The Gospel of Christ

People      Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**HOMILY**

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## The Peace

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be with you.

*All*      And Also with you.

*The Peace is shared from our pews – a nod, a  
wave, a bow...*

## Offertory Hymn

**177**      *A spendthrift lover is the Lord*

*(there is no collection – please place your gifts in  
the plate at the back of the church)*

A spendthrift lover is the Lord  
who never counts the cost  
or asks if heaven can afford  
to woo a world that's lost.  
Our lover tosses coins of gold  
across the midnight skies  
and stokes the sun against the cold  
to warm us when we rise.

How shall we love this heart strong God  
who gives us everything,  
whose ways to us are strange and odd;  
what can we give or bring?

Acceptance of the matchless gift  
is gift enough to give.

The very act will shake and shift  
the way we love and live.

# Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray together,

Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. Amen.

# Eucharistic Prayer

*(Scottish Liturgy, 1982)*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*          We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*          It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Worship and praise belong to you,  
maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,  
brings a harvest out of sorrow  
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,  
debts forgiven  
and strangers made welcome

Your Spirit frees us  
to live as sons and daughters  
in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power  
follow the way of the Cross,  
sharing the joy of his obedience,  
now offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

*All* Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Father,  
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.  
Lifted on the Cross,  
his suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf our sins had made.  
Through that dark struggle  
death was swallowed up in victory,  
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,  
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,  
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:

"Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me."

**Together:**

**We now obey your Son's command.**

**We recall his blessed passion and death,**

**his glorious resurrection and ascension;**

**and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

**Made one with him, we offer you these gifts**

**and with them ourselves,**

**a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

## *Celebrant*

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.



**Together:**

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of  
Christ's Body**

**to live and work to your praise and glory;**

**may we grow together in unity and love**

**until at last, in your new creation,**

**we enter into our heritage**

**in the company of the Virgin Mary,**

**the apostles, and prophets,**

**and of all our brothers and sisters**

**living and departed.**

**Celebrant:**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages,  
world without end.

**People**

**Amen.**

# Lord's Prayer

(p. 211 BAS)

*Leader* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*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 those who 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.

# The Breaking of the Bread

(p. 213 BAS)

*Celebrant:* We break this bread,

***All:* Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Celebrant:* Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.

***All:* If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

# The Communion

*Celebrant* Behold what you are!

*People* May we become what we receive!



**All who seek to know the living  
God are  
welcome to receive at the table of  
our Lord**

# Doxology

(p. 214 BAS)

Leader: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Blessing



## Closing Song:

### 184 My song is love unknown

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.

O who am I  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.

Then "Crucify!"  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine:  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.

This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

# The Dismissal



*Leader*

Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

*All*

Thanks be to God