

# Palm Sunday Liturgy

## *The Liturgy of the Palms*

*The Service may begin outside the church.*

*The president says*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hosanna to the son of David

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the president*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Palm Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 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. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

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

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

*Mark 11.1-10*

This is Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*The President leads the people to the church*

**All glory, laud and honour  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and blessed One. **All glory . . .**

The company of angels  
Are praising thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply. **All glory . . .**

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before thee we present. **All glory . . .**

To thee before thy passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. **All glory . . .**

Thou didst accept their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King. **All glory . . .**

Within that blessed City  
Thy praises may we sing,  
And ever raise hosannas  
To our most loving King. **All glory . . .**

## *The Liturgy of the Passion*

*The President says the Palm Sunday Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards mankind sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2.5-11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die!  
O Christ! Thy triumph now begin  
Over captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
The wingèd squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father, on His sapphire throne,  
Expects His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

*The Passion is read by three voices*

1. *The Narrator*

2. *Jesus*

3. *Reader for all other Single voices*

*The voices of the crowd and other groups. These sections are marked "All" and are printed in bold.*

*A silence follows the reading of the passion.*

## Short Homily

## Prayers of Penitence and Intercession

*The President opens*

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

*A reader makes these biddings*

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The President says the Absolution*

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen.**

*And all say*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### Offertory Hymn

#### **Eucharistic Prayer B with Proper Preface for Palm Sunday**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and *saying*:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

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## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

*The president says*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.  
Those who are communicant members of other  
Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy  
Trinity, and are in good standing in their own Church  
may receive Communion.*

*Any person may come to the altar for a blessing.  
Holding a book is a useful signal to the ministers*

## Communion Hymn

## Prayer after Communion

*The President says*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

**Faithful God,  
may we who share this banquet  
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our salvation, life and hope,  
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Blessing

*The President says*

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave  
his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life.  
**Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in  
obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as  
you walk with him the way of his cross.  
**Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with  
Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on  
life and peace.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with  
you always.  
**Amen.**

*A minister dismisses the people.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**