

Holy Communion for Palm Sunday 10 April 2022

Welcome and opening responses

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Crowds were in the street that day; **Hosanna in the highest**

In loud voices they praised the name of the Lord; **Hosanna to the Son of David**

They looked for the coming Kingdom; **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord**

They saw him in humility; **See, your king comes to you gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

They called his name; **This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee**

They proclaimed him king; **Blessed is the king of Israel**

They joined with the very stones of creation to praise his name. **Hosanna in the highest, hosanna to the son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

The Lord be with you; **And also with you.**

The Palms

We hold up our Palm crosses and pray together:

God our Saviour, whose son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn: Ride on, ride on in majesty

We say sorry

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples. We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we relax rather than stay awake with you: Lord, forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

When we offer a kiss of peace yet have hate in our hearts: Lord, forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

When we strike at those who hurt us rather than stretch out our hands to bless:

Lord, forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

When we say we don't know you because we are afraid of what people will say:

Lord, forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

For these and all our sins, forgive us we pray, through Jesus Christ who died for us. Amen.

May God forgive us and free us from our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal. **Amen.**

Song: How deep the Father's love for us

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: Luke 22:39 - 23:56

1 – Introductory words

Song: What love is this (Verse 1)

2 – Gethsemane, The Arrest, The High Priest's House

Song: What love is this (Verse 2)

3 – Christ before Pilate

Luke: Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd: **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

Luke: This was a man who had been put in prison...Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd: **Crucify, crucify him!**

Song: What love is this (Verse 3)

4 – The Crucifixion (followed by silence)

5 – Conclusion; the Burial

Song: You are Lord, You are Lord

The Prayers

Concluding with: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ; Amen.

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.**

Offertory Hymn: My Lord, what love is this?

This is the table, of the Lord. Come not because I invite you: it is our Lord. It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here....
...The tree of shame was made the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels 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.

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God....

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,
Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying this cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

In the name of Christ, Amen

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's prayer

We pray for the coming of the Kingdom in the words Jesus taught us: **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 for ever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

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.

We share bread and wine together During the sharing of communion there is an opportunity for prayer for healing. Please feel welcome to come to the 'prayer place' to the left of the dais.

Prayer after communion

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.

Notices

Closing song: Hosanna, hosanna

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.