

## Christ Church, Colchester

9.30am Morning Worship for Palm Sunday, 2 April 2023

### ***Greeting and Welcome***

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, the King of Israel.

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

***Song:*** Praise is rising

### ***Blessing our Palm Crosses***

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.

**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 may we who carry them in his name ever hail him  
as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
**Amen**

***Gospel Reading***

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

***We gather our procession and sing:*** Hosanna, hosanna  
Let us go out to praise Jesus our King! **Amen, Hosanna!**

***Procession with Singing:*** Make way

***Saying sorry to God***

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

When we take our ease rather than watch with you:  
Lord, forgive us; **Christ have mercy.**

When we give a kiss of peace yet nurse hatred 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 deny that we know you, for fear of the world  
and its scorn:  
Lord, forgive us; **Christ have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive us and free us from our sins,  
strengthen us in all righteousness and bring us back to  
the joy of his salvation; **Amen**

**Song:** Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise

***Collect for Today***

**True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we  
may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which  
is the path of glory. Amen**

***Talk***

**Song:** Will you come and follow me

***Prayers***      *concluding with 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, and forgive us our sins as  
we forgive those who sin against us. And 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.**

***This time tomorrow?***

***Notices***

***Closing song:*** I see the King of Glory

***Blessing and Dismissal:***

**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**

Let us go in peace, to walk with Jesus Christ the way of the Cross, and to proclaim his glory;

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