

Café Worship for Palm Sunday 24th March 2024

Welcome

The Lord is here; **His Spirit is with us**

Song

PRAISE IS RISING, eyes are turning to You,
We turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,
We long for You.

*'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
Washed away.*

*Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come, have Your way among us;
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,
We turn to You.
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make all things new.

Confession

We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or kept quiet and watched injustice.

We have betrayed you too, Lord, by our sins.

Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed.

For the sake of Jesus Christ do not hold our sins against us.

Silence for personal reflection

Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but in humility, the Servant King, ready to complete the task for which he had walked this world. Forgive us, Lord, for those times when we think too highly of ourselves. Remind us always that you ask from us lives of love, dedicated to you and to our neighbours. Help us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness and lay them down at your feet.

Let us enter the city with God today and sing hosannas to our king. Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control, and open our hearts to the son of God riding on a donkey. Amen.

Song

HOSANNA, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise,

Be exalted, O Lord, my God,

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.

Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise,

Be exalted, O Lord, my God,

Glory to the King of kings.

Blessing of 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.**

Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Song and Palm Sunday Procession

MAKE WAY, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives.

Make way! (Make way!)

Make way! (Make way!)

For the King of kings.

(For the King of kings.)

Make way! (Make way!)

Make way! (Make way!)

And let His kingdom in.

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.

Chorus

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.

Chorus

We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all.
To have no gods before Him,
Their thrones must fall!

Chorus

Talk and Table talk

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. 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.

Christ Church in Action: Notices

Song

***KING OF THE AGES, Almighty God,
Perfect love, ever just and true.
Who will not fear You and bring You praise?
All the nations will come to You.***

Your ways of love have won my heart,
And brought me joy unending.
Your saving power at work in me,
Bringing peace and the hope of glory.

Your arms of love are reaching out
To every soul that seeks You;
Your light will shine in all the earth,
Bringing grace and a great salvation.

The day will come when You appear,
And every eye shall see You.
Then we shall rise with hearts ablaze,
With a song we will sing forever.

Dismissal

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.