

Palm Sunday Communion – 5th April 2020

Live streamed service

The Gathering

Call to Worship

Come, pilgrim people.

Come to worship the liberator and peacemaker
who rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Come to worship, pilgrim people.

Gathering Prayer

As we gather, bring your palms and branches, your shouts and
praise.

(wave ‘palm crosses’)

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the King of kings!

Let us journey to Jerusalem to worship the king who came to
save us.

Amen.

Saying Sorry (Confession)

Silence

Lord Jesus, you came to change the world.

Forgive us when we become complacent, when change is difficult
– and we give up.

Lord Jesus, you came to serve, not to be served.

Forgive us when we put ourselves and our needs before those of our brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, you came to bring peace.

Forgive us when we cause more fights, more trouble, and more wars than peace.

Lord Jesus, you came to set the captives free.

Forgive us when we don't stand up for justice and freedom for our neighbours.

Lord Jesus, you came to meet us where we are.

Forgive us when we don't stand with each other through the pain and struggle.

Help us to change the world by serving one another, working for peace,

standing up for justice, and walking with our fellow pilgrims.

Amen.

The Collect

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.

ALL : Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2.5-11

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

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

ALL : Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL : Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

Prayers of Intercession

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.

ALL : and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Prayer Before Communion

Lord God, let us approach with shouts of praise: hosanna in the highest! Let us draw close to you on this day that caused disturbance and disruption. Let us approach the throne

of the one who came as a humble servant, who came to set us free, to change things for ever. Hosanna to the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All :Amen

The Communion Prayer (Additional Eucharistic Prayer I)

The Lord is here.

ALL : His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

ALL : We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL : 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:

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

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

ALL : Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

ALL : Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

ALL : Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

ALL : Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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..

ALL : Amen

The Dismissal

The Blessing

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

All 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.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

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