

Crosslacon Sunday Worship on Palm Sunday
28th March 2021



You will need to have your palm cross near to hand for this morning's service. If you haven't had one this year, then please use one from a previous year.

Welcome

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
From God our Father
And the Lord Jesus Christ
Be with you.

And also with you

Opening words

Opening Prayer

You are invited to hold up your palm cross while this prayer is said:

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: Mark 11:1-6

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.'"

They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some people standing around said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. Those in front of him and those following were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Hymn: All glory, laud, and honour

***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:**

Refrain

**The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:**

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:

Refrain

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:

Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:

Refrain

Theodulf of Orleans (c.750-821) translated by John M Neale (1818-1866)

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.
Amen.

Reflective Passion Reading: Holy Week through the eyes of Pilate.

Prayers of Intercession

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (A Modern Version)

God in heaven,
Your name is to be honoured.
May your new community of hope
Be realised on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the essentials of life.
Release us from our wrongdoing

As we also release those who wrong us.
Do not test us beyond our enduring;
Save us from all that is evil.
For you embrace justice, love and peace,
Now and to the end of time,
Amen

Reflection: Light at the end of the Tunnel

The Confession

God shows his love for us in that whilst we were still sinner, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins and a sign of our penitence we lay down our branches.
(Lay down your palm crosses)

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that 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 bestow a kiss of peace yet nurse enmity in our hearts;
Lord, forgive us.
Christ, have mercy.

When we strike out 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 who loved the world so much
That he sent his Son to be our Saviour,
Forgive us our sins
And make us holy to serve him in the world,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Sharing the Peace

Christ is our peace,

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you...
And also with you.

We listen to or sing the following hymn whilst taking the opportunity, if watching live, to record a peace greeting in the comments box in Facebook Live.

Hymn: Ride on Ride On in Majesty

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.
Thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
the wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.
- 5 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.

Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

We have laid down our branches as a sign of our
penitence. Now as we enter the week in which we recall
his suffering and death, we take up these palm crosses
as a sign of our journey with Jesus:
We say this prayer, holding our crosses...

**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.**

**May we ever hail him as our King,
And follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
Who is alive and reigns now and forever.
Amen**

Blessing

May the blessing of God,
Who surmounts evil,
Bears our pain,
And lives in us forever, fill you with a zeal for justice
And passion for peace,
This day and always.
And the blessing of God almighty,
The father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

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