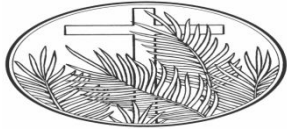


The Liturgy of Palm Sunday



Introductory Sentences

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever; and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre. You have loved righteousness and hated evil. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

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.

Penitence

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Readings Psalm 118

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ♦
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ♦
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ♦
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will thank you; ♦
you are my God and I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

Gospel Matthew 21: 1-11

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.* ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ '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.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd* spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

CREDAL STATEMENT FROM PHILIPPIANS 2.

**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. Amen.**

The Prayers The Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

**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.**

**Because we know you love everyone on your earth, we pray to
you. Because we know that all people deserve to live with
dignity, we pray to you. Because we know that the privilege of
our birthplace has given us rights and comforts that others are
denied, we pray to you.**

And our prayer is this:

Move us to action. Move us to real generosity.

Move us to bring in your Kingdom.

**We see glimpses of your Kingdom in the courage of front line
health workers, and all who are galvanised to make equipment
for them. In the kindnesses of small things everyday. [short
silence]**

**We see spaces still longing for your Kingdom to come, in
migrant camps, in the homeless on our streets, in our own
hearts when we place our comfort and convenience above
another's need. [short silence]**

**Loving God, today, this Holy Week,
move us to bring in your Kingdom. Amen**

**Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given us,
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.** Prayer of Saint
Richard

May God bless us and all humanity in the name of the Father,
the Son and The Holy Spirit. Amen.