

A Service of Holy Communion for Palm Sunday

Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, tells us that after his celebrated arrival. He went into the Temple and looked around at everything. As we gather here for worship today may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in too, and is looking around. May our eyes be open to see Him, may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him, may our worship be worthy of His presence, and may we be transformed so that we see the world through His eyes.
Amen.

**Lord, open our ears to hear your word
Open our lips to sing your praise
Open our minds to know your will
And open our hearts to receive you as our Lord
This day and always.
Amen**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
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Lord we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise
Be exalted, O Lord My God
Hosanna in the highest.**

Introduction to the Confession

**O Lord, who on this day
entered the rebellious city that later rejected you:
we confess that our wills are
as rebellious as Jerusalem's,
our faith is often more show than substance,
our hearts are in need of cleansing.
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Saviour of our lives.
Help us to lay at your feet all that we have
and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful,
to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises
and to receive us as your own
Amen**

Absolution

The Collect for the day

Bible Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm 118

**¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!
² Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
**22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.****

Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11

Sermon

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Hymn 78: All Glory Laud and Honour

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper,

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology,
to which all respond boldly*

Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy**

**so much as to gather up the crumbs
under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean
by his body
and our souls washed through his
most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him
and he in us. Amen.**

The people are invited to receive communion

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

"Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem."
**Our Lord is on a journey,
and the way leads through opposition
and misunderstanding.**
Jesus invites us to follow him.
**This journey leads through the shadows of betrayal,
the night of Gethsemane,
the afternoon darkness of Golgotha.**
*"Then Jesus told his disciples,
'If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.
For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'"*
**Our Lord is on a journey.
May we have the grace to follow Jesus
On the journey to the cross and beyond**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.