

Morning Prayer 28th March 2021



Palm Sunday

The Greeting

Hosanna to the Son of David,
the King of Israel.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

All Hosanna to the Son of David.

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the Lord.**

Introduction

Blessing the Palms

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;

in the name of the Father and the Son and
the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Procession

*During the procession all hold palms or branches,
and this hymn is sung:*

Refrain:

All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one.

(Refrain)

2. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we resent.

(Refrain)

3. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

(Refrain)

Confession

Each year we sing, we wave our branches,
we shout 'Hosanna.' Then, we turn away, to
go back to our old ways, our old lives, our
old sins. But Jesus comes to Jerusalem to
make forgiveness possible, so let confess to
Him now by saying together....

**All After a pandemic year of struggling
to follow Jesus faithfully, we know how
we have sometimes wearied others with
our frustration, or saddened God with
our poor choices. We long to shout for
joy on a day like this, smiling as we
remember waving our palms, even as we
look at our empty hands, and as our
pride keeps us from following all the way
to Calvary. So we cry 'Hosanna!',
Gracious God, help us to let our fears,
our doubts, and our faithlessness, slip
from our lives and fall at your feet.**

Absolution

The Word of God

Reading

Mark 11:1-11

reading ends This is the word of the Lord.

All reply Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

All We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud.

We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy.

We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem.

We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried.

We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation.

We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies.

We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God's peace. Amen

Prayers

The Collect is said.

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.**

Intercessions

The response to: 'You are our God'
Is; '**We welcome you**'

Hymn

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy 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 winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad
and wond'ring eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.

4. 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 pow'r and reign.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Dismissal

Notices

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Now we will set aside our palm branches,
**to go and serve at God's side
in a broken and fearful world.**

Now we will pick up our cloaks
and follow Jesus wherever he leads,
**to learn from those the world ignores,
to be touched by the grace within
them.**

Now we will sing songs of wonder,
**as we work alongside the Spirit,
sustaining the weary
with peace and hope.**

And the blessing....

Sending Out

Hailed as King, Christ humbly rode to his death. Enter Holy Week in His peace.

Thanks be to God