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Palm Sunday

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¶ Welcome and Introduction

Making our palm crosses

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

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

Hosanna in the highest.

♪ Hymn ♪

*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:

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

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

To Thee, before Thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to Thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise:

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

Thy sorrow and Thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare:

For homage may we bring Thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow:

*St Theodulph of Orleans (d.821)
trans. John Mason Neale*

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Blessing of palm 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
suffering and victory. As on this day we
join with the crowds who cried
'Hosanna' help us to follow Jesus in the
way of the cross.

In his holy name we pray.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,**

and from whom no
secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your
holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Invitation to confession

Christ himself carried up our sins in his
body to the tree,
so that, free from sins,
we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

1 Peter 2.24

Let us confess our sins.

Silence for reflection

O God, you know my foolishness
and my sins are not hidden from you:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Let not the flood overwhelm me
nor the depths swallow me up;
let not the pit shut its mouth upon me:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving
kindness is good;
turn to me as your compassion is great:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you
from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

A period of silent prayer

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.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word
of God as it comes to us in the reading
of Holy Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading

Isaiah 50.4-9a

The servant of the LORD said:

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens –
wakens my ear to listen as those
who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck
me, and my cheeks to those who pulled
out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been
disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like
flint, and I know that I shall not be put
to shame;

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a
garment; the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of
God,

did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point
of death –
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

♪ Song ♪

Make way, make way for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
into your lives.

*Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings!
(For the King of kings!)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in!*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear,
the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy
hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.

We call you now to worship Him
as Lord of all,
to have no other gods but Him:
their thrones must fall!

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The Gospel

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.
**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 11.1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our

ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he
came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through
the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for
the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection
of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Father,
who loved the world so much that he
sent his only Son to give us life.

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry
the cross for your Son.

Give us grace to lift heavy loads from
those we meet and to stand with those
condemned to die.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble
to share his clothes.

Transform the hearts of those who
make a profit from their victims,
and those whose hearts are hardened
by their work.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus,
was promised a place in your kingdom.
Give pardon and hope, healing and
peace to all who look death in the face;
especially we pray for...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary
his mother and John his disciple to each
other's care.

Help us also to care for one another
and fill our homes with the spirit of
your love.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

In Mary and John your Son created a
new family at the cross.

Fill our relationships,
and those of new families today,
with mutual care and responsibility,
and give us a secure hope for the future.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The centurion was astonished to see
your glory in the crucified Messiah.

Open the eyes of those who do not
know you to see in your Son the
meaning of life and death.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Joseph of Arimathaea came to take your
Son's body away.

Give hope and faith to the dying and
bereaved, and gentleness to those who
minister to them;

especially we pray for...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John
became part of your Church in
Jerusalem.

Bring into your Church today a varied
company of people,

to walk with Christ in the way of his
passion and to find their salvation in the
victory of his cross.

Lord of the Church,

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and

mind to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ 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. *cf Ephesians 2.13,14*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

♪ Song ♪

Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest!

Lord we lift up Your name,
with hearts full of praise;
be exalted O Lord my God!
Hosanna in the highest!

Glory, glory, glory
to the King of kings!
Glory, glory, glory
to the King of kings!

Lord we lift up Your name,
with hearts full of praise;
be exalted O Lord my God!
Glory to the King of kings!

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The Eucharistic Prayer (D)

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards
your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels
sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes
from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus
came as your light.
With signs of faith and
words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and
washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they
turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of
your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father,
for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread
and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defeating death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and
all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on
Christ with opened eyes and
hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in
heaven where all creation
worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who
sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from
under your table.**

**But you, Lord, are the God of our
salvation, and share your bread
with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us with the
precious body and blood of your
Son, that he may live in us and we
in him;**

**and that we, with the whole
company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

♪ Hymn ♪

We sing the praise of Him who died,
of Him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love.'
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us mercy from above.

The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.

To Christ, who won for sinners grace
by bitter grief and anguish sore,
be praise from all the ransomed race
forever and forevermore.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

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.

Amen.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and
brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your
love, gave us grace, and opened the
gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;**

**we who drink his cup bring
life to others;**

**we whom the Spirit lights give
light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have
set before us,**

**so we and all your children shall be
free, and the whole earth live to
praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

♪ Hymn ♪

The royal banners forward go,
the Cross shines forth in mystic glow;
where He in flesh, our flesh who made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
life's torrent rushing from His side,
to wash us in the precious flood
where mingled water flowed, and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told
in true prophetic song of old,
the universal Lord is he,
who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

O tree of beauty, tree of light,
O tree with royal purple dight,
elect on whose triumphal breast
those holy limbs should find their rest!

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
the weight of this world's ransom hung,
the price of humankind to pay
and spoil the spoiler of his prey.

O cross, our one reliance, hail!
so may thy power with us prevail
to give new virtue to the saint,
and pardon to the penitent.

To Thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done,
whom by thy Cross Thou dost restore,
preserve and govern evermore.
Amen.

Venantius Fortunatus (530-609) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and others

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you, and all
those whom you love and all those for

whom you pray this Palm Sunday and
for evermore.

Amen.

May we remain in the love, joy and
peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



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.

Philippians 2.10-11

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