

## **Morning Prayer – Palm Sunday**

**Hosanna to the Son of David**

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

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.**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the fellowship of the holy spirit

be with you

**All** and also with you

### ***Hymn***

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief

your only Son was lifted up

that he might draw the whole world to himself.

May we walk this day in the way of the cross  
and always be ready to share its weight,  
declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*This opening prayer may be said*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been  
preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the  
celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection.

Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in  
union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters  
his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer,  
to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love,  
so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his  
risen life.

*Hold up your palm cross:*

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  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Confession**

God shows his love for us

In that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him

By confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*Cf Romans 5.8*

**Most merciful God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**We confess that we have sinned**

**In thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,**

**Help us to amend what we are,**

**And direct what we shall be;**

**That we may do justly, love mercy,**

**And walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

May the God of love and power

Forgive you and free you from your sins,

Heal and strengthen you by his spirit,

And raise you to new life in Christ in our Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Word of God

## *Old Testament reading*

## *Hymn*

### *Shout Hosanna*

*Jesus is coming, **Shout Hosanna***

*He is riding on a donkey, **Shout Hosanna***

*Open the gates, **Shout Hosanna***

*Open the ancient doors, **Shout Hosanna***

*Don't be afraid, **Shout Hosanna***

*Wave the branches, **Shout Hosanna***

*Spread out your coats, **Shout Hosanna***

*Peace in heaven, **Shout Hosanna***

*Glory in highest heaven, **Shout Hosanna***

## *Gospel Reading*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

*Cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6*

## **Sermon**

### *The Apostles Creed*

**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.**

## **Hymn**

### **Prayers**

Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God,**

**Holy and strong,  
Holy and immortal,  
Have mercy upon us.**

**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.

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 forever. Amen.**

**Hymn**

**The Conclusion**

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve  
him with Joy.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**