

Sunday 13th April 2025
Palm Sunday

Reading 1: Psalm 118. 19-24

Gospel: Luke 19.28-40

Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God.

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

All and also with you.

Introduction

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 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 palm cross, or a cross at home

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.

All Amen.

Song: Ride on, ride on in majesty ([Click Link](#))

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUYCxw0quuQ>

Invitation to 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.

Confession

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.

Absolution

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.

Blessed be the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy and in
our song will we praise our God.

Song: *Just as I am* ([Click Link](#))

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8dnUns2dlw>

Reading I: Psalm 118. 19 - 24

Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.
²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
²³ the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 19 : 28 - 40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here." ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" say, "The Lord needs it." ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"
³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."
³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.
³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.
³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”^[a]

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Talk: (click link) <https://youtu.be/w8Aw6pFqk4k>

Silence may be kept.

The 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 for a closer union with Christ
in his suffering and in his glory.*

We stand with Christ in his suffering.
For forgiveness for the many times we
have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace
to seek out those habits of sin which

mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to
overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them,
and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in
justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty
to work openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who,
weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up
the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

All **Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The 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.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Song: Meekness and Majesty (*click link*)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gtt52JEW_Zo

The Blessing

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.

All **Amen.**

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

All **Amen.**

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him
the way of his cross.

All **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

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