



# Palm Sunday

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## Welcome & Announcements

### The Liturgy of the Palms

*The Congregation will gather at the gazebo, so that all may go into the church in procession. Palms or other branches may be carried in the procession.*

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

**People**          **Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*      Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

The Lord be with you.

**People**          **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and is an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Lord. This service is unique in having two Gospel readings. The purpose of Jesus's journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service contains both the reading of the triumphal entry and the Passion in which the whole story of Holy Week is anticipated.*

## Triumphal Entry Gospel

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. \_\_\_\_\_.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Deacon or Priest appointed reads the Gospel.*

**Year A Matthew 21:1-11**

**Year B Mark 11:1-11a**

**Year C Luke 19:28-40**

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. 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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**People** **Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Procession

**Please fill the pews from front to back as we enter the worship space.**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

**People** **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

*The cross, a symbol of Christ in our worship, leads us to the altar, reminding us that our way to God is through Jesus.*

## The King of Glory Comes

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**The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.**

Who is the King of glory? What shall we call Him?  
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. **Chorus**

In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
He goes among His people, curing their illness. **Chorus**

Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and Brother;  
In all of Galilee was never another. **Chorus**

He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation.  
He took upon Himself the sin of the nations. **Chorus**

He conquered sin and death; He truly has risen.  
And He will share with us His heavenly kingdom. **Chorus**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

**People**          **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant*      Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up  
to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not  
into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully  
grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and  
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collection of Palms

**Please be seated and pass your palms to the center aisle to be collected by the children and ushers. The children will return to the service at the Psalm.**

## The Collect of the Day

**Please remain seated.**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

**People**          **And with your spirit.**

A "collect" collects our prayers together in unity. This prayer acknowledges our need for help to worship God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

*The Bible is one coherent story so we read from different parts, desiring to hear God speak to us through His Word.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

***Please remain seated for the first reading.***

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**, page 613 in the pew Bible.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

***Please stand as you are able for the Psalm.***

*The Psalm is typically read responsively by half-verse, led by the Lector with the People responding. The words will be projected.*

**Psalm 22:1-22, 22:1-11, or 31:10-18**

*Lector* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**People** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

***Please be seated for the second reading.***

**Philippians 2:5-11**, page 980 in the pew Bible.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Passion

**Year A Matthew 26:36–27:66**, page 832 in the pew Bible.

**Year B Mark 14:32–15:47**, page 851 in the pew Bible.

**Year C Luke 22:39–23:56**, page 882 in the pew Bible.

*The Passion is read by lay persons assigned specific roles. The Congregation will take the part of the crowd and those lines will be projected on the screen.*

*You may be seated for the first part of the Passion. All stand at the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33). Please kneel as you are able after the verse that mentions Christ's death (Matthew 27:50, Mark 15:37, Luke 23:46).*

## The Sermon

*Please be seated.*

## The Confession

*Please kneel as you are able.*

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence.*

**All** Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we  
have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in  
your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The emphasis of the liturgy turns to the days that lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail Jesus as King one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting, "Crucify him!"*

*We confess our sin (our rebellion against God), because it is the underlying cause of all that pains us and this world.*

*Having confessed our sin and our need for a Savior, the priest reminds us of God's incredible mercy and forgiveness, pronouncing God's absolution (forgiveness) of our sins.*

*Having received God's forgiveness, we express that we have been reconciled to God and one another by sharing the peace we now have through Jesus. We do this before the offering because Jesus says, "First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:24).*

*In response to all that God has done for us, we worship God by giving of our finances and raising our voices together in song.*

*Literally meaning "Lift up your hearts" the Sursum Corda begins a prayer of great thanksgiving to God for the redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.*

## The Absolution

**Celebrant** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Peace

**Please stand as you are able.**

**Celebrant** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And with your spirit.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord. Parents may now pick up their children ages 4 and under from the nursery if they desire. Nursery is available through the end of the service.*

## The Offering and Doxology

*During the Offertory, hymns or songs may be sung. The Deacon or Priest prepares the Holy Table for the celebration.*

**Please stand as you are able while the offerings are presented.**

## The Sursum Corda

**Please remain standing as you are able.**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



*Celebrant* It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**All 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 Prayer of Consecration

*Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

*Latin for "holy," this ancient hymn weaves together Scripture which describes the worship happening in heaven and on earth (Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 118:26, Matthew 21:9, Revelation 4:8). We join with all the saints in all times in worshiping God.*

*This prayer retells the story of redemption, recalling the wonderful mystery of God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ to give His life for us and renew all things.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.*

*Celebrant*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All** 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Jesus taught his disciples this prayer as a model for how to pray (Luke 11:1-4). The Lord's Prayer roughly breaks down into three types of prayers: Praise (Thank you), Petition (Please), and Penitence (Sorry). We pray this each week to remind us how Jesus taught us to pray.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** Therefore let us keep the feast.

*As we hear the sound of the bread being broken, we remember the cost of Christ's sacrifice for us.*

## The Prayer of Humble Access

*Please kneel or remain kneeling as you are able.*

**All** We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant 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 character 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.

*Though we have already confessed our sin and asked for and received God's absolution, together we summarize all that has been said.*

*In the Sacrament we partake of God's past, present, and future grace. The physical bread and wine nourish us with the spiritual presence of Jesus.*

*In response to all we have heard, learned, and experienced during the service, we turn our hearts to sing praises to our God.*

*We give thanks for the feast we have partaken in and prepare to go back into the world to labor in his kingdom.*

## The Ministration of Communion

***Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.***

***Celebrant***      The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

***You may be seated.***

*During Communion songs or hymns are sung.*

*All baptized and believing Christians are invited to participate in communion. If you would like to drink from the chalice, please consume the bread when it is given to you. If you would prefer to dip your bread in the wine, please hold onto the bread and dip it in the chalice. Gluten-free bread is available. Simply cross your hands palm-down as a sign to the priest and it will be brought to you. If for any reason, you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from a priest. Trained members of the prayer team are available in the alcoves under the exit signs for any prayer needs that you may have.*

## The Post Communion Prayer

***Please stand as you are able.***

***Celebrant***      Let us pray.

***All***              **Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for feeding us with the  
spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of  
your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you  
have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of  
Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing

***Please remain standing as you are able.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

## Recessional

### The Dismissal

***Please remain standing as you are able.***

*Deacon*      All our problems:

***People***      **We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Deacon*      All our difficulties:

***People***      **We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Deacon*      All the devil's works:

***People***      **We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Deacon*      All our hopes:

***People***      **We set on the risen Christ.**

*Deacon*      Let us bless the Lord.

***People***      **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

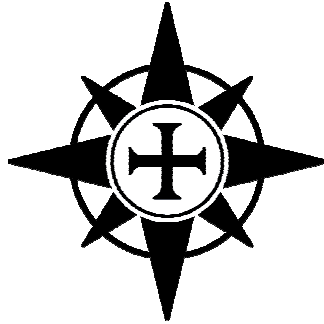
*As we go out into the world, we receive God's blessing which empowers us to do the work before us.*

*We follow the cross out into the world, remembering that Jesus goes before us in all things.*

*To honor our parish's origins in the Anglican Church of Kenya, we use the dismissal form from their Prayer Book.*







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