

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday



The Parish of St Edmund the King
Northwood Hills



Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

In the name of the † Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**
Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you

Introduction

The president introduces the celebration using these or other appropriate words

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.

The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the president

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; †bless these palms that they may 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.

The Palm Gospel

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden.

Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he

had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Procession

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

During the procession all hold palms or branches, and the following hymns are sung.



*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 Blessèd One.
All glory, &c.

2 The company of Angels
Is praising Thee on high,
And mortal men, and all things
Created make reply.
All glory, &c.

3 The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present.
All glory, &c.

4 To Thee before Thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.
All glory, &c.

5 Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, &c.

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry.
Thy humble beast, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments
strewed.

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
wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the last and fiercest strife is nigh.
Thy Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5 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 power and reign.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

The servant of the Lord said: The 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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn

backwards. I 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. The 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31 *(Music and words on reading sheet)*

New Testament Reading

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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| 1 O, Thou who through this holy week
The path of suffering trod,
Our sins to heal, our souls to seek,
And bring us to our God. | 3 Then grant us, Lord, this week to trace
Thy passion and thy love,
And by thine all-inspiring grace
Uplift our hearts above: |
| 2 We cannot comprehend the woe
Thy love was pleased to bear;
O Saviour Christ, we only know
That all our hopes are there. | 4 Beyond the pain, beyond the cross,
The Christ of glory see,
And count the things of earth but loss
To gain our heaven in thee. |

The Passion Reading *(See separate sheet)*

When the Passion is announced the reader says

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made.

Sermon

Silence may be kept.

Prayers of Intercession

[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 I 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.

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The priest introduces the peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

- 1 My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But oh, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend.
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.
- 4 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes,
That He His foes
From thence might free.
- 5 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

Preparation Of The Gifts

Pray my brothers and sisters that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and Glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church

The priest says the Prayer over the gifts after which all reply

Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

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 priest recalls the Last Supper

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

All Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which

All respond boldly

Amen.

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray

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, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.



Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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

This is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**



Giving of Communion

Members of all Christian Churches who normally receive communion in their own Church are invited to come forward to receive communion, those who have not been admitted to Holy Communion please also come forward for a blessing.

The Body of Christ **Amen**

1 O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that follows all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the
rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee.
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,
and from the ground there
blossoms red,
life that shall endless be

Prayer after Communion

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

**All Faithful God, may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope, who reigns as Lord now and for ever.
Amen.**

Notices

Parish Prayer

(please stand)

**O eternal Father,
help us to build up the Church in this parish
to the glory of your name, in honour of St Edmund,
and for the hope and inspiration of all your people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

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| 1 | O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
How passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake! | 4 | For us, to wicked powers
betrayed,
Scourged, mocked in crown of
thorns
For us he bore the cross's death;
for us he gave his dying breath. |
| 2 | He sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human
frame,
and he himself to this world came. | 5 | For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to
cheer. |
| 3 | For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew. | 6 | All honour, laud and glory be,
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee,
All glory as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen |

Blessing

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

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

All Thanks be to God.

