



**A Service
For
Palm Sunday**



Please be seated for the Notices even if the Choir enter their stalls

NOTICES

A hymn or choir introit may be sung

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

INTRODUCTION

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 at Easter.

Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration together with the Church throughout the world.

On this Day, 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, journeying with him in his sufferings, we may share in his risen life.

All lift their palms or branches while this prayer is said:

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.

THE PALM GOSPEL

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

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

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

During the procession palms or branches are held

After the procession children may leave for their Sunday School Groups

THE COLLECT

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept.

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.***

Please sit for the readings

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
*All **Thanks be to God.***

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
*All **Thanks be to God.***

HYMN

THE DRAMATIZED PASSION READING

HOMILY

PRAYERS

THE PEACE *Please stand*

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of the risen Christ's peace.

We greet one another

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the collection is taken*

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord is here

All **His spirit is with us!**

Lift up your hearts!

All **We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

All **It is right to give thanks and praise!**

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

All Sing to the tune of 'Be thou my vision':

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
in pow'r, might and wisdom for ever adored!
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above!**

**Blesséd, most blesséd, all blesséd is he,
whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us free;
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height!**

Nick Fawcett (b.1957), arranged by Colin Hand

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.
All Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.
All Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.
All Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,

as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
and so in faith and trust we 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, the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever.
 Amen.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.

All **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

All sing to the tune Ar hyd y nos (All through the Night)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
 In your mercy, come and heal us;
 Lord, hear our prayer.
 Take away our sins, forgive us,
 Lamb of God, restore, redeem us,
 Grant us peace, Lord, in your mercy,
 Lord, hear our prayer. (Repeat from beginning)

Michael Forster (b.1946), arranged by Colin Hand

Please come forward for communion or a blessing as you wish.

After communion please sit or kneel for prayer:

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.

All **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.**

HYMN

THE BLESSING

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please remain standing while the choir exit

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

