



Palm Sunday - Worship @ Home

Today the Church sets forth the opening event of Holy Week, Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

GATHERING & PREPARATION

Greeting

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

We have prepared by works of love and self-sacrifice amidst the global pandemic for the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. Today we begin that solemn celebration in union with the whole church. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and rise again. We go with him in faith, united in his sufferings, so that we may share his risen life.

Read: Matthew 21:1-11

Act of Praise

**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Bow your heads in prayer:

Eternal Father
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
fulfilled your will by taking our nature
and giving his life for us:
help us to follow the example of his humility
by walking in the way of the cross;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-18

2nd Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Stand and read:

Gospel reading: Matthew 27:11-54

Reflection

Baptismal Creed

I believe and trust in God the Father
who made the world.
I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ
who redeemed humankind.
I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God.
I believe and trust in one God
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD / INTERCESSIONS, PRAYERS, THANKGIVING

Creator, we pray for the Church throughout the world and especially for this diocese and Brian our bishop, together with Thabo our metropolitan. Give your people power to witness in word and deed to the crucified Lord and bring many to acknowledge him as their King and Saviour.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

Redeemer, we pray for those who are suffering persecution for the name of Christ. Give them grace to remain faithful, to pray for their persecutors, and to overcome hatred by the power of the cross.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

Sustainer, we pray for the world's outcasts. Set us free to recognise Christ in them. Lead them by your Spirit to find their hope in Him.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

King of kings, Lord of all, we pray for ourselves and all in our parish and community. Forgive us our many betrayals and denials of Christ. Enable us to share his sufferings and to know the power of his resurrection.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

Heavenly Father,
You are the source of life and health:
We give you thanks and praise for our creation and preservation
and for all the good things of this life.
Deliver us and your world from the Corona virus pandemic.
Keep us in health of body and spirit
ever rejoicing in your loving care;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Act of Penitence

Let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence is kept...

We confess.....

Almighty God, our heavenly Father

In penitence we confess
That we have sinned against you
Through, word, and deed
And in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
Forgive us all that is past
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your Name.

All say: Almighty God we ask you to have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

OFFERTORY/COLLECTION

(Monies & Gifts for the Poor & the Church)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(One who is unable to receive the Sacrament physically may make a spiritual communion, and be certain that Christ comes to him/her in this way as surely as he does in the Sacrament.)

Pray in Silence:

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.
May your body and blood be my food and drink.
May your passion and death be my strength and life.
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.
Let me not run from your love which you offer
but hold me safe from the forces of evil.
On each of my dying's shed your light and your love.
Keep calling to me until that day comes
when, with your saints, I may praise you for ever.
Amen

Or

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, refresh me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Let me never be separated from you.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me
and bid me come to you
that with your saints I may praise you
for ever and ever. Amen

SENT OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Most holy God, give us grace
To praise you not only with our lips
But also with our hearts and minds;
And grant that when our worship ends
We may continue to give you glory by our lives.
To the honour of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayer of Self Offering

**You have our trust, Father,
And our faith,
With our bodies
And all that we are and possess.
Help us to do with our bodies what we proclaim,
That our faith may be known to you
And to others,
And be effective in all the world.
Amen**

Doxology and Dismissal

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be
with us all forever. Amen**

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

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