



The **Scottish Episcopal Church**

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United Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway



Sixth Sunday of Lent:
Sunday 5 April 2020

Palm Sunday



Hosanna
in the highest!

Liturgy of the Palms
and
Liturgy of the Passion

Palm Sunday

Notes: Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the 'Great Week', the highpoint of the Church calendar, in which we celebrate the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, riding a donkey from the Mount of Olives to the acclaim of the crowds, fulfils messianic prophecies and gives expression to his kingship. His triumph is not complete until he has been crucified and raised from the dead. On this day Jesus is hailed by the pilgrim crowds, reflecting their expectation of liberation by a king of David's dynasty. The events of Palm Sunday, while confirming the identity of Jesus as the heir of David, are the prelude to a sequence of events in which popular Jewish notions of messiahship are quite fundamentally reinterpreted: Jesus is deserted, crowned with thorns, nailed to the cross, and buried in the tomb of a stranger, before he is raised to glory, his kingship universal and eschatological.

The liturgy of Palm Sunday has two emphases: the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and the Passion as a whole, of which this forms the prelude.

Where possible, the triumphal entry is recalled liturgically with a procession. If convenient, the congregation may gather in a hall or at an outdoor venue where the Liturgy of the Palms may begin. Where this is not possible, the procession takes place in the church, the Liturgy of the Palms being conducted near the main door.

Crosses made from palm leaves are now carried during the Palm Sunday procession in many churches. But the green branches of real palms, the olive tree, willow, rosemary, or yew, may just as appropriately be used.

Hosanna to the Son of David Orlando Gibbons from Ripon Cathedral
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5qddi1EGGE>

Liturgy of the Palms:

The Commemoration of the Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem

Greeting

Blessed be God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**And blessed be God's kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The presiding celebrant introduces the liturgy:

Dear friends in Christ, in our observance of Lent we have been preparing, by self-examination and spiritual discipline, to celebrate the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ. Today we begin the solemn celebration of our salvation through his death on the cross and his resurrection to glory. We now recall our Lord's entry as king into Jerusalem, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us follow him, that, as we died with Christ in our Baptism, so we may share his risen life.

Collect

Assist us Lord God of our salvation:

that we may enter with joy

into the celebration of those mighty acts

whereby you give us life and immortality;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, world without end.

Amen.

Gospel of the Palms for Year A Matthew 21.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When Jesus and the disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

'Go into the village ahead of you,
and immediately you will find a donkey tied,
and a colt with her;

untie them and bring them to me.

If anyone says anything to you, just say this,

"The Lord needs them."

And he will send them immediately.'

This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;

they brought the donkey and the colt,

and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,

and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Distribution of the Palms

Palms and/or other branches are brought to the presiding celebrant, who says:

Almighty and everlasting God,
may these palms [*and branches*] be for us
a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death;
and may we who have been baptised in his name,
worship him as king, obey him as Lord,
and follow him in the way of the Cross,
which leads to eternal life.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Psalm or hymn may be sung, during which the palms are distributed to the congregation.

The Procession

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 his cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us proceed in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The procession begins and we sing together Ride on ride on in majesty.
from YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MD9rMkIS1yw>*



Liturgy of the Passion

Collect of the Passion

Almighty God,
who, in your tender love for the human race,
sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take our nature upon him,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
giving us the example of his great humility:
mercifully grant,
that we may both follow the example of his passion,
and also, be made partakers of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word



Psalm 31 we watch the video from Youtube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgQYDDXETtM>

FIRST READING Philippians 2.5–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

7 but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

8 he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death –

even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

We sing together the hymn *Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us*

From YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QA_g98O42Q4

Passion Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
(No response is made)

*A presentation of the Passion is made based on Matthew 27.11-54
from YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MxmD8NzHuM>*

This is the Passion of the Lord *(No response is made)*

Silence is kept

A Sermon may be preached

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Lord,
. Lord have mercy

at the end of the biddings

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



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name

let us share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

We sing together the hymn *My song is love unknown*

From youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaR4DSjBLO4&t=111s>

Preparation of the Table

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth
is yours. All things come from you,
and of your own we give you.**



The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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 God thanks and praise.



Worship and praise belong to you,
maker of light and darkness.
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,
brings a harvest out of sorrow
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,
debts forgiven
and strangers made welcome

Your Spirit frees us
to live as sons and daughters
in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power
follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience,
now offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

(we sing Setting Mass of Christ Light of the Nations)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,
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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the Cross,
his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf our sins had made.

Through that dark struggle
death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,

freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
*"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."*

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
*"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end. **Amen.**



BREAKING OF THE BREAD



The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray: *or*

**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.
Do not bring us
to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has
commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**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.**

COMMUNION SONG *(we sing Setting Mass of Christ Light of the Nations)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Behold 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.**

Our Spiritual Communion prayer

During the music Be thou my vision from YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihJAJA4ibEs>

We make our Spiritual Communion as we pray privately

God of unending love,
you are present to us in Word and Sacrament.
With all around the world who gather to worship,
I offer you my praise and thanksgiving;
and though I cannot eat the bread of God,
or drink the royal wine of heaven,
I pray that I may know the fountain of your love drench my heart
and your Incarnate presence encompass me behind and before,
that through the power of your Spirit,
I may rejoice in the sure and certain hope
that I abide in your wondrous love now and for all eternity,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

And his mercy endures for ever.

Post Communion Prayer of the day

God our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food.
Strengthen our faith,
that through the death and resurrection of your Son
we may be led to salvation;
for he is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen**

General Thanksgiving Prayer

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
+ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Closing hymn to sing together *Servant King*

from youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrQiLEO4D5s>

DISMISSAL

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

Closing music

"Paean" by Peter Hurford (b. 1930)

Prelude for Palm Sunday, recorded 24 March 2013

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2wvUifT06U>

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