



The **Scottish Episcopal Church**

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United Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway



Sixth Sunday of Lent:  
Year B

# 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.**

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 B Mark 11.1-11

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

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them,

2 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?'

6 They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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**

### **FIRST READING** Isaiah 50.4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said:

4 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. 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards. 6 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.

7 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; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.



Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

## **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 31.9-16**

**R I have trusted in you, O Lord.**

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed. **R**

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies  
and even to my neighbours,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot. **R**

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.  
I have said, 'You are my God. **R**

15 My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me.' **R**

## **SECOND READING**    Philipians 2.5–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philipians.

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**

## **Passion Gospel**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 14.1 – 15.47

*(No response is made)*

1 It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread.  
The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way  
to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; 2 for they said,  
'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.'

3 While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,  
as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly  
ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his  
head.

4 But some were there who said to one another in anger,  
'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? 5 For this ointment could have  
been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the  
poor.'

And they scolded her.

6 But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. 9 Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them.

11 When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

12 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?'

13 So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, 14 say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"

15 He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.'

16 So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

17 When it was evening, he came with the twelve. 18 And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.'

19 They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, 'Surely, not I?'

20 He said to them, 'It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. 21 For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.'

22 While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.'

23 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.

24 He said to them,  
‘This is my blood of the covenant,  
which is poured out for many.  
25 Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that  
day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.’  
26 When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.  
27 And Jesus said to them,  
‘You will all become deserters; for it is written,  
“I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.”  
28 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.’  
29 Peter said to him,  
‘Even though all become deserters, I will not.’  
30 Jesus said to him,  
‘Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice,  
you will deny me three times.’  
31 But he said vehemently,  
‘Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.’  
And all of them said the same.  
32 They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,  
‘Sit here while I pray.’  
33 He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed  
and agitated.  
34 And said to them,  
‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.’  
35 And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed  
that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.  
36 He said, ‘Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup  
from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.’  
37 He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,  
‘Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?’  
38 Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;  
the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’  
39 And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.  
40 And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were  
very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.  
41 He came a third time and said to them,  
‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come;

the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

43 Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.

44 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.'

45 So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him.

46 Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

47 But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

48 Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? 49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.'

50 All of them deserted him and fled.

51 A certain young man was following Jesus, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, 52 but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

53 They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.

54 Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

55 Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none.

56 For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. 57 Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

58 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."'

59 But even on this point their testimony did not agree.

60 Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?'

61 But he was silent and did not answer.

Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?'

62 Jesus said, 'I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power," and "coming with the clouds of heaven."'

63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

'Why do we still need witnesses? 64 You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?'

All of them condemned him as deserving death.

65 Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, 'Prophecy!'

The guards also took him over and beat him.

66 While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. 67 When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.'

68 But he denied it, saying,

'I do not know or understand what you are talking about.'

And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed.

69 And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, 'This man is one of them.'

70 But again he denied it.

Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

'Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.'

71 But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

'I do not know this man you are talking about.'

72 At that moment the cock crowed for the second time.

Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.'

And he broke down and wept.

1 As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

2 Pilate asked him,

'Are you the King of the Jews?'

He answered him, 'You say so.'

3 Then the chief priests accused him of many things.

4 Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.'

5 But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

6 Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them,

anyone for whom they asked.

7 Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. 8 So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom.

9 Then he answered them,

‘Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’

10 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.

11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.

12 Pilate spoke to them again,

‘Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?’

13 They shouted back, ‘Crucify him!’

14 Pilate asked them, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’

But they shouted all the more, ‘Crucify him!’

15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

16 Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace

(that is, the governor’s headquarters);

and they called together the whole cohort. 17 And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.

18 And they began saluting him, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’

19 They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

20 After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him.

Then they led him out to crucify him.

21 They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

22 Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

23 And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.

24 And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

25 It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him.

26 The inscription of the charge against him read,

‘The King of the Jews.’

27 And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

29 Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 save yourself, and come down from the cross!'

31 In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself.

32 Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.'

Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

33 When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

34 At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?'

which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

35 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.'

36 And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.'

37 Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. **(BIG PAUSE)**

38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

39 Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

40 There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 41 These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

42 When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

44 Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time.

45 When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.

46 Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

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.**



## 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:

**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*

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

**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.**

**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**

**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**

*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.**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

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