

**Palm Sunday**  
**28 March 2021**



*The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.*  
*(Psalm 118:14)*

If you are joining us online for the first time, we extend a warm welcome to you and invite you to join in our worship by saying or singing the words printed in **bold**.

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**WELCOME:**

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Behold your King comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice. Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever; and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre. You have loved righteousness and hated evil. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## **OPENING HYMN: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

**Lord we lift up your name,  
With hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord my God,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!  
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**Lord we lift up your name,  
With hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord my God,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

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

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

*The people hold up their evergreen branches while this prayer is said by the priest:*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these evergreen branches 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. **Amen.**

**GRADUAL HYMN:        RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes “Hosanna” cry;  
O Saviour meek, purse thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**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.**

**THE PALM GOSPEL:        MARK 11: 1-11**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

And 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. (ESV)

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GRADUAL HYMN:        RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy angel squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**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 FOR PALM SUNDAY:**

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

*Silence.*

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love towards humanity, you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon himself 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 EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**HYMN: HOSANNA, PRAISE IS RISING** *(sung before and after the Psalm)*

**Praise is rising  
Eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You**

**When we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away  
Washed away  
Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises**

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus**

**Hear the sound of hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new  
You make us new**

**'Cause when we see You we find strength  
To face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away  
Washed away**

**PSALM: 118: 1-2, 19-20**

- [1] **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**
- [2] **Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**
- [19] **Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.**
- [20] **This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**
- [21] **I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**
- [22] **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**
- [23] **This is the LORD’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- [24] **This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- [25] **Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!**
- [26] **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

[27] **The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!**

[28] **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.**

[29] **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever! (ESV)**

**HYMN:                   HOSANNA, PRAISE IS RISING**

**THE SERMON:           THE REV. CHRIS DOW**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us. (said three times)**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CLOSING HYMN: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOUR**

**Refrain:**

*All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring*

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one. R**

**The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. R**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. R**

**To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee now high exalted our melody we raise. R**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. R**

## **BLESSING:**

May God 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. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL:**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Those in Need:** Miller & Margaret, Stephanie, Barb, Shireen & Irik, Anne, June, Marjorie, Muriel, Lois, Pam, Ross & Joan, Stan & Edna, Laurie, Caleigh, Rachael, Carey, Liz, Paul, Miller & Margaret.

**Our Deanery:** The Rev. Monique Taylor and the people of St. James the Apostle, Brampton; The Rev. Nelson Charles and the people of Stone Church, Brampton.

**Our Parish:** Anne Allengame, Diane Allengame & Jim Farmer, Linda & George Berney and their families.

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