



Distribution of the Palms

(The palms are distributed and are then held as the Minister proclaims the words of blessing)

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to give you our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the way of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. As he entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, the Hebrews acclaimed Jesus the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying 'Hosanna in the highest.'

May your blessing be upon these palms as signs of his love for us and triumph over evil; 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Ride on Ride on in Majesty

Blessing

May 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 may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Gift Aid Thank you to those people who have made their offering to the church by standing order or envelopes to enable us to claim back tax. If you are a tax payer please use envelopes or a standing order, so that we can claim the tax back. Envelopes are available each Sunday.

Thank you to those who have helped prepare our churches for worship, moving chairs, flowers, etc. It is very much appreciated.



Verse of Scripture:

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! *(Matthew Chapter 21:9)*

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

All: **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Leader: Come before him with joyful songs;

All: **Give thanks to him and praise his name! Amen.**

Leader:

During Lent we have been preparing for Easter. Our Lord Jesus Christ on this day 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 triumph of the resurrection, but we do so by the dark road of suffering and death. As we seek to be united with him in his suffering on the cross; may we share his resurrection and new life.

All: Lord Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph on this day, receiving the shouts and the welcome of many people. Come into this church today. Receive our welcome and our acclaim. Come to rule in our hearts and minds and help us to go out to proclaim you as ruler over all.

Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honour

Confession

On Palm Sunday, the crowds worshipped Jesus; on Good Friday they shouted for him to die. Let us who also worship him, confess that we sometimes reject him, and ask his forgiveness:
Lord Jesus Christ, you come to us in peace, but we sometimes shut the door of our mind against you.
In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in humility, but we prefer our own proud ways.
In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in judgement, but we cling to our familiar sins.
In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in majesty, but we will not have you to reign over us.
In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

Lord, forgive our empty praise, fill our loveless hearts; come to us and make our lives your home for ever. Amen.
(The Minister will proclaim the words of forgiveness)

The Offering

*After the offering is collected it is brought forward.
The people stand as it is presented and say*

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 do we give you.

Hymn

We Cry Hosanna Lord

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him 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*



Bible Readings

*Please find these in
Partnership News*

Isaiah 50 4-9a, Phil 2:5-11

Matthew 21:1-11

At the end of each reading

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn

Make Way, Make Way

The Sermon

The Rev Dr Sam Cappleman

Hymn

As water to the thirsty

Prayers

At the end of our prayers

Gathering our prayers together into one, we pray the prayer our Saviour taught us

The Lord's Prayer

**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**