



# The Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday

*The president says*

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

*All*           **and also with you.**

*The president introduces the service*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*If you have made crosses, then please hold them up at this point. Palm crosses will be blessed and left outside the church building for collection by anyone who wishes to.*

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

*All*           **Amen.**

## The Palm Gospel

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they 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?'<sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Procession

*President* Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:*

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

*Silence is kept.*

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.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*A Reading from Isaiah, Chapter 50 verses 4 to 9a*

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.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
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.

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;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

*A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians, chapter 2, verses 5 to 11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,

he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

*It is customary to stand during this Gospel reading. However, you are reminded that, as it is very long, anyone who finds this difficult is invited to sit.*

*Please kneel at the point in the narrative at which Christ dies, whilst the narrator pauses for a moment of silence.*

*When the Passion is announced the reader says*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*At the end*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please SIT or KNEEL*

God the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to bring unity to the human race through his suffering and death. Let us offer our prayers for the whole world.

*The following response may be used:*

let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*At the end*

Father, you allowed your Son to suffer for the salvation of the world. As you answer our prayers, give us grace to follow the example of Jesus, for he is Lord forever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### The Peace

*The President says*

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

*Ephesians 2.13,14*

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*At the preparation of the table this prayer is said by the President*

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.  
Amen

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The President says the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer and the congregation responds*

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president continues to say the Eucharistic Prayer ...*

... Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues ...*

... by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

*All* **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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

*The Agnus Dei is said by all as the bread is broken*

*All* **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## The Communion

*The president says*

Draw near in faith.  
This is the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Remember that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith and with thanksgiving.

*All*      **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president receives communion on behalf of all.*

## Prayer after Communion

*The President invites all to pray then says*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*All*      **Amen.**

*All*      **Faithful God,  
may we who share this banquet  
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our salvation, life and hope,  
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

## The Blessing

*The president says*

May the Father,  
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

*All*      **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.

*All*      **Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ  
that we may share his glory,  
set your minds on life and peace.

*All*      **Amen.**

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

*All*      **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*      **In the name of Christ. Amen.**