

Sunday 4th April 2020 - Palm Sunday

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.
Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Heavenly Father,

**we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.**

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 118

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.
2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦
the righteous shall enter through it.
21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦



- has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ♦
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
- 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; he has given us light; ♦
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will thank you; ♦
you are my God and I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

(The Gloria is omitted during Lent)

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 21: 1-11

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?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.
Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.
O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.
Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.
O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for Palm Sunday

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 our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for use daily during Lent

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create
and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive
from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help;
that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy attain
everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern
us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always
walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In our intercessions this morning we use this response:

Reader: Christ, by your passion,
Congregation: protect us.

The Blessing

In the passion of the Lord is your protection, in his suffering is your salvation, in his hurt is your healing, in his death is your
deliverance; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Prayer Of Dismissal

The King of Glory, the Prince of Peace comes to you. Hosanna, Praise God.
Hosanna in the Highest.

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Holy Week 2020 will take place this year online. Our speaker Bishop Trevor Williams has uploaded his sermons to YouTube. They will be available each evening from 7 p.m.. Each church will be uploading them simultaneously to their various websites and social media feeds.

If you can - try to set aside 7 p.m. each evening to listen.

Although we cannot actually be together as a Christian family this year this is something that we can do. A simple act of Christian togetherness as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter Day. The Monday to Friday evenings of Holy Week - 7 p.m..

THE BEATTITUDES

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are those who weep,
for they shall be consoled.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after justice,
for they shall be satisfied.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the children of God.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.



