

Palm Sunday The Liturgy of the Palms

*The Liturgy of Palms will start at the Parish Hall or any appropriate place outside the church.
Congregation to assemble in the Parish Hall or any other place.*

When all are gathered, the President begins

President: Hosanna to the Son of David, King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Congregation: **Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David.**

President: Grace and peace to you from God.
Congregation: **God fills you with truth and joy.**

Silence

President: **God of our Salvation, help us to enter into joy and into the celebration of those mighty acts by which you have given us fullness of life. through Jesus Christ and Redeemer. Amen.**

The Palm Gospel

Processional Gospel reading

Standing

The Palm Sunday Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Congregation: Glory to Christ our Saviour

After the Gospel reading

Congregation: Praise to Christ our Lord

Blessing of Palms

The Blessing of Palms.

President: The Lord is here
Congregation: **God's Spirit is with us.**

President: Let us give thanks to God
Congregation: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

President: Almighty God,
we thank you for these branches and crosses of palm.
By your blessing may they be for us signs
of the victory of your Son.
May we who carry them in his name
ever hail him as our sovereign,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Procession

President: Let us praise Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who
welcomed him to Jerusalem.
Let us proceed in peace.

Let us go in peace.
Congregation: **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

Distribution of the Palms and Palm Crosses.

**Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna /Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the
Highest/Ride On Ride On In Majesty/ (any other appropriate song)**

*(Procession will go around the church once or another other place and enter through the main
entrance)*

Introduction

When all are in their places, the Liturgy continues with the Intention for the Day

President: Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and
self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection.
Today we come together with the Church throughout the world to call to mind,
and to express in word and action, our Lord's Passover from death to life, which
is the centre of the Easter Mystery.

Today Christ enters in triumph into the Holy City, to complete his work as
Messiah; to suffer, to die, and to rise again to life.

Today we affirm our desire to follow him with a lively faith, so that, sharing his
sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

Collect for Passion Sunday

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards mankind 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 and the Holy Spirit. One God now and forever. Amen

The Ministry of the Word

All sit

First Reading: **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

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-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 backward. 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.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 31:9-16 (Responsive Reading) either sit or stand

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eyes waste away for grief, my throat also and my
inward parts.

**10 For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with
sighing: my strength fails me in my affliction, and
my bones are consumed.**

I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbors wag their heads in derision.

**12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

**14 For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**

15 While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

**16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said "You are my God."**

17 All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.

**18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: **Philippians 2:5-11**

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.

The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: He Is Exalted

The passion narrative is along reading and it can be read by two more people or it can be dramatized. You can involve all the people in the different ministries in the church for the drama. When the passion narrative is read, you may opt to give a sermon. However, if can still give a sermon.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Gospel of Luke. **(each year a different synoptic Gospel is read and check the lectionary)**

(Presented by the Lay Readers and members of the congregation)

Luke 22:14—23:47

INTERCESSION

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession
through Christ who gave himself for the lift of the world.

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 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.

All 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.**

CONFESSION

Celebrant: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins to be our advocate in heaven, and bring us to eternal life. Hear the words of challenge and comfort: let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all men.

All: Almighty God, Creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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

Greeting of Peace

President: Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

Congregation: **We meet in his name and share his peace.**

President: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: Thou Didst Leave Throne (or any other song)

To be said after the President has given thanks for the elements and offertory

Celebrant: Eternal God You caused the grain to grow and from it we have made this Bread; we offer it to you that it may become for us the Bread of Life. Grant that we who shall receive it may be united in the bond of love.

All: Blessed be God forever

Celebrant: God Almighty accept this Wine we have made from your gifts may it become our spiritual drink; that whoever shall receive it may be refreshed and renewed for your service.

All: Blessed be God forever

Celebrant: Pray brothers and sisters that our sacrifice of thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

**All: 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

President: The Lord is here.

Congregation: **His Spirit is with us.**

President: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving shall be said with seasonal additions

President: It is indeed right ... *(follow the prayer book)*

Seasonal preface

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

Congregation: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
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.**

President: Accept our praises, Heavenly Father, ...*(follow the prayer book)*

Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Congregation: Let us proclaim the saving act of Christ

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

President: Therefore, heavenly Father, ...*(follow the prayer book)*
in songs of everlasting praise.

Congregation: **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence may be kept (silence should be observed)

President: Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins as Jesus taught us

Congregation: **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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Communion

President: We break this bread to share in Christ's body once
broken. Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

Congregation: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him.**

Congregation: **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

President: Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

Holy Communion is administered in the customary manner

After Communion

Jesus said, Father, if this cup may not pass from me, but I must drink it, your will be done. (*Matthew 26:42*)

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.
Amen.

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

Blessing

President: Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; and may Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground of 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**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Congregation: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Hymn: Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (any other appropriate song/hymn)