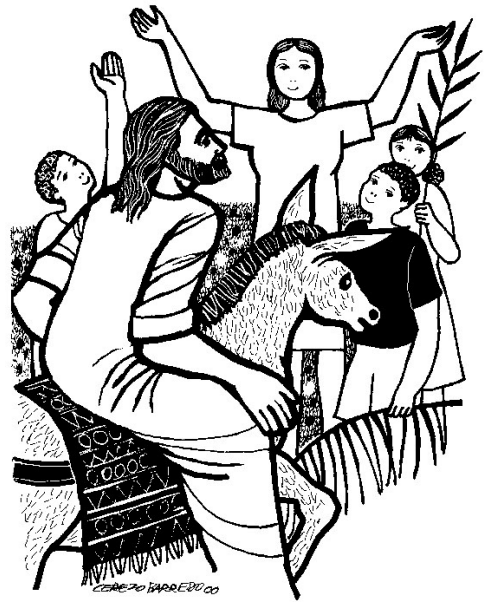


PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

13 April 2025

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LITURGY OF THE PALMS

‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’

Introduction, Distribution & Blessing of Palm Crosses

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**All: ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

Luke 19.28-40

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day

enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Let us praise Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem. **In the name of Christ. Amen.** [*Process into the church singing*]

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments
strowed.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring
eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your pow'r and
reign.

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, 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.

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death on the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

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?

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses from Psalm 31 alternately.

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they flee from me.

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; I have become like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side; they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.

But my trust is in you, O Lord. I have said, 'You are my God.

'My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

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

Lord, let me not be confounded for I have called upon you; but let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

Let the lying lips be put to silence that speak against the righteous with arrogance, disdain and contempt.

Psalm 31.9-18

A reading from Paul's letter to the Christians in Philippi:

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.

Philippians 2.5-11

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (see order of service)
...Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,
'Certainly this man was innocent.' ...

(Luke 22.14-23.56/23.1-49)

At the end of the reading please sit for a few minutes' silent reflection then we will proceed with communion.

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: City on a Hill West, Maribyrnong (Luke Nelson); The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Trinity College & Theological School (Robert Derrenbacker, Dean); The Church of England (Archbishopric of Canterbury Vacant); St John's Camberwell; St Peter's Craigieburn; Holy Trinity Surrey Hills

For the parish: For those who help us worship or nurture our faith: eucharist assistants, musicians, home groups, the Mainly Music team, meditation and intercessors. May they be inspired by the way Jesus encouraged faith in others.

For the sick & in need, and those who have need of strength, courage and peace in their journey: Morgan, Dina, Keiran & Paul, Deirdre B, John B, Barry B, Lorraine D, Lydia E, Peggy F, Nan L, Jane M, Janet N, Stephen P, Elizabeth P, Pauline R, Hadyn R, Jenny S, Yvonne S, Susan T-J, Sharon V, Ray & Marion W and those known to us in need of our prayers

Year's mind

14th Lois Claydon (1998)

19th Donald Walker (2006)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

14th Leah Jenkinson