



Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion

April 5, 2020 Virtual Service

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on
him the name which is above every name. Philippians 2:8-9

The Bishop welcomes the community which gathers online

Bishop Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
All Hosanna in the highest.

Presider

The Rev. Barbara Liotskos

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ 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 glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray The Lord be with you.
And also with you
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop now blesses some Palm Crosses which will be available when in-person gatherings resume. We now sing together:

1 He came riding on a donkey, (Voices United 124)
he came riding into town;
slow and easy kind of lowly,
he came riding with the dawn.

His disciples walked beside him,
staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them,
on to live or on to die.

But all the morning sang his praises;
waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David;
riding on to take his throne.

2 Then the children gathered singing,
shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing,
“Hosannas” filled the morning air.

**Timid adults strained to see him,
caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him,
branches flashing in the sun.**

**So all the city sang his praises;
waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Son of David;
our Messiah, Son of God.**

- 1. In our fasting and our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.**

**Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us
blessed is he who brings his love. x2**

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading Philippians 2: 5-11

Melissa Green

Gospel Hymn (Common Praise 219)

**The glory of our King was seen
when he came riding by,
and all the children waved and sang,
Hosanna, King most high!"**

**The glory of our King was seen
when, with his arms stretched wide
to show his love to everyone,
Jesus was crucified.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (read by three readers)

Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ

The proclamation ends in silence

The Homily The Dean

Hymn

**People draw near to God in their distress,
pleading for help and begging peace and bread,
rescue from guilt and sickness, nearly dead.
Christian or not, all come in helplessness.**

(Common Praise 201)

**People draw near when they see God's distress,
find God rejected, homeless without bread,
burdened with sin and weakness, nearly dead.
Christians reach out to meet God's wretchedness.**

**And God draws near to people in distress,
feeding their souls and bodies with his bread;
Christian or not, for both he's hanging dead,
forgiving, from the cross, their wickedness.**

Prayers of the People

Melissa Green

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Announcements

The Dean

Territory announcements and Episcopal Blessing

The Bishop

Closing Hymn

(Songs For A Gospel People 20)

**Lord Jesus of you I will sing as I journey.
I'll tell all my neighbours about you wherever I go.
You alone give us life, give us peace, give us love.
Lord Jesus, of you I will sing as I journey.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears
for you save us by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey,
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side,
And with all of the people you saved by your love,
we'll sing to the dawn at the end of our journey.**