

LITURGY OF
PALM SUNDAY

We begin our service outside the church.

The Gathering

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Greeting

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

All and also with you.

Introduction

President 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.

The people hold up palms or branches while the following prayer is said.

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 palms are blessed with holy water.

The Palm Gospel

Luke 19.28–40

Minister of the Word Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Minister of the Word When Jesus 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.

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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, '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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Procession

President Let us go forth, praising Jesus our
Messiah.

*We process to church, holding our palms aloft
and singing a hymn.*

HYMN - All glory, laud and honour

On arrival at church

HYMN - Ride on, ride on in majesty

On arrival in church, the palm crosses of worshippers there are blessed.

The Collect

*After the procession, when all are in their places, 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.

President True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading – Read by Michael

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?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

At the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – read by Gloria

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

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 of the reading ...

<i>Reader</i>	This is the word of the Lord.
<i>All</i>	Thanks be to God.

HYMN - Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

The Passion Reading – Luke 22 v 14 – 23 v 56

There is a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel by many voices. When the Passion is announced, the reader says ...

<i>Reader</i>	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
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At the end, the reader says ...

<i>Reader</i>	This is the Passion of the Lord.
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No response is made.

Sermon

After the sermon, there is a period of silence.

Prayers of Intercession - led by Roberta

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

<i>Reader</i>	For forgiveness
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<i>All</i>	for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
<i>Reader</i>	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.
<i>All</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Reader</i>	For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>All</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Reader</i>	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.
<i>All</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Reader</i>	For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>All</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Reader</i>	For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>All</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Reader</i>	For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>All</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Reader</i>	For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,

feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.
All Lord, have mercy.

Reader For those who are tempted
to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord
All Lord, have mercy.

Reader That we,
with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.
All Lord, have mercy.

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President 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.

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

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn - It is a thing most wonderful

Preparation of the Table

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.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

All 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 Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;

he took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President Therefore, Father,
with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you
to plead for us and all the world.

All This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

President Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All 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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
All we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

The Agnus Dei may be used 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.

(or)

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world. Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.
All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.

Prayer before Distribution

Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of
your Son, that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

HYMN - Glory be to Jesus

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion or other suitable prayer is said.

Notices – given by Liz

Final Prayer

Minister We say together:
of the
Word

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.

Blessing and Sending Out

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

President 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.

President 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.

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

All Amen.

President Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn - The royal banners forward go

Our worship is over: our service begins.