

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Lillington

PALM SUNDAY



*"Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord"*

Hymn 1 - Ride on, ride on in majesty 640

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Introduction

Dear friends 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 Blessing of the Palm Crosses

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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession

Loving God, this special day is here: the turning point;
heights of fame and fortune slide towards pain and death.
Exalted by the humility of a donkey and the cheers of children,
crowds shout: 'Hosanna'.

**Had we been there we would have joined in the roar of praise,
lifted hearts and voices, exclaimed: 'Hosanna'.**

And then so soon, only days; the crowd turned and bayed
like a pack of wolves for your blood.

**Had we been there we confess, Lord, we would have joined them,
cursing when we should have praised.**

**So we come, humbly, hands empty, awaiting the
darkness of Friday and beyond, to the light of Easter.**

**Take our faithlessness, wipe it clean and lead us on that we may
glorify your name in all we say and do. Amen.**

Absolution

The Collect for Palm Sunday

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.**

The Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading

This is the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

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The Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to *N*
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Address

Words of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine, He did not cling to equality with God,
But made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a servant, He was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death -
Even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore, God has raised him on high
And given him the name above every name:
And at the name of Jesus every knee should bow
And every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord
To the Glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Prayers

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you: my peace I give you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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The Preparation

Jesus Christ welcomes to this celebration all the children of his kingdom on earth.

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

**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 Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father,
for all your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us.
**You came to meet us in your Son,
welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might sit
and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and,
with a love stronger than death,
he made for all a perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night before he died he came to table with his friends
and taking bread, he gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them saying:
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins
do this in remembrance of me.
Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, send your Holy Spirit on us now;
may this bread and this wine,
be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven
for ever praising you and saying:
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The Communion

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
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.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

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.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

After Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us and blessing us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

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The Blessing

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and all whom you love this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn1 – Ride on, ride on in majesty - 640

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast, pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

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

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Hymn 2 – You are the king of glory - 849

You are the King of Glory
You are the Prince of Peace
You are the Lord of heaven and earth
You're the Son of righteousness
Angels bow down before You
Worship and adore for
You have the words of eternal life
You are Jesus Christ the Lord

Chorus

Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the King of Kings
Glory in the highest heaven
for Jesus the Messiah reigns

Hymn 3 - At the name of Jesus 52

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word:

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

Truly, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.

Hymn 4 – All glory, laud and honour - 12

All glory, laud and honour,
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and Blessèd One.

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on High,
And mortals joined with all things
Created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems

Before Thee we present.
To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise,
To thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

Readings

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.

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ 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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was 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, ³⁸ saying,

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

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”