

Palm Sunday+ An Order for Morning Prayer

To you O saving three in One,
let homage due by all be done,
**and grant us, by the cross restored,
to share in Christ, the great reward.**

Lord have Mercy: **Lord Have Mercy**
Christ have Mercy: **Christ have mercy**
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The Psalms: 24 & 29

Psalm 24 *Domini est terra*

- ¹ The earth is the Lord's and all ¹that is in it, *
the world and all who ¹dwell therein.
- ² For it is God who founded it up-¹on the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers ¹of the deep.
- ³ "Who can ascend the hill ¹of the Lord *
and who can stand in the holy ¹place of God?"
- ⁴ "Those who have clean hands and ¹a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what ¹is a fraud.
- ⁵ They shall receive a blessing ¹from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of ¹their salvation."
- ⁶ Such is the generation of ¹those who seek you, *
of those who seek your face, O ¹God of Jacob.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O ever-¹lasting doors; *
and the One who reigns in glory ¹shall come in.
- ⁸ "Who is this ¹glorious One?"
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, might-¹y in battle."
- ⁹ Lift up your ¹heads, O gates;
lift them high, O ever-¹lasting doors; *
and the One who reigns in glory ¹shall come in.
- ¹⁰ "Who is this ¹glorious One?"*
"The Lord of hosts,
the Lord who ¹reigns in glory."

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

- ¹ Ascribe to the ¹Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glo-¹ry and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due ¹the divine name; *
worship the Lord in the beau-¹ty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of ¹glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the ¹mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a pow-¹erful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a ¹voice of splendour.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the ¹cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the ce-¹dars of Lebanon,
- ⁶ and makes Lebanon skip ¹like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a ¹young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice ¹of the Lord *
splits the ¹flames of fire;
- ⁸ the voice of the Lord ¹shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilder-¹ness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the ¹oak trees writhe *
and strips the ¹forests bare.
And in the temple ¹of the Lord *
all are ¹crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned a-¹bove the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for ¹evermore.
- ¹¹ The Lord shall give strength ¹to this people; *
the Lord shall give this people the bles-¹sing of peace.

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you
double.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church: **Thanks be to God**

We hold a moment of silence and then share how we hear the Spirit speaking to us through the written words of scripture.

Palm Sunday by Malcom Guite

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

Intercessions

Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace for each of us, for those we love and for those we struggle to love.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has loved us.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world, especially ...

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need, especially.....

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church this holy week through the power of his life-giving Spirit. **Lord, have mercy**

Amen.

The Collect

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.

Amen.

Let us pray as our Saviour teaches us:

**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.**

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

Amen.