

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions  
Palm/Passion Sunday - March 28, 2021**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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**

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Mark 11:1-11

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The celebrant then says the following blessing.*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues,*

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.**

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark all the tribes "Hosanna" cry;  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy 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 angel squandrions 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 expects 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.

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**The Proclamation of the Word**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Jesus, Lover of my soul.*

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.  
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find!  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness:  
false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

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Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 15:1-39

A reflection on the readings (written by the Ven. Glen Miller)

**Affirmation of Faith**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

**Go To Dark Gethsemene**

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power,  
your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgement hall; view the Lord of life arraigned.  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the grief his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time - God's own sacrifice complete.

"It is finished," hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die. James Montgomery (1771-1854) Public domain

**Prayers** (see litany below)

Our prayers have been requested for: Thelma, Joanne, Wendy, Vivian, Spruce, Cindy, Dan, front line workers who continue to serve in the midst of this pandemic, the homeless and those who care for them, and our Archbishop Anne, our Honourary Assistant the Rt. Rev. Tom Corston, and the Lay Readers who serve this parish family as we walk this difficult road together.

**14 Lent (With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")**

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Collect of the day**

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross.

May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's prayer**

#### **The Head That Once was Crowned With Thorns**

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love and grants his name to know.

To whom the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given,  
their name an everlasting name, their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with the Lord below, they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore his life and health, though shame and death to him,  
his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme. Thomas Kelly (1769-1855), Public Domain

### **A Lenten Blessing**

May the God of mercy transform you by his grace, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

### **Dismissal**

*Then may be said or sung,*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God!**

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