

Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove

PALM SUNDAY 2021



Gather Outside with Palms

Gather near the front stairs on Jubilee Terrace.

P: Hosannah to the Son of David, the King of Israel!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosannah in the highest!

The Lord be with you
And also with you

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year. During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection.

With Christians throughout the world, we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery: our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah: to suffer, to die and to rise to new life. Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

Blessing of the Palms

All may hold up their palms for this blessing.

P: Sovereign God,
we thank you for these branches and crosses of palm.
By your blessing may they be for us
signs of the suffering and victory of your Son.
May we who carry them in his name
ever hail him as our Messiah,
and follow him in the way of the cross
that leads to eternal life.
In the name of Christ who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

P: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 11,
beginning at verse 1

Hosannah in the highest

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Palm Procession

Let us praise Jesus our Messiah,
as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

Let us proceed in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

We pause at the sanctuary to pray:

God of all,

you gave your only-begotten Son

to take the form of a servant,

and to be obedient even to death on a cross:

give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus

that, sharing in his humility,

we may come to be with him in his glory,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Song: Hosanna, Hosanna (TiS 724)

LA: We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we gather today - the Yuggera and Ugarapul people. We celebrate their culture, thank them for their care of the land, and pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

LA: At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2.10–11

Isaiah 50.4-9a

⁴ 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.
⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
⁶ 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.
⁷ 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;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ 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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God

Psalm 31.9-18

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.
¹⁰ **For my life wears out in sorrow,**

**and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹ I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

**¹² I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

¹³ I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

**¹⁴ For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**

¹⁵ While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

**¹⁶ But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'**

¹⁷ All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.

**¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

Philippians 2.5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

LA: Hymn: The King of Glory Comes (TiS 279)

Sermon

Silence

LA: Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

LA: THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

I ask you to pray for the peace of Jerusalem,
and for all the nations of the world.
Pray for enemies to be reconciled and for justice to be done.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

I ask you to pray for candidates for baptism and confirmation,
and for Christians everywhere.
Pray for courage and integrity in following the way of the cross.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

I ask you to pray for all who offer their gifts to Christ,
and for those who have betrayed his trust in them.
Pray for love and loyalty in all our relationships.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

I ask you to pray for the sick and all prisoners,
and for people preparing to die.
Pray for healing, freedom, and hope.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

I ask you to pray for the forgiveness of
our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Pray for pardon and peace.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

I ask you to give thanks for all the saints,
and for the resurrection light that shines on them.
Remember those who have died.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Holy God,
hear the prayers of your Church.
Forgive our sins,
and send us the grace we need
to be faithful followers of our crucified and risen Lord,
for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

P: Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace, maintaining 1.5m separation and without touching.

HYMN: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (TiS 275)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;
where life was lost, there life has been restored.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our saviour has taught us, we are confident to say:
**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.**

Breaking of the bread

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

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

Jesus is the lamb of God
Who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion Hymn (not announced): Praise to the Holiest in the Height (TiS 141)

God our help and strength,
through these holy mysteries
confirm our faith,
that by the death and resurrection of your Son
we may walk in the way of salvation.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Announcements

Please stand as you are able for the blessing:

Grant, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may
be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet
mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

HYMN: All Glory, Praise and Honour (TiS 333)

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