



# Palm Sunday

at St Paul's,  
Ashgrove

Matthew 21:1-11

Rev Dr Margaret Wesley

## The Revolution Begins

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.**

### The Procession

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

Let's proceed in peace.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

As we enter the church and take our seats, we sing *Hosanna, Hosanna* (TiS 724), reproduced with permission

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest, (2X)  
Lord, we lift up your name, with our hearts full of praise,  
Be exalted, O Lord, our God,  
Hosanna in the highest!

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings! (2X)  
Lord, we lift up your name, with our hearts full of praise,  
Be exalted, O Lord our God,  
Glory to the King of kings!

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the King of kings! (2X)

Lord, we lift up your name, with our hearts full of praise,  
Be exalted, O Lord our God,  
Jesus is the King of kings!  
(Repeat if necessary until all are seated)

**God of the nations,  
whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace,  
have mercy on our broken and divided world.  
Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all  
and banish from them the spirit that makes for war,  
that all races and peoples may learn to live  
as members of one family  
and in obedience to your law,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**God who made our home,  
And made your home with us,  
Yet often had no place to lay your head,  
Have mercy today on all who have no home.  
Provide shelter and protection,  
A future and a hope,  
To all whose beds tonight will be unsafe, unstable or exposed.  
Grant wisdom and compassion,  
To everyone with power or resources  
To provide housing solutions,  
So that all may live in peace  
And share with equity and thanksgiving  
The good things you provide  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### **A Reading from the Jewish Scriptures: Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

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. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

#### **Psalm 118: 1-2; 19-29**

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
**his mercy endures for ever!**
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim:  
**his mercy endures for ever!**
- <sup>19</sup> Open the gates of righteousness:  
**and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**
- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord:

**the righteous shall enter it.**

<sup>21</sup> I will praise you, for you answered me:

**and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected:

**has become the head of the corner.**

<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing:

**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made:

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup> O Lord, save us, we pray:

**O Lord, provide what we need.**

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:

**from the house of the Lord we bless you.**

<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and gives us light:

**guide the festal procession up to the altar of our Lord.**

<sup>28</sup> You are my God and I will praise you:

**you are my God, I will exalt you.**

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good:

**and God's mercy endures for ever.**

### **New Testament Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Song:** The King of Glory Comes (TiS 279)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 21, beginning at verse 1.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.'

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> 'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

<sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**'Hosanna to the Son of David!**

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

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Sermon**

**Silence**

**Nicene Creed**

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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

Congregational response:

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **The Greeting of Peace**

As we come together to praise Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords  
we are his body and

**His Spirit is with us**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*While we will now be passing around the collection bowls again you may like to also consider giving electronically through your bank. St Paul's bank details are Name: Ithaca-Ashgrove Anglican Parish BSB: 704901 Acc NO: 00004420*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever**

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.**

...And praise you forever, 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 the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

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

...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 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.  
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 all who mourn the brokenness of our world,  
All who hunger for justice,  
All who thirst for truth,  
All who reach out their hands for the bread of life  
Be found in Christ  
**And Christ in us.**

**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.**

*Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available (please ask).  
If you prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing (keep your hands  
behind your back).*

*With the high incidence of Covid and influenza in the community we ask you to:*

- *Maintain physical distancing of 1.5m as you move forward*
- *Use hand sanitiser before receiving the bread and wine*
- *NOT intinct (dip the bread in the wine)*
- *Take wine only if you are free from symptoms and free of anxiety about drinking from the common cup. Be assured that Christ is present in you and for you as you receive the bread alone.*

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.  
**Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.**

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Song:** All Glory, Praise and Honour (TiS 333)

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Join us for morning tea after the service!

## Upcoming events

Tue 4 April

**Chrism Eucharist** at St John's Cathedral – 7pm, our new Archdeacon David Ruthven will be Collated at this service



For **Maundy Thursday Service** please **BYO hand towel** and arrive 30min early (if possible) if you are bringing food or if you are able to help set up

Mon 17 April, 7.30pm

**Book Club** in the Crypt. If you would like to join you are very welcome. Just speak to one of the Bookclubbers. The chosen book is **Sense and Sensibility** by **Jane Austen**

**Playgroup** - weekly on a Friday from 9.30-11.30am during school terms. \$4 per week to cover cost. Registered Playgroup with Play Matters.

**Bible Study and Morning Prayer** every Wednesday morning. **Prayer** from 9:05am and **Bible Study** from 9.45. Everyone welcome!

### For your prayers

**The Archbishop Election Committee as they discern who will be our next Archbishop.** Ian, Wayne, Gemma and Yen, David, Revd Sue and the Goonaneman Parish, The Ward Family, Barb, Elizabeth, Melvie Rose, Sam, Kate, Liam, John, Revd Jack, Genevieve, Revd Margaret's niece, Nick, The Paul Family and the LAMB Medical Ministry in Bangladesh. We give thanks for the continued good health of Anni. And for Joy, Margaret S and Romola who are at home or in a nursing home.