

May your Church today be filled with all manner of people united by the cross and celebrating our unity in your Son.  
Lord of the Church,  
**hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**An Act of Spiritual Communion may be made here:**

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father.  
**Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, have mercy upon us/me,  
forgive us/me all our/my sins  
and keep us/me in eternal life. Amen.

**Prayer of Communion**

Crucified Lord, lover of all humankind,  
I cannot receive you, at this time, in the sacrament of Holy Communion,  
but I desire with all my heart to receive you into my soul.  
Come now, I pray, and visit me spiritually within my heart.  
*(Pause for brief reflection on the presence of Christ with you.)*  
Fill me with your divine life  
that I may be wholly united to you.  
Never let me be separated from you, and, by your grace,  
assist me always to be your true disciple and servant. Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Final Prayer**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace. Amen.



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# An Order for Palm Sunday at home and Holy Week



## **Palm Sunday or Holy Week** Readings and Prayers

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.

Brothers and Sisters 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 in our homes we begin the 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 Palms**

**God our Saviour,**  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem 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. Amen.

**The Palm Sunday Gospel** Matthew 21.1 - 11 is read.

### **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Passion according to St. Matthew** 27.11-54 is read.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds we are healed.

### **The Song of Christ the Servant**

Christ suffered for you leaving you an example:\*

that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips:\*\nwhen he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

When he suffered he did not threaten:\*\nbut he trusted in God who judges justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree:\*\nthat we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed,\nfor you were straying like sheep:\*\nbut have now returned  
to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls. Amen.

### **Intercession** *Between each petition, R/. Lord, have mercy.*

Let us pray to the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent  
his only Son to give us life.

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry your Son's cross.  
Give us grace to lift heavy loads off those who are over-burdened....

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes.  
Look with forgiveness on those who make a profit from their victims.

The thief looked for a place in the coming of your kingdom,  
and received your Son's words of hope and comfort.  
Give hope, healing and peace to all who look death in the face....

In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross.  
Fill our relationships, and those of new families today,  
with mutual care and responsibility....

The centurion was astonished to see your glory in the crucified Lord  
Open the eyes of those who are not yet your people  
to see in your Son the meaning of life and death....

Nicodemus came to take your Son's body away.  
Give gentleness, hope and faith to all who minister to the dying and  
bereaved, and courage to those whose faith is secret....  
Simon and Nicodemus, Mary and John,  
became part of your Church in Jerusalem.