



The Blyth Valley
Team Ministry



hosanna
he is here
blessed

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
C-19 ADAPTED

The Blessing of Palms

Today is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. We accompany Jesus as he enters the holy city of Jerusalem. The crowds shout ‘hosanna’; soon they will shout ‘crucify’. We accompany Jesus this week. On Thursday he will wash our feet and give himself to us in bread and wine. Then Judas will betray him and soldiers will arrest him in the garden. On Friday he will be put to death on a cross. On Sunday he will burst from the tomb and Mary Magdalene will meet him in another garden. In living and dying and rising, he shows how much God loves us. But today we shout ‘hosanna’.

We hold up our palm crosses for them to be blessed:

Loving God,
Your Son Jesus entered Jerusalem on this day
To suffer and to die upon the cross;
Bless these palms that we may never forget his victory.
May we who carry them always tell the world
That he is Lord and King
Amen.

The Gathering

Silence is kept.

The Priest may say a Sentence.

Priest: In the name ✠ of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

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 your Son our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-end

Music

John 12: 12-16

Sermon:

The prayers:

The peace: (*please stand*) (*please unmute*)

May the God of hope fill you all with all joy and peace in believing,
So that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

We greet one another with a sign of peace

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer of offering:

Holy God, by your Spirit's power transform the lives we offer, that we may love and serve you. Transform these gifts we offer, that they may be for us Christ's Body and his Blood.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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 thanks and praise.

God our loving Father, we are glad to give you thanks and praise

Because you love us so much. With Jesus we sing your praise:

Hosanna in the highest!

Because you love us, you gave us this wonderful and beautiful

world to look after. With Jesus we sing your praise:

Hosanna in the highest!

Because you love us, you sent Jesus your Son to bring us home to your love and to gather round him as the children of one family.

With Jesus we sing your praise:

Hosanna in the highest!

For such great love that lasts forever, we thank you with the angels and saints and all the heavenly host as they praise you and say:

Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

The liturgy of the Sacrament

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

My heart is glad to say the words:

You are holy, Lord.

**Blessed, blessed, blessed,
the one who comes in God's name.**

My heart is glad to say the words:

You are blessed, Lord.

Blessed be Jesus, whom you sent to be the friend of children, the poor and those whom others reject. He came to show us how we can love you, Father, by loving one another.

He came to take away everything that keeps us from your love and from loving one another. He promised to send the Holy Spirit, to be with us always so that we can live as your children and sing:

**Blessed, blessed, blessed,
the one who comes in God's name.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are blessed, Lord.**

God our Father, we now ask you to send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The night before he died, Jesus your Son showed us how much you love us. When he was at supper with his disciples, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. Then he broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said:

Take this, all of you and eat it;
this is my body which will be given up for you.
Jesus died and lives for us.

When supper was ended Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:
Take this all of you and drink from it;
This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Jesus died and lives for us.

And so he said to them: do this in memory of me.

And so, loving Father, we remember that Jesus died and rose again to save the world.

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you

Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours. Almighty Father, for ever and ever.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen**

The breaking of bread:

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

The giving of communion:

Behold 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.**

The Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,
We ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Giving of Communion to those present

The post communion prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

O Christ, you entered the city as a poor man,
not in style, but simply,
yet you still caused uproar and questions everywhere;
You drew the expectations of a hungry crowd,
and brought buried conflicts to the light.
May we, who are sometimes swayed by the crowd's approval,
and who often avoid conflict
for fear of its cost to us,
hold fast to the gospel of peace and justice
and follow faithfully in your way of compassion and solidarity
with those who are poor and excluded,
wherever it may lead us.
Amen.

The Dismissal and Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

Reflection to take away with you



Palm Sunday celebrations in the face of oppression is familiar still and we are always being confronted by the same problems and social issues Jesus faced in an uneasy and occupied city, Jerusalem, where religious discord, social unrest and oppression, prejudice and hatred all rippled under the surface. Jesus' friends find themselves on the losing side. They had to give up their quiet lives. They had to give up what security and status they had. They had to give up their previous identity, let go of the past, their families and friends. All of the things that made them who they were. They had to give up their prejudices and preferences. Some of them had to give up their lives. As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, let us pray for the courage to face similar (if less drastic) challenges especially at this time, after 12 months of the challenges of C-19 and its impact.

Palm Sunday



Going up to Jerusalem

Loving God, at this time,
we remember that going up to Jerusalem
cost Jesus his very life.

So we come before you,
conscious of the way religious words
and holy phrases
can slip so easily from our lazy lips
and our hardened hearts.

What do we really know
of your mountainous truth,
your rock-hard integrity,
the depth of your suffering
for love of us all?

Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith.



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