

# Palm Sunday



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 10am

Holy Trinity

Headington Quarry

## *Words of welcome*

### **Hymn**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice;  
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand  
Till all His foes submit,  
And bow to His command,  
And fall beneath His feet:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

## Greeting

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

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

## Introduction

Dear 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 we come together to begin this 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 Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and his glory:

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.  
**Amen.**

**Philippians 2: 5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please hold a palm branch or cross as this prayer is said:*

God our Saviour,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah  
to suffer and to die; bless these palms,  
that they may be for us signs of his victory  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Hymn

*All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of Angels  
Is praising thee on high,  
And mortal men, and all things  
Created make reply. *Refrain.*

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present. *Refrain*

To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the praise we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

## The Palm Gospel

### Matthew 21: 1-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'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.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!'

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

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Homily**

The Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.**

**We believe and trust in Jesus Christ His Son.**

**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe and trust in the Three in One**

*From the Northumbrian Community*

## Prayers

Let us pray to the Lord,  
who is our refuge and stronghold

*The response to the prayers is:*

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God

*Silence is kept*

## The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross, let us pray with confidence as  
our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## Song

From heaven you came helpless babe  
Entered our world, your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
You gave your life that we might live

*This is our God, The Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
'Yet not My will but Yours,' he said  
*This is our God ...*

Come see his hands and his feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered  
*This is our God ...*

So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
for it is Christ we're serving  
*This is our God ...*

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## **The 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 with you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **The Grace**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore. Amen**