

Palm Sunday

5 April 2020 Morning Prayer, Second Order

A Prayer Book for Australia

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Gathering in God's name

The Minister reads one or more of these or other suitable sentences of Scripture

Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,
the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Hebrews 13.15

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honour and glory and praise!

Revelation 5.12

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,
who was, and is, and is to come!

Revelation 4.8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

Open our lips, O Lord,
and we shall declare your praise.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing to celebrate 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 as the Prince of Peace to finish his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again and to win for us the peace that passes all understanding. We go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life and his peace.

The people of Jerusalem hailed Jesus as Messiah on Sunday and called for his death on Friday. We who have claimed Jesus as our Lord with our lips this day all too often deny him with our lives. For this difference between our confession and our conduct, let us confess our sins to God in penitence and faith, knowing that he who prayed "Father forgive" intercedes for us.

Silence may be kept

The Minister continues

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

**God of all mercy,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

The Minister stands and declares God's forgiveness

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The minister may read one of these sentences of Scripture

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1–2*

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the perfect offering for our sins. *1 John 4.10*

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures for ever!
Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.
Come, let us sing to the Lord,
shout to the rock of our salvation.
Serve the Lord with gladness,
come before his face with songs of joy.

The Ministry of the Word

The Minister says

Heavenly Father,
 give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,
 may we know you better,
 love you more,
 and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

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¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 21: 1-17

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ ‘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.’

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!’

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

¹² Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, ‘It is written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer”;
but you are making it a den of robbers.’

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’, they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise for yourself”?’

¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

The Sermon
(Available separately)

Affirmation of Faith

Based on Philippians 2:5-11

**We believe that Christ Jesus was in very nature God
yet he humbled himself
and made himself nothing
taking the very nature of a servant.**

**We believe that in becoming one of us
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death
even death on a cross.**

**We believe that because of this
God has exalted him to the highest place,
giving him the name that is above every name.**

**We bow before him and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.**

We believe we should share his attitude of humble service.

The Ministry of Prayer

The Minister says

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

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**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.**

The Minister continues

**Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,
let your glory cover the earth.**

**Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth.**

**Let your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Send out your light and your truth,
that we may tell of your saving works.
Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.
Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we put our trust in you.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Prayers

A Minister

Let your requests be made known unto God.
In everything give thanks.

For Christ's Church to bear faithful witness to his Cross and the Resurrection this Easter, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For many to look to Jesus' death and see God's Son and God's love revealed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For those persecuted for their faith in Jesus as King, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For peace in our world, and for all who work for peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For our leaders: political, economic and community, that as they respond to our current crisis, they would be people of integrity, justice and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For our health workers and health care system, for energy, resources and safety, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For our community to reflect Jesus' attitude of humble service, acting from love not fear, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are anxious, isolated, sick or dying, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For us all to know that neither death nor life, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

A Minister continues

Faithful God, you have promised to hear the prayers
of all who ask in Jesus' name.
In your mercy, accept our prayers.
Give us what we have asked in faith,
according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal.
Amen.

The Sending Out of God's People

One of the following, or a similar prayer, is said.

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created,
and by whose love we are redeemed:
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another
and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or

Lord Jesus Christ,
send us out with confidence in your word
to tell the world of your saving acts,
and bring glory to your name. Amen.

The minister says one of the following

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

Or

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

The minister says

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

Hymn: All glory, praise and honour

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, tr JM Neale

*All glory, praise and honour,
to thee, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the king of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
The king and blessed one.

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.

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

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

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious king.

Hymn: Ride On Ride On

AHB 264 *Text: HH Milman* *Tune: Winchester New*

Ride on, ride on, in majesty;
hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments
strewed

Ride on, ride on, in majesty;
in lowly pomp ride on to die!
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty;
the wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty;
your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father, on his sapphire throne,
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal
pain,
then take, O God, your power,
and reign

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