

# PALM SUNDAY

Family Morning Worship

We welcome you all to our  
service today



## Verse of Scripture

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! (Matthew Chapter 21:9)

**Leader:** Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

**All:** **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Leader:** Come before him with joyful songs;

**All:** **Give thanks to him and praise his name! Amen.**

## Leader:

During Lent we have been preparing for Easter. Our Lord Jesus Christ on this day entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering and death. Today we greet him as our king, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection, but we do so by the dark road of suffering and death. As we seek to be united with him in his suffering on the cross; may we share his resurrection and new life.

**All: Lord Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph on this day, receiving the shouts and the welcome of many people. Come into this church today. Receive our welcome and our acclaim. Come to rule in our hearts and minds and help us to go out to proclaim you as ruler over all.**

## Hymn

All glory laud, and honour (Mission Praise 9)

### Confession

On Palm Sunday, the crowds worshipped Jesus; on Good Friday they shouted for him to die. Let us who also worship him, confess that we sometimes reject him, and ask his forgiveness:

Lord Jesus Christ, you come to us in peace, but we sometimes shut the door of our mind against you.

In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in humility, but we prefer our own proud ways.

In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in judgement, but we cling to our familiar sins.

In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in majesty, but we will not have you to reign over us.

In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

**Lord, forgive our empty praise, fill our loveless hearts; come to us and make our lives your home for ever. Amen.**

*(The Minister will proclaim the words of forgiveness)*

Minister: O Lord open our lips

**All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

Minister Let us worship the Lord

**All: All praise to his name**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Gift Aid** Thank you to those people who have made their offering to the church by standing order. If you are a tax payer please use envelopes or a standing order, so that we can claim the tax back. Envelopes are available each Sunday.

## **THE OFFERING**

*After the offering is collected it is be brought forward.  
The people stand as it is presented and say*

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

We bring *these children* whom God has entrusted to us and claim for *them* all that Christ has won for us. Christ loves *them* and is ready to receive *them* with the arms of his mercy and to give *them* the blessing of eternal life. Children are brought to be baptized with water as a sign of the new life in Christ and to be made members of God's family the Church.

### **The Water is Blessed**

Almighty God whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the River Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us. Bless this water that your *servants* who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon *them* to bring *them* to new birth in the family of your Church, and raise *them* with Christ to full and eternal life. For all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **The Promises of the Church**

*Congregation, please stand*

Members of the Body of Christ, who are now in his name to receive *these children*, will you so maintain the common life of worship and service that *they* and all children in this church may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord?

**With God's help, we will**

*Congregation say*

**Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround *these children* with your love; protect *them* from evil; fill *them* with your Holy Spirit and receive *them* into the family of your church; that *they* may walk with us in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen.**

### **The Promises of Parents and Godparents**

*Parents and godparents of the children will be invited to gather around the font as directed. Please bring with you your service sheets.*

*The minister says to the parents and godparents*

Those who bring children to be baptized must affirm their allegiance to Christ and their rejection of all that is evil. It is your duty to bring up this child to fight against evil and to follow Christ. Therefore I ask these questions which you must answer for yourselves and for this child.

Minister

Do you turn to Christ?

Parents and godparents

**I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil**

*The Minister says to the parents:*

Do you then present your child to be baptized?

*Parents please respond*

**We do**

*The Minister takes the child to be baptised and says:*

(Name) I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

I sign with the cross, the sign of Christ.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

*The minister will invite the congregation to say:*

**Fight valiantly under the banner of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and continue his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your life.**

### **The Giving of a Lighted Candle**

*The parents and children who have been baptised gather together and a lighted candle is given to each child. The minister says,*

Receive this light...this is to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

*The congregation will be invited to respond:*

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

### **The Welcome**

Representing the whole Church we all welcome the newly baptized children.

Minister: God has received you by baptism into his Church.

All say: **We welcome you into the Lord's family.  
We are members together of the Body of Christ:  
We are children of the same heavenly Father:  
We are inheritors together of the Kingdom of God.  
We welcome you.**

### **Hymn**

We cry Hosanna Lord (725 Mission Praise)

**The Ministry of the Word**  
*(You may follow the Bible Readings  
in Partnership News )*



**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 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.

**Bible Readings**

Isaiah Chapter 50:4-9a, Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 & Luke 19:28-40

*At the end of each reading*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn**

Make way (Mission Praise 457)

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman

**Hymn**

Crown Him with many crowns (109 Mission Praise)

## Prayers

*At the end of our prayers*

Gathering our prayers together into one, we pray the prayer our Saviour taught us

### The Lord's Prayer

**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**

### Distribution of the Palms

*(The palms are distributed and are then held as the Minister proclaims the words of blessing)*

Minister: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All: It is right to give you our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the way of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. As he entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, the Hebrews acclaimed Jesus the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying 'Hosanna in the highest.'

May your blessing be upon these palms as signs of his love for us and triumph over evil; 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Hymn**

Ride on, ride on in majesty! (Mission Praise 580)

## **Blessing**

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



## **Please join us for our Easter Services**

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
Holy Communion at 7.30pm

**Good Friday Services**  
at 11.00am  
Morning Family Worship (with coffee & hot cross buns!)

**StoryBox Good Friday Easter Special**  
at 12.30pm - 1.45pm

**Easter Day**  
Holy Communion 8.30am  
& Family Communion 11.00am