



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds

A celebration of the
Holy Eucharist
on a Sunday morning

Palm
Sunday

A detailed line drawing of a palm branch with many leaves, positioned diagonally across the text "Palm Sunday".

25 March 2018

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

*Before the service, the congregation gathers outside the Cathedral for the blessing of the palms.
When all are gathered, the Priest begins:*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Priest continues with the following words.

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year.

During Lent we have been preparing
for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection.
With Christians throughout the world
we come together this week to call to mind,
and to express in word and action,
the centre of the Easter mystery:
our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City
to complete his work as Messiah:
to suffer, to die and to rise to a new life.
Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross,
so that, sharing his sufferings,
we may be united with him in his risen life.

After the call to worship, the people hold up their palms for the blessing:

Jesus, King of the universe;
Ride on in humble majesty,
Ride on through conflict and debate,
Ride on through sweaty prayer and betrayal of friends,
Ride on through mockery and unjust condemnation,
Ride on through cruel suffering and ignoble death,
Ride on to the empty tomb and your rising in triumph,
Ride on to raise up your Church, a new body for your service,
**Ride on King Jesus, to renew the whole earth in your image;
in compassion come to help us. Amen**

Palm Sunday Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

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.”

The procession begins with these words:

Let us praise Jesus our Messiah
as did the crowd who welcomed him to Jerusalem.
Let us proceed in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn

All glory, praise and honour [TIS 333]

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

**You are the king of Israel
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and blessed one.**

**The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we and all creation
exultant make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.**

**To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you now high exulted
our melody we raise.**

**Their praises you accepted:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure,
our good and gracious king.**

Theodulph of Orleans, d. 821
Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66 *alt.*

After the congregation has entered the cathedral this prayer will be said by the Priest.

Merciful God,
as we enter this holy week
and gather at your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
that, united with Christ and all the faithful,
we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands,
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,
where, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Christ lives in glory for ever. **Amen.**

The Priest greets the people.

Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Sentence of Scripture appropriate to the day or the occasion may be read.

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth, and under
the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.

The minister says

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for
us.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.
Rescue us from slavery to sin.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The priest then says 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 reign with him in his glory,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?”

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Joseph Gelineau SJ



New Testament Reading

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.

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

Gradual Hymn

The glory of our king was seen [TIS 353]

**The glory of our king was seen
 when he came riding by,
 and all the children waved and sang,
 ‘Hosanna, king most high!’**

**The glory of our king was seen
 when, with his arm stretched wide
 to show his love for everyone,
 Jesus was crucified.**

**The glory of our king was seen
on the first Easter Day,
when Christ rose up, set free from death,
to love, to guide, to stay.**

Margaret Beatrice Cropper, 1886–1980 *alt.*

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark [Mark 14:1–15:47]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

*Due to the length of this reading, the congregation is invited to sit for the majority of the reading
and then to stand as Jesus is led out to be crucified.*

After the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Passion of the Lord,
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:
**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A minister says

Let us pray for the world and the Church.

A deacon and/or other members of the congregation will lead these prayers.

That Christians hear and share the word of God as true disciples, we pray:
Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Christian community in this city may find new and deeper faith in the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter, we pray:
Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all the ends of the earth receive the words of the king of peace we pray:
Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all leaders, of church and state, prefer humble service to empty power, we pray:
Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who see the cross starkly revealed in their lives may draw strength from the name above every other name, we pray:
Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As those who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again be ready and joyful, we pray:
Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The prayers may conclude with these words

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

Lift high the cross [TIS 351]

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.*

**Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.**

**Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life.**

**Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.**

**Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.**

**Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.**

Refrain: George William Kitchin, 1916
Words, verses 1-5: Shirley Erena Murray, alt.

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT 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 our thanks and praise.

The priest will continue with the words of the Great Thanksgiving.

... for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

A minister may say

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Great Thanksgiving concludes with these words

... in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The priest says

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Holy things for holy people.
Broken things for broken people.

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the priest knows their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the serving point closest to the Altar.

Community Notices

Mission Hymn

When his time was over [TIS 357]

**When his time was over the palms lay where they fell.
As they ate together he told his friends farewell.
Jesus, though you cried out for some other end,
love could only choose a cross
when our life began again.**

**Secretly they planned it, with money changing hands;
in the quiet garden a kiss betrayed their man.
Priests and elders tried him. Soldiers crowned him king.
We were in the crowd that day
when our life began again.
Women wept to see him; he said, 'Don't weep for me.'
Many laughed and mocked him: 'Forgive them, they don't see.'
Jesus, please forgive me, you know what I am;
I was one who nailed your hands
when our life began again.**

**There was one who asked you, 'Remember me this day.'
Jesus, when I'm dying, remember me that way;
when my life is over, be with me, my friend.
Like the thief upon the cross,
when our life began again.**

Robin Mann, 1949–

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

God our help and strength,
through these holy mysteries
confirm our faith
that by the death and resurrection of your Son
we may walk in the way of salvation.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

The priest blesses the congregation.

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
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.**

A minister may say

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

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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, commonly referred to as *Christ Church Cathedral*.

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us this morning.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of ‘common prayer’ in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves (‘our souls and our bodies’) for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community.

We are delighted that you are with us for this service: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated Elements.

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.



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