



14 April 2019

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

The service begins outside the Cathedral for the blessing of the palms. Palm crosses are distributed as the people assemble. 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**

Jesus ... went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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.

A 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.

Psalm 31:9–18

Choir

Joseph Gelineau SJ



Have mer - cy, Lord, cleanse me from all my sins.

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

[Luke 22:14–23:49]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

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.

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

The Priest 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 may 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 may 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.

That all those who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again may 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.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

The Son of God proclaim [TIS 528]

**The Son of God proclaim,
the Lord of time and space;
the God who bade the light break forth
now shines in Jesus' face —
hosanna, hosanna,
now shines in Jesus' face.**

**He, God's creative word,
the church's Lord and Head,
here bids us gather as his friends
and share his wine and bread —
hosanna, hosanna,
we share his wine and bread.**

**Behold his outstretched hands;
though all was in his power
he took the towel and basin then,
and serves us in this hour —
hosanna, hosanna,
he serves us in this hour.**

**The Lord of life and death
with wond'ring praise we sing;
we break the bread at his command,
and name him God and King —
hosanna, hosanna,
we name him God and King.**

**We take this cup in hope;
for he, who gladly bore
the shameful cross, is risen again
and reigns for evermore —
hosanna, hosanna,
he reigns for evermore.**

Basil Ernest Bridge, 1927–

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.

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 on request.

*Communion Anthems – King of glory, King of peace – JS Bach
Non Nobis Domine – William Byrd*

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.

Organ Postlude – Fantasia in C minor BWV 537 – JS Bach

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