

Morning Worship – YouTube video

A service of the Word for Palm Sunday in Lockdown

Welcome

Sentence

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Matthew 21.9

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Song: Laudate Omnes Gentes, Laudate Dominum (Praise God all you peoples)

Gathering

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All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

**Jesus, driven into the wilderness by God's Spirit,
Jesus, tired and tempted, watched over by angels,
Jesus, teaching, healing, arguing, praying,
Jesus, calling Lazarus out of the tomb,
Jesus, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey,
Jesus, be with us as we recall once more
your passion, your dying, your rising again. Amen.**

Reconciliation

Hear these words of scripture.
Love one another,
for love is of God,
and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

Holy God, Maker of all
Have mercy on us

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor
Have mercy on us

Holy Spirit, Breath of life
Have mercy on us
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Silence

Let us confess our need for God
Before God, with the people of God,
we confess to our brokenness:
to the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.

God forgives us, Christ renews us,
and the Spirit enables us to grow in love.
Amen.

Song: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Word

Palm reading - Matt 21.1-11
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Poem reading – Malcolm Guite, from ‘Sounding the Seasons’ Canterbury Press 2012

Passion reading - Matt 27.11-55
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Video: ‘Have you forsaken me?’

A sermon/reflection is offered

Prayers

The Lord be with you.
The Lord bless you.

Make your ways know upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

We pray for particular needs and circumstances by lighting candles.

Collects

Living God,
protect all who find themselves in hard times:
those who face an unknown future,
those tempted to abandon hope,
all who struggle with loss of faith.

Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

As our saviour Christ taught us, we 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 forever. Amen.**

Song: When we are living, we are in the Lord

When we are living we are in the Lord, and when we're dying we are in the Lord. For in our living and in our dying we belong to God, we belong to God.

Each day allows us to decide for good, loving and serving as we know we should. In thankful giving, in hopeful living, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Sometimes we sorrow, other times embrace, sometimes we question ev'rything we face. Yet in our yearning is deeper learning, we belong to God, we belong to God.

'Til earth is over may we always know love never fails us, God has made it so. Hard times will prove us, never remove us, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Sending out

We pray together:

**Jesus, let us follow you, the master and leader of us all,
on this road that leads, on our own journey to Easter,
to the rediscovery and renewal of your gift to us in baptism.
Glory be to you, who have opened this way for us all!**

A blessing is given

Go now, to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.