

*Worship in Song*

There is a higher throne

*Welcome*

*Shout of Praise*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him with joyful songs;  
Give thanks to him and praise his name.

Shout for joy, you people of Jerusalem! Look,  
your king is coming to you- triumphant and  
victorious, but humble and riding on a donkey.

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

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered  
Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let our  
palm crosses be for us signs of his victory 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. Amen.

*Worship in Song*

Rejoice in the Lord now and always  
Sing it again we rejoice  
Delight in the love he has shown us  
Gratefully lift up your voice  
His gentleness among us  
Will join our hearts with praise  
We gather in his goodness, a family of grace

With each breath he's given praise the Lord  
In these times we live in we will praise the Lord  
Throughout every season I am sure  
We have every reason to praise the Lord

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing  
Praying for all that you need  
Come with a song of thanksgiving  
Lay your requests at his feet  
His peace will fall upon us  
To guard our hearts and minds  
In Christ who reigns eternal, shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always  
Tell of the good he has done  
Worship the Lord to remember  
All of the joy yet to come  
The hope that burns within us  
The dark cannot destroy  
With praise that's never ending, we say again rejoice

*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 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.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw  
us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that  
we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word  
made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Special Prayer for Today*

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 our Lord. Amen.

## *Bible Readings*

Romans 5.1-11 (*Church Bible page 942*)

John 19.28-42 (*Church Bible page 906*)

## *Sermon*

### *Worship in Song*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above -  
So free, so infinite his grace -  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray -  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

### *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the  
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all  
that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one  
Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from

God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the  
Father; through him all things were made. For  
us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For  
our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On  
the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will  
come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We  
believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life, who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified, who has spoken  
through the prophets. We believe in one holy  
catholic and apostolic Church. We  
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins. We look for the resurrection of the  
dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

### *Prayers*

*At the end:* Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### *The Peace*

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ  
Jesus we have been brought near through the  
shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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

### *Worship in Song*

There is a higher throne  
Than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from every tongue  
Will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand,  
Made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace:  
Salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing,  
Their thunderous anthem rings  
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies,  
Their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, power,  
Strength, thanks and honour are  
To God, our King who reigns on high forevermore

And there we'll find our home,  
Our life before the throne;  
We'll honour him in perfect song  
Where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,  
As thirst and hunger die;  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King:  
We'll reign with him.

### *Offertory Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor. May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world. Amen.

### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

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 thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna to the Son of David! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. *(Repeat)*

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.  
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story:  
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story:  
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story:  
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

### *Breaking of the Bread*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### *Giving of Communion*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*We receive communion*

*Worship in Song - during communion*

You laid aside your majesty,  
Gave up everything for me,  
Suffered at the hands of those you had created  
You took all my guilt and shame,  
When you died and rose again;  
Now today you reign, in heaven and earth exalted

I really want to worship you my Lord,  
You have won my heart and I am yours  
For ever and ever; I will love you.  
You are the only one who died for me,  
Gave your life to set me free,  
So I lift my voice to you in adoration.

*Worship in Song - during communion*

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I find a place to stand  
And wonder at such mercy  
That calls me as I am  
For hands that should discard me  
Hold wounds which tell me come  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
My unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
his family is my own  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams  
Now one through grace alone  
How could I now dishonour  
The ones that you have loved  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
See the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
The path before the crown  
We follow in his footsteps  
Where promised hope is found  
How great the joy before us  
To be his perfect bride  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
We will gladly live our lives

*Prayer after Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ: you humbled yourself in taking  
the form of a servant, and in obedience died on  
the cross for our salvation; give us the mind to  
follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Worship in Song*

God's saints of old through history told  
Of the One who was to come  
A Son a King a Lamb to be slain  
For the sins of all the world

He's the Promise of the Ages  
Lifted up to save us, Jesus Christ our sacrifice  
He's the Fount of living water  
King and Friend forever  
Bow before the Promise of the Ages

In flesh He came yet chose to remain  
With the outcast and the poor  
He bled, he died was raised glorified  
Now He lives forever more

Lift your hands and sing hallelujah to the  
King of all the earth  
Raise your voice and sing hallelujah to the  
King of all the earth

*Blessing*

We pray that the Lord of Palm Sunday will  
bless us today: Come into our town, Lord;  
bring hope and a cause for joy.  
Hosanna to the King who comes in the name  
of the Lord.

Come into our fellowship, Lord; cleanse it of all  
that is not in accordance with your will.  
Hosanna to the King who comes in the name  
of the Lord.

Come into our hearts, Lord; teach us your love  
and your truth.  
Hosanna to the King who comes in the name  
of the Lord.

Lord Jesus, as you entered Jerusalem and its  
Temple, so come to us that we may be a holy  
people, worthy of your presence, bringing  
glory to your name.

And the blessing of God almighty the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and  
remain with you always. Amen.

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