

*Service of Holy Communion
Palm Sunday - 29 March 2026
'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord'*

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

Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29 (*Church Bible page 511*)

Matthew 21.1-11 (*Church Bible page 826*)

Sermon

Worship in Song

I heard an old old story
How a Saviour came from glory
How he gave his life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about his groaning
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sin
Christ won the victory

Oh victory in Jesus
My Saviour forever
He sought me and bought me
With his redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew him
And all my love is due him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about his healing
All His miracles revealing
That he alone can save a soul
And set the captive free
I'm happy in his promise
How soon he's coming for us
And home with him I'll sing again
Christ won the victory

I'll tell the old old story
Till my Saviour comes from glory
I'll tell of all the Lord has done
To set this sinner free
That all who will believe him
By faith can still receive him
And share in that redemption song
Christ won the victory

Affirmation of Faith

Using words from Philippians chapter 2, let us
affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to
equality with God, but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human
likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient
to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore
God has raised him on high, and given him the
name above every name: that at the name of
Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice
proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father. 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

Though the nations rage kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above him none before him
All of time in his hands
For his throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory I will trust in his name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O his love is sure and he knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

Offertory Prayer

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. 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

Great is he like none before
Son of God the living word
Oh praise oh sing praise
He walked the waves of Galilee
Raised the dead and calmed the sea
Give thanks to his name

Praise the King of Majesty
Praise the Lamb who died for me
Praise the Christ our victory
We'll sing forever great is he
Jesus our Saviour great is he

Then he died on Calvary
The bravest one there'll ever be
His love made a way
No heart could carry what he held
Our sin upon his shoulders fell
Oh grace oh such grace

See he reigns in glory now
Every worldly kingdom bow
To him all to him
He rules above all time and space
Yet in his heart we have a place
Lift high heaven's King

Worship in Song - during communion

Blessèd be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessèd be your name
Blessèd be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessèd be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say
Blessèd be the name of the Lord
Blessèd be your name
Blessèd be the name of the Lord
Blessèd be your glorious name

Blessèd be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessèd be your name
Blessèd be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessèd be your name

You give and take away, you give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessèd be your name

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.