

The Liturgy

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem



Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.

Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice. Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever; and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil. therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

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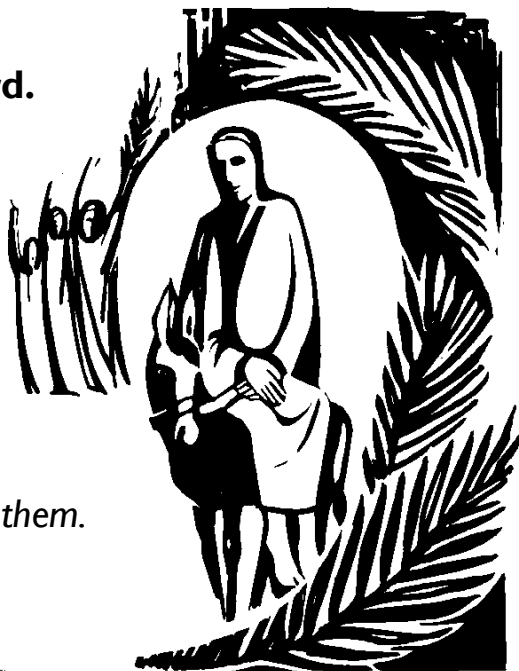
The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **and also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.....

The people hold up palms and the president blesses them.



The Palm Gospel

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Procession

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

During the procession to the church all hold palms or branches as we sing a hymn.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer, then says the collect for Palm Sunday.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We sing the gradual hymn



The Passion Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

When the Passion is announced the reader says

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Evangelist And they went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples:

Jesus Sit here, while I pray.

Evangelist And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them:

Jesus My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch.

Evangelist And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him:

Jesus Abba, Father, all things are possible to you; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what you will.

Evangelist And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter:

Jesus Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Evangelist And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again

he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time, and said to them:

Jesus Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come; the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.

Evangelist And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign:

Judas The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him and lead him away safely.

Evangelist And when he came, he went up to him at once, and said:

Judas Master!

Evangelist And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them:

Jesus Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the Temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.

Evangelist And they all forsook him and fled. And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body; and they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

And they led Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the scribes and the elders were assembled. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, and warming himself at the fire.

Now the chief priests and the whole council sought testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, and their witness did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him:

ALL **We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands'.**

Evangelist Yet not even so did their testimony agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus:

High Priest Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?

Evangelist But he was silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him:

High Priest Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

- Jesus* I am; and you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.
- Evangelist* And the high priest tore his mantle, and said:
- High Priest* Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?
- Evangelist* And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to strike him, saying to him:
- ALL** **Prophecy!**
- Evangelist* And the guards received him with blows. And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the maids of the high priest came; and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said:
- Maid* You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.
- Evangelist* But he denied it:
- Peter* I neither know nor understand what you mean.
- Evangelist* And he went out into the gateway. And the maid saw him, and began again to say to the bystanders:
- Maid* This man is one of them.
- Evangelist* But again he denied it. And after a little while again the bystanders said to Peter:
- ALL** **Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.**
- Evangelist* But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear:
- Peter* I do not know this man of whom you speak.
- Evangelist* And immediately the cock crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times'. And he broke down and wept. And as soon as it was morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate, and Pilate asked him:
- Pilate* Are you the King of the Jews?
- Jesus* You have said so.
- Evangelist* And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him:
- Pilate* Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.
- Evangelist* But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate wondered. Now at the feast he used to release for them any one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he was wont to do for them.

And he answered them:

Pilate

Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Evangelist

For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them:

Pilate

Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?

ALL

Crucify him, crucify him.

Pilate

Why? What evil has he done?

ALL

(louder) **Crucify him, crucify him.**

Evangelist

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the praetorium); and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. And they began to salute him:

ALL

Hail, King of the Jews!

Evangelist

And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to Golgotha (which means 'the place of a skull'). And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews'. And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads:

ALL

Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Evangelist

So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes:

ALL

He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.

Evangelist

Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice:

Jesus Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?
Evangelist Which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' And some of the bystanders hearing it said:
ALL **Behold, he is calling Elijah.**
Evangelist And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink:
ALL **Wait; let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.**
Evangelist And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last. And the curtain of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.
 And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that he thus breathed his last, he said:
Centurion Truly this man was the Son of God!

Evangelist This is the Passion of the Lord.

Intercessions

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace *is introduced*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
 The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

The president takes the bread and wine.



The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president continues the prayer
..... for ever praising you and saying:*



All **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.**

The prayer continues....

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

The prayer continues to the end of the Eucharistic prayer when we say

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our
Saviour has taught us.

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy
kingdom come; thy will be
done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation; but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, the power and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our saviour taught us
so 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.
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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.

All We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, grant us peace.**



Giving of Communion

The president says

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The president and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept then we say together

**Faithful God, may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

We sing the final hymn

The Blessing is given

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

