



**Palm Sunday  
including the Passion reading**



## Welcome

*Please stand if you are able.*

## The Gathering

Leader Blessed is the King,  
**All who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Leader Peace in heaven,  
**All and glory in the highest heaven.**

Leader O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
**All his steadfast love endures forever.**  
**Alleluia!**

## Introduction

### Hymn

*The president introduces the celebration using these or other words:*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
during Lent we have been preparing by works of love  
and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death  
and resurrection.

Today we come together to begin this solemn  
celebration in union with the Church throughout the  
world.

Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our  
Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again.

Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with  
him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*The people hold up their palms while this prayer is said by the president.*

God our Saviour,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah  
to suffer and to die;  
let these palms 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; who  
lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

**All**      **Amen.**

### **Palm Gospel**

*When the Gospel is announced, this response is used:*

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

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

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Hymn**

### **The Collect – special prayer for the day**

*This is printed in the News Sheet.*

## Prayers for Forgiveness

Leader As we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins.

Lord God, it is easy to wave the cross in praise but hard to give you thanks every day.

Forgive us for our selfishness.

**All Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader Lord God, it is easy to hold a palm cross, but we forget that Jesus is the Saviour of the world. Forgive us when we ignore you.

**All Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader Lord God, it is easy to have a cross for the day and forget to take up our cross every day.

Forgive us for going our own way.

**All Forgive us, Lord.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## Reading

*At the end the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

## **The Passion Reading**

*We stand, but please sit at any point if you need to.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to .....

*At the end:*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made, and a moment of silence is kept.*

*Please sit.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*We use the response:*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*At the end:*

**God of mercy,**

**you know us and love us**

**and hear our prayer:**

**keep us in the eternal fellowship of**

**Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

**Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand if you are able.*

### 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

**All**      **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### Hymn

*We sit.*

### The Eucharistic Prayer

*The president says:*

The Lord is here.

**All**      **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden  
majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ Crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives forever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and singing;

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

**All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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.

**All 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.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All**      **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 forever. 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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**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 and people receive communion.*

*If you receive bread and wine in your own church, you are welcome to receive it here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please take a copy of this service sheet with you to the rail.*

The choir may sing.

## **Hymn during Communion**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**All** 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 forever.  
Amen.

## Notices

## The Dismissal

## Hymn

## The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him 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.

**All**      **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**