

# Palm Sunday

## 28th March 2021



### Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

#### Readings

- Psalm 118** 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦  
‘His mercy endures for ever.’
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing, ♦  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ♦

- Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ♦  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ♦  
link the pilgrims with cords  
right to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will thank you; ♦  
you are my God and I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦  
his mercy endures for ever.

### **Mark 11: 1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## **Thought:**

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year. During Lent we have been preparing in various ways for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection. With Christians throughout the world we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery: our Lord's Passover from death to life.

In early times there were two liturgical celebrations on Palm Sunday: the Eucharist to commemorate the Passion of our Lord and, later in the day, a procession of all the people carrying palms in procession for Vespers. As the years passed, these two different commemorations merged into one, and in some places the re-enactment of the 'Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem' took over in importance. Some communities have made this the main theme of the Day's liturgy and omitted the Passion reading altogether. We must remember, however, that the story of the Passion is the major theme for the whole week (as is recognised in the Book of Common Prayer).

But the story of Holy Week, like any story that wants to draw us in right from the start, opens with excitement and colour, and hints at danger and heroism.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah:

to suffer, to die and to rise to new life. So today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

## **Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Prayers**

PRAYER: We are asked to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for all the nations of the world, to pray for enemies to be reconciled and for justice to be done.

We are asked to pray for candidates for baptism and confirmation, for Christians everywhere and for courage and integrity in following the way of the cross.

We are asked to pray for all who offer their gifts to Christ, for those who have betrayed his trust in them and for love and loyalty in all our relationships.

We are asked to pray for the sick and all who are trapped, for people preparing to die and for healing, freedom, and hope. We are asked to pray for the forgiveness of our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ and for pardon and peace.

We remember those who have died. as we give thanks for everyone who has brought us nearer to God, for all the saints and for the resurrection light that shines on them.

Holy God, hear these prayers,

Forgive our sins, and send us the grace we need to be faithful followers of our crucified and risen Lord,  
for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***This booklet is to assist you in prayer and reflection, in church at times given below, or at home.***

### **Times Churches Open for Private Prayer :**

**Psalm Sunday,**

Templeshambo 10:00-10:45am

Killanne 11:30- 12:15am

Rosdroit 7:00-7:45pm,

Kilegney 8:00-8:45pm

**Easter Sunday,**

Templeshambo 10:00-10:45am

Killanne 11:30- 12:15am

Rosdroit 7:00-7:45pm,

Kilegney 8:00-8:45pm