

Palm Sunday



St Paul's

Invitation to Worship

Children of God, Rejoice!
Sing out in celebration, all God's people!
For your King is coming to you,
humble, riding on a donkey,
on a donkey's foal.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name, the Lord.
Glory to God in the highest! Hosanna!

Lord God, loving Friend and Parent,
You deserve our worship, our love and our devotion,
Because You have entered our broken world,
You have joined us on our journey of pain and pleasure, of sorrow and joy,
And have given us access to life eternal and abundant.

We lift our voices to praise You, O God.

We celebrate Your coming to us,
Not with political power or military might,
Not with glamour or fame or wealth,
But in humility and love, gently and with great compassion

We lift our voices to praise You, O God.

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Lord Jesus Christ,
We recognise that Your life among us was one of sacrifice,
That You came to confront the hatred, fear, violence and evil in us.
That You seek to throw over the tables of greed and injustice in us.

**Forgive us when we resist your coming,
when we reject you and seek to silence you,
and your transforming and challenging influence in our lives.
Have mercy on us, O God,
Do not cease to come to us and to call us to life.
Help us to embrace the way of the cross
And to live in the power of Your death-defying love
For Jesus' sake
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven, holy be your name,
Your Kingdom come, your will be done,
On Earth as it is 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.**

Affirmation

**We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud.
We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy.
We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem.
We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried.
We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and transformation.
We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies.
We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through, us the gift of God's
peace.**

The Communion

Let us open the gates of our hearts

That the Sovereign God of Glory may come in.

Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving

God deserves all honour and blessing

**It is our privilege and joy to exalt the Lord
in every place and every moment.**

And so, Dear God, we offer You our worship
through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who comes to us humbly and riding on a donkey's foal.

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His death,
shared a meal with His followers.

Taking the bread, He gave thanks, broke it,
and offered it to them with these words:

**This is My body broken for you,
Remember Me whenever you eat.**

After the meal, taking the cup of wine,
He gave thanks, and offered it to them with these words

**This is My blood poured out for you,
Remember Me whenever you drink.**

And so, now O Lord,
we eat and drink in memory of Jesus and His great love,
And in this simple meal
we proclaim His death and resurrection,
giving life to all people

**Thank You, Lord Jesus,
for coming to us once again
through this simple meal of bread and wine;**

**For nourishing our bodies and our souls;
and for filling us with hope
as we look forward to the eternal banquet.
Amen**

The Peace

The Blessing

