

St. Mary's Palm Sunday 28 March 2021

WELCOME & PSALM 118

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he
is good;

his love endures forever.

Let Israel say:

"His love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say:

"His love endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD
say:

"His love endures forever."

HYMN:

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die!

O Christ, Thy triumphs now

begin

O'er captive death and

conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark all the tribes 'hosanna' cry;

Through waving branches

slowly ride

O saviour to be crucified.

Ride on ride on in majesty

The angel armies of the sky

Look down with sad and
wondering eyes

To see the approaching
sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is
nigh;

The Father on His sapphire
throne

Awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die!

Bow Thy meek head to mortal
pain,

Then take, O God, Thy power,
and reign!

BLESSING OF PALMS

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.

Holding a palm

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 is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

THE CONFESSION:

**Lord God, we have sinned
against you;
we have done evil in your
sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according
to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within
us and restore us to the joy
of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen. *Psalm 51***

ABSOLUTION: *God's forgiveness*

SONG:

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EPISTLE:

Philippians 2 v 5-11

5 In your relationships with one
another, have the same
mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature
God,

did not consider equality with
God something to be used to
his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself
nothing

by taking the very nature of
a servant,

being made in human
likeness.

8 And being found in
appearance as a man,
he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to
death—

even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to
the highest place

and gave him the name that
is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and
under the earth,

11 and every tongue

acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING:

Mark 11 v 1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their

cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!^[a]"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"^[b]

¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

***ADDRESS:* Tim Ward**

SONG:

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***INTERCESSIONS:* Di Rogers**

THE PEACE:

Christ Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey the sign of peace. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign
of peace

HYMN:

Thou didst leave Thy throne
and Thy kingly crown,
When Thou camest to earth for
me;
But in Bethlehem's home was
there found no room
For Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord
Jesus,
There is room in my heart for
Thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the
angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth didst Thou
come to earth,
And in great humility.
O come to my heart, Lord
Jesus,
There is room in my heart for
Thee.

The foxes found rest, and the
birds their nest
In the shade of the forest tree;
But Thy couch was the sod, O
Thou Son of God,
In the deserts of Galilee.
O come to my heart, Lord
Jesus,
There is room in my heart for

Thee.

Thou camest, O Lord, with the
living word
That should set Thy people
free;
But with mocking scorn, and
with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord
Jesus,
There is room in my heart for
Thee.

When the heavens shall ring,
and the angels sing,
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home,
saying "Yet there is room,
There is room at My side for
thee."
My heart shall rejoice, Lord
Jesus,
When Thou comest and callest
for me.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many we are one body because we all share in the one bread.

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 Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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.**

AFTER COMMUNION

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of
your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of
your Spirit
to live and work to your
praise and glory.
Amen.**

NOTICES:

BLESSING:

HYMN:

**At the name of Jesus ev'ry
knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him king
of glory now.**

'Tis the father's pleasure we
should call him lord,
Who from the beginning was
the mighty word.

Humbled for a season to
receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto
whom he came,

Faithfully he bore it spotless to
the last,
Brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its
human light,
through all ranks of creatures to
the central height;
to the eternal Godhead, to the
Father's throne,
filled it with the glory of his
triumph won.

Brothers, this lord Jesus shall
return again,
With his father's glory, with his
angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet
upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
king of glory now.

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

**In the name of Christ,
Amen.**

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