

The Benefice of Cotham and St Paul's Clifton



The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

Introit: Christus Factus Est – Bruckner *UofB Church Choir Summer Concert 2019*

Welcome

¶ Gathering and 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.

Hosanna in the highest.

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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.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Greeting

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

Introduction and welcome

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.

Blessing of Palm crosses

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. **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel: Matthew 21.1-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Confession

Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but in humility, the Servant King, ready to complete the task for which he had walked this world. Forgive us those times when we think too highly of ourselves and remind us always that you ask from us lives dedicated to service, to you and to our neighbours, wherever and whoever they might be. Enable us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness and lay them down at your feet.

Kyrie

Absolution

May the God of love and mercy bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and embrace us in his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.

¶ Liturgy of the Word

The Passion Gospel

Reflection: Ginny Royston

Intercessions

The Peace

We, who were enemies
of one another and of life, have been reconciled by the free gift of God;
for while we were still at war
God has made peace
by the blood of the cross.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you

¶ **Closing Prayers**

Taize chant: Jesus remember me

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
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Closing Prayers

Jesus, lord of time,
hold us in your eternity.
Jesus, image of God,
travel with us the life of faith.
Jesus, friend of sinners,
heal the brokenness of our world.
Jesus, lord of tomorrow,
draw us into your future. Amen.

Humble Lord,
while people clamoured for a warrior-king,
the colt revealed your servanthood:
as you face the way of tears,
the tearing of the temple veil,
take us from the baying mob
to place our faith in you,
Jesus Christ, our victim and our saviour. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the cross be the sign in which we begin again
to undo the cords of violence,
the misery of exclusion,
and proclaim the love
without conditions;
and the blessing of God . . .

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

Preparing the Easter Garden: Young people from our churches

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