

**HOLY SAVIOUR CROYDON**

**PALM SUNDAY**



## **THE GATHERING – in the Hall**

*Ministers and servers arrive in silence.*

*Words of welcome are spoken.*

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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

Behold, your king comes to you, O Zion,  
meek and lowly and sitting upon an ass.

Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God.

It ensures for ever; and the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous  
scepter. You have loved righteousness and hated evil;  
therefore God, your God has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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

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

**And also with you.**

*The president introduces the celebration using these 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 palms or branches 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 is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The palms are blessed with holy water.*

## **THE PALM GOSPEL**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!’

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

‘Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!’

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **THE PROCESSION**

Let us go forth praising Jesus our Messiah

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 328 *All Glory, Laud and Honour***

*Once we are gathered in the Church, the president prays the COLLECT:*

Almighty and everlasting God  
Who sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our  
flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross,  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility  
and also be partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## ***THE LITURGY OF THE WORD***

### **The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50 4-9a**

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Psalm: 118:19-24***

- 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.

Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.

## **The New Testament Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***All stand***

**HYMN 2: 459 Give Me Joy In My Heart**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.**

*The passion reading can be found in the separate booklet*

*The Passion Reading concludes in silence*

*No SERMON is Preached Today*

### **CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**



**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION***

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean  
spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity  
there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,  
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us  
pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the  
Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for  
justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find  
support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God,**

**Holy and strong,**

**Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

## ***THE PEACE***

Now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off 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.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **HYMN 3: 250 *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne***

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

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.**

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 for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and *singing*:

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

### ***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
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 one bread**

**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***

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 he died for you  
And feed on him in your hearts  
By faith with thanksgiving

## **HYMNS 4 & 5**

**63 My Song is Love Unknown**

**260 And Now O Father**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## **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**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.

**Amen.**

**HYMN 6: 61 *Ride On, Ride On In Majesty***

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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