

GARROWBYBENEFICE

Palm Sunday



Introduction

Opening sentence for Palm Sunday

“Rejoice greatly O daughter of Sion. Shout aloud O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Zechariah 9 9

Hymn: My Jesus, my saviour

Blessing of the 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All Amen

Opening Prayer

Humble and riding on a donkey we greet you. Acclaimed by crowds and carolled by children we cheer you. Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power we salute you Christ our Lord. For you are giving the beast of burden a new dignity. You are giving majesty a new face. You are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing. With them, with heart and voice, we shout

All Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Confession and Absolution

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing

All Have mercy on us son of David, saviour of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

May the saviour of us all have mercy upon you, forgive what you have done and who you have been. May He bring you home again, and impart within you a new song of joy and celebration.

All Amen

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race 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 made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Hymn: Ride on Ride on in Majesty

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

All Thanks be to God

The Palm Gospel

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21 1-11

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

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Meekness and Majesty

Intercessions

The response to "Let us pray to the Lord" is "**Lord have mercy**" and the prayers conclude with *the Trisagion*.

**All Holy God
Holy and strong
Holy and immortal
Have mercy upon us**

The Lord's Prayer

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.**

Closing words and blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and the exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer with pain, rejection, starvation, and war so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, upon your homes and all whom you love, now and always.

All Amen

Hymn: All glory laud and honour