

Palm Sunday at home - 5th April 2020



It's a good idea to have your palm crosses with you as a visual aid during this worship. If you are allowed and able, begin these prayers outside and cut some greenery from the garden to bring inside for the day.

This liturgy can be done by an individual or a small group with people sharing the prayers and words amongst them. It follows the liturgy that happens in churches on Palm Sunday.

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

During lent we have prepared for the solemn celebration that begins today. As Christ begins his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again, we go with him in faith and love, hoping that we too may rise again with him.

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

If you have been outside, you might want to make your way inside and gather/sit somewhere quiet, have your palm crosses and the greenery you have gathered nearby.

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



Reading: Matthew 27:11-54

Spend a few moments looking and thinking on this image. It relates to the different parts of the story of Holy Week.

Prayers

At the end of each petition spend a few moments in silence before progressing to the next.

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

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.

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

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.

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

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice
and peace,

let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

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

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

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.

Act of Reception

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise

and thanksgiving. I believe that you art truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fulness of your strength, and in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father, Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Closing Prayers

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.

✠ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore.
Amen

There is likely to be further services on the radio and live streamed services online. Please join us for those instead/as well as using these prayers at home.