

PRAYER IN THE HOME

PALM SUNDAY: 10 APRIL

GATHERING

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT for Palm Sunday

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.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

2 **Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'**

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.**

25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

26 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

27 The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.

28 **You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.**

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

BIBLE READING Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴ They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰ He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Which word or phrase in this passage stands out for me?
- Have I seen something in the passage for the first time?
- How might I use this reflection as we enter Holy Week?

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INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Father, we pray for the worship and witness of your Church, local, national and international. Today, we pray especially for Christians who suffer persecution or live in dangerous circumstances.

Silence

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father, we pray for wisdom and integrity for world leaders, that they may use their gifts well and work together for the good of all nations. We pray against those who would seek to destroy the lives of others and ask that your ways would reign supreme.

Silence

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father, we thank you for the beauty and diversity of our world. We are sorry for the damage being done to your Creation: please help us to be responsible stewards and do our part in caring for our planet.

Silence

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father, we pray for comfort and healing to all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

We take a few moments to name anyone known to us who needs our prayers today.....

Silence

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
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.

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.