

Readings, liturgy and song words for

PALM SUNDAY 5th April 2020

Before the service starts you may like to find/make a palm cross or have a branch, twig or leaf to hand.

WELCOME

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!

READING: Matthew 21:1-11

SONG¹ Hosanna

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
repeat

Lord, we lift up your name
With hearts full of praise,
Be exalted O Lord our God,
Hosanna in the highest

SONG² Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your name.

*Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise.*

*When the darkness closes in,
Lord, still I will say,*

*'Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name.'*

Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be your name.

Every blessing...

*You give and take away,
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
'Lord, blessed be your name.'*
(repeat)

'Blessed be the name ...

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was
obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee
should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen. cf Philippians 2:6-11

READING Psalm 31 *selected verses*

CONFESSION *using response*

Lord, forgive us **Christ, have mercy**

SONG³ *Come and see*

Come and see, come and see
Come and see the King of love
See the purple robe and crown of thorns
 he wears
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer
As he lifts the cruel cross
Lone and friendless now he climbs towards
 the hill

*We worship at your feet
Where wrath and mercy meet
And a guilty world is washed
By love's pure stream
For us he was made sin
Oh, help me take it in
Deep wounds of love cry out
 'Father, forgive'
I worship, I worship
The Lamb who was slain.*

Come and weep, come and mourn
For your sin that pierced him there
So much deeper than the wounds of
 thorn and nail
All our pride, all our greed
All our fallenness and shame
And the Lord has laid the punishment on him
 We worship...

Man of heaven, born to earth
To restore us to your heaven
Here we bow in awe beneath your
 searching eyes
From your tears comes our joy
From your death our life shall spring
By your resurrection power we shall rise.
 We worship...

PASSION READING Matthew 26:14 – 27:end

SONG⁴ *Who is there like you?*

Who is there like you,
And who else would give their life for me,
Even suffering in my place?
And who could repay you?
All of creation looks to you
And you provide for all you have made.
*So I'm lifting up my hands, lifting up my voice,
Lifting up your name, and in your grace I rest,
For your love has come to me and set me free.
And I'm trusting in your word, trusting in
 your cross,
Trusting in your blood and all your faithfulness,
For your power at work in me is changing me.*

SONG *When I survey the wondrous cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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