

A special Service order for Palm/Passion Sunday 2020

**‘Blessed is he
who comes in
the name of
the Lord’
Psalm 118:26**



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Palm and Passion Sunday

Part I: Celebration of Jesus' entry in to Jerusalem as the servant king, sermon, confession and absolution.

Part II: Transition into Holy Week by remembering what Christ's humble service cost him, including the reading of his suffering and death from Matthew's Gospel (St Matthew's Passion account).

The confession is in Part II after the reading of the Passion account



*LHS 86 - All glory, laud, and honour
(selected verses)*

- 1. All glory, laud, and honour
to you, Redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the king of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and blessed one.**



**3. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
To you now high exalted
our melody we raise.
Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure,
our good and gracious king.**



**4. All glory, laud, and honour
to you, Redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the king of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and blessed one.**



Opening Sentences:

P: Your king comes to you,

C: righteous and having salvation,

P: gentle and riding on a donkey,

C: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.



*In the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.*

**Holy Spirit, thank you for
dwelling with us this day. In
this sacred hour we ask that
you keep teaching us about
Jesus' love for us and how he
enacted that through his life,
death and resurrection. In his
name we pray. Amen.**



*If we have been united with him
in a death like his,*

**we will certainly be united with
him in a resurrection like his.**



The Lord be with you:
And also with you.



Let us pray.

Lord, as we honour Christ the King today, increase our faith and listen to our prayers, so that we may honour you every day, by living always in him.

For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Reading of Jesus' triumphal entry
Matthew 21 : 1-11



Matthew 21:1-11

The Triumphal Entry

**¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,
²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.**



³If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:



**5"Say to the Daughter of Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' "**

**6The disciples went and did as Jesus
had instructed them.**



⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.



**⁹The crowds that went ahead of him
and those that followed shouted,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest!"**



10When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

11The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ



We pray Psalm 118 (selected verses)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

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



*Open to me the gates of
righteousness, that I may enter
through them and give thanks to
the Lord. This is the gate of the
Lord: the righteous shall enter
through it.*

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



*I thank you that you have answered
me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is
marvellous in our eyes.*

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



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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



**Glory to the Father and the
Son, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.**

Amen.



LHS 5 - O bride of Christ, rejoice

- vv 1,3,4,6,7

- 1. O bride of Christ, rejoice;
Exultant raise your voice
To greet the day of glory
Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna, we adore you!
*Our King, we bow before you.***



- 3. He wears no kingly crown,
Yet as a king is known;
Though not arrayed in
splendour,
He still makes death surrender:
Hosanna, we adore you!
*Our King, we bow before you.***



- 4. The weak and timid find
Him gentle, good, and kind;
To them He gives a treasure
Of bliss beyond all measure:
Hosanna, we adore you!
*Our King, we bow before you.***



- 6. Then go your Lord to meet
Spread palm-leaves at His feet;
Your garments lay before Him,
And honour and adore Him:
Hosanna, we adore you!
*Our King, we bow before you.***



**7. And little children too
Will praise the Lord with you,
And every land and nation
Respond with exultation:
Hosanna, adore you!
*Our King, we bow before you.***

Sermon options

Written: Follow the same link by which you got to this presentation, but instead open:

Audio: Proceed to next slide, but **click** to start (the other audio in this file you don't need to)

YouTube video:

Go to <https://youtu.be/OhCl1T-9XdY>

You may want to switch auto play off (top right of YouTube screen) so that other videos do not play afterward.

Sermon: Matthew 21:1-11

The Palms militant or triumphant?



**‘Say to the daughter of Zion, “See your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey...”’
Matthew 21:5**



Offerings

You might be wondering how you can make your offering to the Lord when we are not meeting publicly. Our Treasurer, Mr Keith Kowald, recommends that in the first instance you consider Regular Electronic Giving (REG).

Please contact Keith on keithkowald@bigpond.com or 0407 885 372 to hear about REG or other options.



We pray the offering prayer

**Thank you, loving Father, that
your Son was obedient all the way
to the cross, and suffered and died
for us.**

**Receive these gifts from what you
have first given us.**



Use them to your glory for all to hear of your Son so that they may be sustained in their weariness.

Make us humble and self-giving, serving others as he served us.

Amen.



We transition to Part 2 of the service where at the head of Holy Week we focus on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ



Today's prayer of the church draws its inspiration from the persons in the Passion narrative.

The COVID-19 prayer written by the LCA follows.



We pray for ourselves and the world

Jesus willingly submitted to suffer in our place. Let us pray to God our Father, and place in his hands the suffering of the world.

Heavenly Father: we pray for your church on earth, that all Christians may bear their cross and follow Jesus.

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***



*We pray for those who have no faith,
like the crowds.*

*Bless the witness of your church this
holy week that the word of your Son's
death and resurrection may be clearly
portrayed before the world.*

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***



*We pray for those who have sinned,
like Peter.*

*Teach us to be sorry for our sins, and
forgive us for Jesus' sake.*

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***



We pray for prisoners and criminals like Barrabas.

May they find true freedom by changing the way they live, and may they be adequately supported by society, including Christ's church.

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***



*We pray for people in government,
like Pilate.*

*May they be responsible and serve
truth and justice.*

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***



*We pray for those who are dying,
like the thieves who died with Jesus.
May they die with Jesus by their side,
and be received into your kingdom.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***



*We pray for parents like Mary who
have lost a child.*

*May they bear their suffering and
know the comfort of your love.*

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***



*We pray for the whole human race,
that we may all come to know Jesus
as our Lord and Saviour.*

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***



Father, may the suffering and death of Jesus lighten the burdens of all those who suffer. Lead us in the way of the cross, so that, as we suffer with Jesus, we may rise to life in his glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



COVID-19 prayers

Heavenly Father, bring healing and comfort for people around the world suffering from Coronavirus COVID-19. Speed their recovery and slow the spread of the virus.

We thank you for the efforts of all those involved in treating, testing and caring for patients, and ask your protection over them as they go about their work.



Give wisdom to governments around the world as they manage this outbreak.

We ask for your peace when we are tempted to panic or become anxious about this disease.



*Help us to place our trust in you,
knowing that our life is safely hidden
in you and that you are the Lord of all
creation.*

*Enable us to show your love to others,
sharing the hope we have in you,
praying and caring for the sick and
needy as best we can in the name of
Christ.*

Amen.



God speaks to us through his prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The obedience of the Lord's Servant



Isaiah 50:4-9

**4 The Sovereign LORD has given me
an instructed tongue, to know the
word that sustains the weary.
He wakens me morning by
morning, wakens my ear to listen
like one being taught.**



- 5 The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears,
and I have not been rebellious; I have not
drawn back.**
- 6 I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my
beard; I did not hide my face from
mocking and spitting.**



7 Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

8 He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!



⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



This slide contains a recording of Jesus' passion as it is written in St Matthew's Gospel. Owing to the length there are not accompanying slides. You can follow in your own bible, or just shut your eyes and listen.

The reading takes 16 minutes. You can pause by clicking the right button of your mouse.

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Jesus' suffering and death



This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ, Lamb of God



***Moment of silence
for contemplation***



We confess our sins and ask Christ to forgive us

Blessed Saviour, most holy Redeemer.

You know I am unworthy of your grace.

**My sins have forced me from your
presence and peace.**

**My loose commitment and idolatry has
sickened you.**



**My guilt has rightly made your judgment
hard and my punishment everlasting.**

But by your holy wounds,

your sacred blood,

your perfect obedience to the Father,

cancel my guilt and remove my sins,

my faithful and forgiving Redeemer.

Amen



Hear the word of Christ's forgiveness

St John reminds us in his first letter: *"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:8–9, NIV)

**Therefore let it be done for you as you desire and go in the joy of God's forgiveness, earned by Jesus his Son.+
Peace be with you. Amen.**



Blessing

Christ our crucified Saviour draw us to himself, so that you may find in him the assurance of sins forgiven and the gift of eternal life.

And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, be with us now and always.

Amen



LH 69 - Glory be to Jesus

- 1. Glory be to Jesus
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins.**



2. Grace and life eternal

In that blood I find:

Blest be His compassion,

Infinitely kind!



**3. Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments
Did the world redeem!**



**4. Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.**



**5. Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.**



**6. Lift we then our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still, and louder,
Praise the precious blood!**

**Viva! viva! Gesu
Italian, 18th century
Tr. Edward Caswall, 1857, alt.**



Announcements

Blessed Holy week to you!

Please keep an eye out in your email for holy week devotional and worship resources for Holy Week.

Pastor Matt providing to the LCA WA district his Maundy Thursday sermon on Jesus' washing of his disciple's feet.



Pastoral care, conversation and catch up:

With your pastoral assistants or

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