

Sunday 2nd. April, 2023 11.00 am

The Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 367 Hosanna, loud hosanna,

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through city street and temple
the lovely anthem rang;
They shouted out their praises
to Christ, the children's friend,
who welcomes all with blessing,
whose love will never end.

2 From Olivet they followed,
a large exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud;
bright angels joined the chorus,
beyond the cloudless sky,
'Hosanna in the highest!
Glory to God on high!'

3 'Hosanna in the Highest!' that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his living presence
eternally rejoice.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 366 Come into the streets with me!

1 Come into the streets with me!
come to where the crowds will be,
see a strange and gentle king
on a donkey travelling –

*Come and follow my leader,
come and follow my leader,
Jesus Christ is riding by,
come and follow my leader!*

2 All the people shout his name,
waving branches, sing his fame,
throw their coats upon his road,
glad to praise the Son of God -

Chorus

3 If the soldiers draw their swords,
will we dare to sing these words,
be his friends for just a day,
cheer him on, then run away?

Chorus

4 Jesus goes where things are rough,
Jesus knows when life is tough,
always comes to us, his friends,
so his story never ends.

Chorus

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St. Matthew 21:1-11

Hymn 467 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,

1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, wonderful Counsellor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
you're the way, the truth, the life.
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,
you're the Risen One, Heaven's champion,
and you reign, you reign over all!*

3 I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
where countless worshippers will share one song,
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

Stuart Townend

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Anthem

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

Hymn 365 Ride on! ride on in majesty!

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
the wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)