

Sunday 13th April, 2025

The Sixth Sunday in Lent - Palm Sunday 11am.

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Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

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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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 368 Shout, 'Hosanna, welcome to Jesus the King!'

- 1 Shout, 'Hosanna, welcome to Jesus the King!
Welcome to Jerusalem!
God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord.'
Wave palm branches and be a disciple.
He is coming to save his people.
Shout, 'Hosanna, welcome to Jesus our King!'
- 2 Line the roadside, welcome the Son of our God!
Welcome to Jerusalem!
Make a pathway, welcome him into your heart!
Wave palm branches and be a disciple.
He is coming to save his people.
Sing his praises, welcome the Son of our God!

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Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.^[a]
²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
 O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.^[a]
 We bless you from the house of the LORD.
²⁷ The LORD is God,
 and he has given us light.
 Bind the festal procession with branches,
 up to the horns of the altar.^[a]
²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
 you are my God, I will extol you.
²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.

Anthem

St. Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he 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.'

Hymn 399 My song is love unknown, (vv.1,2,3,7)

- 1 My song is love unknown,
 my Saviour's love to me,
 love to the loveless shown,
 that they might lovely be.
 O who am I,
 that for my sake
 my Lord should take
 frail flesh, and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne,
 salvation to bestow;
 but people scorned, and none
 the longed-for Christ would know.
 But O, my Friend,
 my Friend indeed,
 who at my need
 his life did spend.
- 3 Sometimes they strew his way,
 and his sweet praises sing;
 resounding all the day
 hosannas to their King.
 Then 'Crucify!'
 is all their breath,
 and for his death
 they thirst and cry.

7 Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 364 All glory, laud and honour

*All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

1 You are the King of Israel,
great David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessèd One.
Refrain

2 The company of angels
is praising thee on high,
while we and all creation
together make reply.
Refrain

3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.
Refrain

4 To you before your Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
Refrain

5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
in every good delighting,
our great and gracious King.

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Benediction

Choral Amen