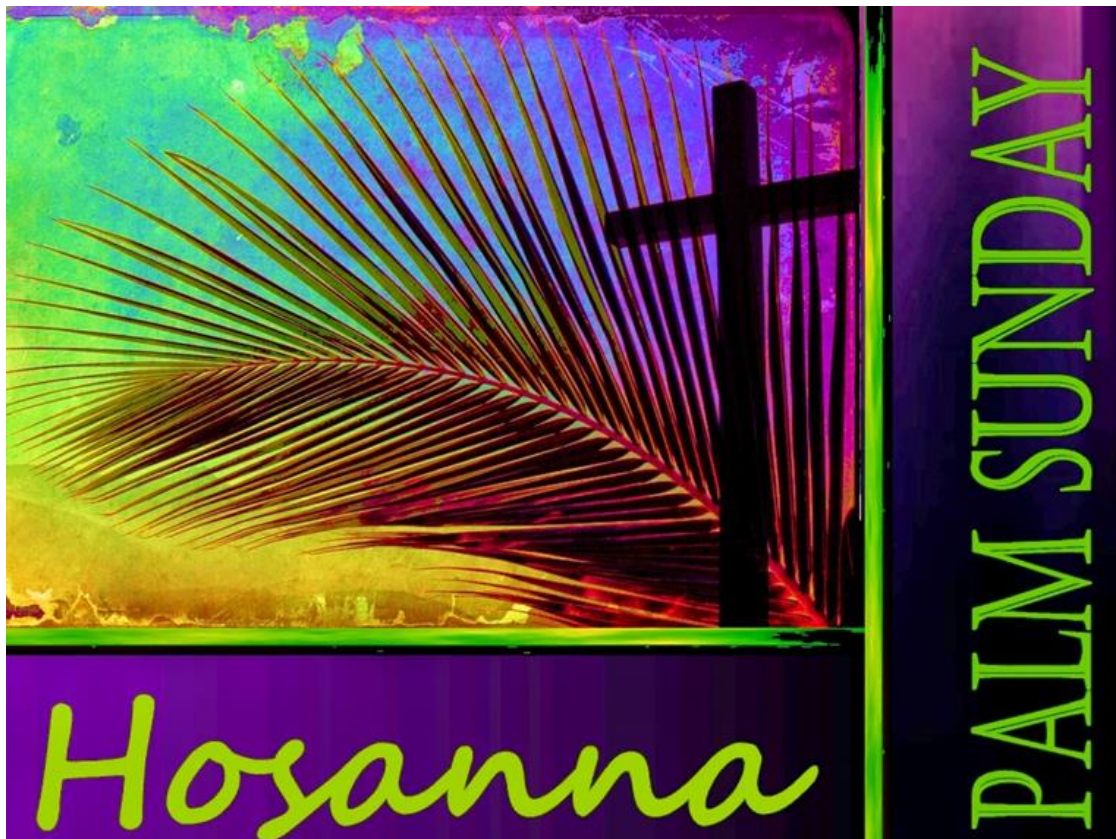


The Anglican Diocese of Willochra

**A Service
of
Holy Communion**



A LITURGY FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (PALM SUNDAY)

LITURGICAL NOTES

Holy Week Within the framework of the Lenten season, the last week stands out for special attention, not simply because it contains Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but because the whole week is a commemoration and celebration of our Lord's Passion. This week of the Passion is inaugurated on Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday or 6th To mark out this week as one of special solemnity, the decoration of the liturgical space might well mark the change by using passion red as the colour.

A large cross may be placed centrally, for this is the Week of the Cross. Branches and Palm fronds may be left in the church from the Sunday through to Maundy Thursday, when they should be removed. Sunday of Lent) with the reading of the Passion Gospel which sets the tone for the rest of the week.

In Holy Week we need to be particularly careful not to try and 're-enact' the events of the days before the death of Jesus. Liturgy is about celebration and commemoration rather than re-enactment. The careful and simple use of our symbols can serve this. The cross should be large and preferably wooden; branches, palm fronds or crosses need to be of an adequate size; processions need to go from one place to another.

The Eucharist, the celebration of Christ's saving death, is the primary focus of our liturgies for the week. Many communities will therefore want to celebrate the Eucharist on each day until Thursday. Other devotions, such as Stations of the Cross or Tenebrae should not replace the church's main celebration on these days, but may well be an adjunct to it.

As this is the central week of the Christian Year and central to the life of the Church, it is recommended that wherever possible there be only one celebration of the Liturgies for Passion (Palm) Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. While it may be ideal to celebrate only one great Liturgy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, this is often not practicable.

Passion (Palm) Sunday

In early times there were two liturgical celebrations on this Day: the Eucharist of the Day which commemorated the Passion of our Lord and, later in the day, a procession of all the people carrying palms in procession to the Great Church in Jerusalem for Vespers.

As the years passed, these two different commemorations merged into one, and in some places the re-enactment of the 'Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem' took over in importance. Some communities have made this the main theme of the Day's liturgy and omitted the Passion reading altogether. It should be remembered, however, that it is not the entry into Jerusalem, but rather the Passion Reading that sets the scene for Holy Week.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Sentence

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The palm crosses are blessed and distributed

The Blessing of the Palms

Almighty and Loving God,
it is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise
for the acts of love by which you have
redeemed us through Christ Jesus our Saviour.

The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and King
with palm branches in their hands, crying "Hosanna in the highest".

We pray you, O Lord, bless these branches and make them holy.

May we also, carrying them forth from this place and crying out
"Hosanna in the Highest"

and "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord",

acclaim Jesus as our Messiah and King

and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 11 beginning at verse 1:

[Mark 11:1-11]

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

A Processional Hymn may be sung

Lord Jesus, humble and riding on a donkey

We greet you

Acclaimed by crowds and carolled by children,

We cheer you

Moving from the peace of the countryside
to the corridors of power

We salute you, Christ our Lord

You are giving beasts of burden a new dignity;
You are giving majesty a new face'
You are giving those who long for redemption
a new song to sing.

With them, with heart and voice, we shout HOSANNA

(Stages on the Way pg 77, Wildgoose Publishing)

The Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.
Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

(New Patterns for Worship, Church of England)

Absolution

Prayer of the Day

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son
to take the form of a servant,
and to be obedient even to death on a cross:
give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus
that, sharing in his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Prophet of Isaiah,
Chapter 50 beginning at Verse 4

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

[NRSV Isaiah 50:4-9a]

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm 31:9-18 [Page 250 APBA]

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:

**my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.**

For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing:

**my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

I am become the scorn of all my enemies:

and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

I am a thing of horror to my friends:

and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:

I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many:

and fear is on every side;

While they plot together against me:

and scheme to take away my life.

But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:

I have said 'You are my God.'

All my days are in your hand:

**O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant:

and save me for your mercy's sake.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians,

Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 5

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

The Gradual Hymn

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark,

Chapter 14 beginning at Verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passion Gospel is read

(Mark 14:1-15:27)

This is the Passion of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Prayers of the People *(inspired by Philippians 2: 5-11)*

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that you would hear our prayers,
and graft in our minds the same mind that is in you,
that we might be vessels of your humility and grace.

Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself,
trading in the form of God for the form of a slave;
we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers.
Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness,
and found in human form;
we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth,
and for all who live in the midst of disaster, famine, or terror.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation,
you humbled yourself even to the point of death;
we pray for our nation, our leaders,
and all the people who live within these borders.
Bless us with your humility.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus your humility and your love for us
was so broad and deep, it cost you your life.
We pray for those who we love who have died,
and as you were highly exalted, may they rest with you in glory.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your exaltation, O Lord,
you were given the name that is above every name;
we pray in your name for those who are poor,
those who are hungry,
and those who are hurting in any way.
Give them your grace.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We also pray, in your name O Lord,
for those who are sick (especially...);
give them the gift of healing, strength, and life.
Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You humbled yourself in the manger,
and you humbled yourself on the cross;
and to you O Lord we bend our knee
with those above and those below,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

(written by Rick Morley, and posted on his [Rick Morley](#) blog)

Introduction to the Offertory

After we have shared the peace of Christ,
We will be invited to place our offerings in the bowl/plate
that you see..... (name location)
God calls us to be generous
not when all the bills are paid
not when we have everything we need
not when we see our way clear.
God calls us to be generous now,
in this present moment, trusting in God who is our Provider.

Offertory Prayer

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on,
they waved palm branches,
honouring your presence.
Today we honour you, Lord,
with our faithful tithes and offerings.

**We lay these gifts before you Lord Jesus,
humble tokens of our love for you, our King.
Amen.**

(written by Rev'd Mindi Wenton-Mitchell and downloaded at [ManyVoices.org](#))

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ

His Spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

The greeting of peace is passed within the congregation.

The Offertory Hymn

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power;
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything on heaven and earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded,
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate,
with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

[The gifts of God for the people of God.] Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Sending Out of God's People

God of mercy,
may we who have shared this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring and your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

The cross...	We shall take it
The journey...	We shall make it
The pain...	We shall bear it
The joy...	We shall share it
The gospel...	We shall live it
The love...	We shall give it
The light...	We shall cherish it
The darkness...	God shall perish it.

(Iona Abbey Worship Book pg 145)

The Blessing

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven
And the blessing.....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Recessional Hymn

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