

## THE SERVICE WITHOUT COMMUNION: Palm Sunday, 5 April 2020 Year A

### PREPARATION

#### IN THE NAME

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### HYMN LHS 86

**1. All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessed One.**

**2. The company of angels  
Are praising thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and love and anthems  
Before thee we present.**

**3. To thee, before thy passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.  
Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the love we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.**

**4. All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessed One.**

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760–821

Tr. John Mason neale, 1854, alt.

### CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF GRACE

Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**He made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

**Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Most merciful God,  
you have given your only Son to die for us.  
Have mercy on us,  
and for his sake  
grant us forgiveness of all our sins.  
By your Holy Spirit  
increase our knowledge of you and your will,  
and make us obedient to your word,  
so that by your grace  
we may come to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.  
**Amen.**

#### **LORD, HAVE MERCY (Setting for Lent)**

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

#### **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST (Setting for Lent)**

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased. Amen.**

#### **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray

Almighty and eternal God,  
since you sent your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
to take our nature upon himself,  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
Mercifully grant that we may patiently follow  
the example of his great humility,  
and share in his resurrection;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in Isaiah, chapter 50, beginning at verse 4.

The 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.

The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.

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.

The 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;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

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.

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CANTOR: Psalm 31: 1-4, 9-16**

Setting by Alan Collyer 1998

Antiphon:

***Into your hands I commit my spirit***

## SECOND READING

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in Philippians, chapter 2, beginning at verse 5.

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

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

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**(sung) Christ humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.**

## GOSPEL

The holy gospel is written in chapter 21 of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at verse 1.

**Glory be to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S ADDRESS**

### **HYMN LHS 757**

**On my heart imprint your image,  
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
That life's troubles or its pleasures  
Never may your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation.**

Thomas Hansen Kingo (1634-1703)      Tr. Peer Olsen Stromme 1856-1921, alt.

## **SERMON**

### **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,**

and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

\*or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'

## HYMN LHS 62

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 men made strange, 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.

4 They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suffering goes,  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

5 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.

Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)

## **OFFERTORY SONG (Setting for Lent)**

**1** What can I offer to the Lord  
for all his goodness to me?  
**2** I will lift up the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
**3** I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
**4** I will keep my promises to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people;  
**5** in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour,† and give  
you peace.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### **HYMN LHS 759**

**1. When his time was over, the palms lay where they fell.  
As they ate together, he told his friends farewell.  
Jesus, though you cried out for some other end,  
love could only choose a cross when our life began again.**

**2. Secretly they planned it, with money changing hands;  
in the quiet garden a kiss betrayed their man.  
Priests and elders tried him, soldiers crowned him king.  
We were in the crowd that day when our life began again.**

**3. Women wept to see him, he said "Don't weep for me."  
Many laughed and mocked him, "Forgive them, they don't see."  
Jesus, please forgive me, you know what I am;  
I was one who nailed your hands when our life began again.**

**4. There was one who asked you, "Remember me this day."  
Jesus, when I'm dying, remember me that way.  
When my life is over, be with me, my friend,  
like the thief upon the cross when our life began again.**

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