

## Welcome

*(Use this time to welcome people)*

## Gathering and Welcoming Prayer

*(<http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocB/BPALM.htm>)*

Holy God, most awesome is your friendship, most wondrous is your self-giving. We come with the sweet-sour mood of Palm Sunday in our minds and hearts. We come not in spite of the looming shadow of the cross but because of it. We come praising you for the grief-joy of your Christ, for the loving courage with which he fulfilled his terrible-wonderful mission to seek and save the lost. We come adding our hosanna to the millions of voices, past and present, who have entered into the liberty which has come at such a high cost. God of Jesus, we adore you; O give us grace to love you more! Through Christ our Saviour.

**Amen!**

## Music/Song *(You can copy, paste & download these songs with lyrics)*

Blessed Assurance <https://vimeo.com/162595687>

In Christ Alone <https://vimeo.com/212939880>

## Prayer for Forgiveness & Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

If our songs of praise are a habit that has lost the enthusiasm of its first love;  
Lord have mercy / *Lord have mercy.*

If our songs of praise are hampered by a multitude of small doubts and fears;  
Christ have mercy / *Christ have mercy.*

If our songs of praise have become the hollow shells of a faith that has withered;  
Lord have mercy / *Lord have mercy.*

God of stringent light and relentless mercy, please reveal to us the condition of our true selves. Expose the ugliness we have ignored, affirm the beauty that has not been surrendered, forgive the sins for which we have made pathetic excuses, and heal the faith which, although lame, has not surrendered to the world's pessimism.

Encourage us to bear the pain of complete self-honesty, and to embrace the joy of rehabilitation which comes to us through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Then let us live boldly to the praise of your Holy Name.

*Amen!*

Forgiveness...

Sisters and brothers, the sufferings and death of the true Son of God are indeed the ultimate condemnation of evil, but they are also the ultimate witness to the salvation of the world. Through Christ who comes to us, we are a people who have nothing to fear and everything to hope for.

*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest!*

**Our Father . . .**

## Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Turn to those around you and greet them with the words above)*

## Notices

## Offerings

*Prayers for Others (Take this time to pray for our world, our local community and individuals)*

## Music/Song

Blessed be your name <https://vimeo.com/433783713>

## Reading for Today

Is 50:4-9a, Ps 118:1-2, Mk 11:1-11

## Reflection

**Beyond the Procession...** Rev John Thornton

*(Download the video for today here)*

<https://vimeo.com/reflectionsonline/review/520244027/b929110e25>

### *Questions related to the Reflection*

- How smart do you think Jesus was, and why?
- How alert do you think our greater community is to the Easter story?
- Why do you think that Jesus and his team were not accepted in the Samaritan town?

### *Silence*

Sit still and silent. Sink into your heart and think about how you allow Christ's light to shine in you?

When has the light of Christ guided you when times were tough?

### *Closing Prayer & Blessing*

Go gladly on your way as those who have recognised the Palm Sunday man as the key to the healing of the world.

*Hosanna! Wonderful is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

Translate your hosannas in the language of daily loving, that each task and each person may receive the best you can offer in those circumstances.

*Hosanna! Wonderful is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

The amazing grace of Christ Jesus cover you,

The enduring love of God encircle you,

The sure friendship of the Spirit inspire you,

both today and evermore.

*Both today and ever more.*

**Amen!**

*Music/Song* (Optional - You may wish to include another piece of music or song here)

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