



10th April 2022 Palm Sunday

JESUS, AND THE OPINION POLLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In sunshine and shadow, joy or grief,
this is the day which the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Look ! Your Messiah comes to you;
Humble and seated on an ass, he arrives.

Hosanna! Wonderful is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

If we should keep quiet the very stone would cry aloud!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

PRAYER

Holy God, your love goes beyond all limits.
In the passion of your true Son,
you take us beyond our highest ideals and beneath our deepest fears.
We thank you for the sweet-sour celebration of Palm Sunday;
for both the joy and the tears.
Foster in us the desire and the will to follow Jesus without reserve,
that we may be led into a peace that holds in time of trouble,
and into a love that persists far beyond the outer rim of our present
understanding.


In the name of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Amen!

PRAYER FOR FIRST PEOPLES

Many people have gone before
who have honoured God
by caring for the Land,
in the ways they have lived
and in the stories they have shared.

We give thanks



for the nations and people,
who have held as sacred
the duty of protecting the Land
and living in harmony with it.

May God honour and bless them
– now and to eternity. (2017 A. Koh-Butler)

SONG

Jesus, what a Beautiful Name

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/542507949/41f72d4fba>

PRAYER

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Seek the grace of Christ Jesus while it may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let us pray.

Because your words and deeds are perfection, but our goodness is like soiled and torn clothing; Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Because we become locked into mediocrity, having lost enthusiasm for reaching high because of bruising knock backs; Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Because from personal experience you, merciful Friend, know how hard it is to keep the faith when the future appears to be threat and pain; Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Loving God, Friend and Saviour, please continue to forgive our sins and heal our fractured faith and love.

Restore among us the joy of salvation and the simplicity of uncluttered goals. We pray for hands eager to serve you, wills keen to follow you, and for minds that are wild about exploring the height, depth, length and breadth of your redeeming love in Christ Jesus.

*Let this be, dear Lord, let this be.. **Amen!***


lives.

We bow before you seeking forgiveness, and for cleansing from the soot and souring of evil.

We also humbly ask for whatever painful therapy is needed to get us in better spiritual shape,

Holy God, awesome Friend of sinners,
please interfere in our daily lives.
Please interfere as much as is good for us.

Make us hungry for whatever you deem most valuable,
to strive for this with undivided tenacity,
to show particular love to whoever you want us to love,
and to cherish those pleasures which delight you most.



With every milligram of the free will you have given us,
we choose to ask you:
Please don't allow us to screw up;
make us yours today and forever.

Through the grace of Christ Jesus our Saviour.
Amen!

ASSURANCE

My Friends, In Christ Jesus we are a forgiven family of God. Live as those who are liberated, not looking back with remnants of guilt but looking forward to the fulfilment of the promises of God.

Amen!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(take this time to pray for each other, the community and world)

SONG

At the Cross

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OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, your love for us is revealed in the gifts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

You call us to make these gifts evident in our lives.

Receive and bless this offering as a symbol of our thanksgiving
and as a sign of our commitment to be prophetic witnesses
of your love and mercy.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

READINGS

Luke 19: 28-40

Philippians 2: 5-11

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29,

REFLECTION

Jesus, and the Opinion Polls

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/694740303/bbf9a6a6cf>

SILENCE

Now let silence gently enfold us...

May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage,
and enlarge our wonder.



SONG

All I once held dear

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/561168602/7567a4ccf0>

BLESSING

In sunshine and shadow, joy or grief,
this is the day which the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Step gratefully into this holy week;
tread softly for many things are already bruised;
go reverently for holiness is found in unlikely places;
walk lovingly for the love of the Crucified One
is the key to all things on earth and in heaven.

Amen!

Even with our small faith, may Christ live and rule in our hearts.

The blessings of this Lord's Day,
through our Saviour Christ,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
from the God who gathers all our joys and sorrows into one mighty
consummation,
be with you now and always.

Amen!

SONG

May the good Lord bless and keep you.

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