

Palm Sunday - St. Mark's Anglican Church  
Sunday, March 28, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant:	The Rev. Robert Cooke
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The Gathering

Dear friends in Christ,  
during Lent we have been preparing  
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.  
On this day our Lord Jesus Christ  
entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.  
The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise,  
but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.  
Today we greet him as our King,  
although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.  
We follow him this week from the glory of the palms  
to the glory of the resurrection  
by way of the dark road of suffering and death.  
United with him in his suffering on the cross,  
may we share his resurrection and new life.

God our Saviour,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as  
Messiah to suffer and to die;  
may we ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Hosanna to the Son of David**

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

## **ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR**

### **Refrain:**

***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.      *Refrain***

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
Our prayer and praise and anthems before Thee we present.      *Refrain***

**To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.      *Refrain***

### **Collect**

Holy and immortal God,  
as we enter into this holy week  
turn our hearts to Jerusalem,  
so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may enter the city not made with hands,  
your promised realm of justice and peace,  
eternal from age to age. Amen.

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Mark**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the

highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. MARK 11:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon  
Silence

### **AMAZING GRACE**

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now, I see.**

**T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.  
And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear  
the hour I first believed.**

**The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far  
And Grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.**

### An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God,  
**We believe in God the Father,**  
**from whom every family**  
**in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**  
**who lives in our hearts through faith,**  
**and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
**who strengthens us**  
**with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

Hear us, Lord Jesus, Son of God  
**Help us follow Your way**

### The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom  
and teach us 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.**  
**Lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we prepare for the Feast of Easter,  
let us make ready our hearts  
to reaffirm the covenant of our baptism.

Let us ask God to bring to light  
the things now hidden in darkness,  
and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.

How faithfully have we continued  
in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

How faithfully have we persevered in resisting evil,  
and whenever we fell into sin,  
repented and returned to the Lord?  
Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

How faithfully have we proclaimed  
by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?  
Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

How faithfully have we sought and served Christ  
in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves?  
Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

How faithfully have we worked  
for justice and peace among all people,  
respecting the dignity of every human being?  
Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

How faithfully have we worked to safeguard  
the integrity of God's creation,  
respecting, sustaining and renewing the life of the earth?  
Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

Almighty God, have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### The Blessing

#### **WILL YOU COME FOLLOW ME**

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Dismissal