

# Live Communion

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## PALM SUNDAY

### Jesus' Seven Last Words

**"It is finished"**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*The people hold up palms or branches*

**God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;  
let these palms be for us signs of his victory  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may 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.**

**RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!**

Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;

O Saviour meek, pursue thy road

with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die:

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin

o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

the angel armies of the sky

look down with sad and wondering eyes

to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;

the Father on his sapphire throne

awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die;

bow thy meek head to mortal pain,

then take, O God, thy pow'r and reign.

#### Confession

**Father God, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life.**

**I am sorry that I hurt others and myself.**

**Please forgive me for all that I do wrong.**

**Thank you that Jesus came to rescue me from the mess I get myself into.**

**Thank you that he took the punishment I deserve.**

**I want to follow Jesus, please refill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to live for you. Amen.**

#### Absolution

## COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

**True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. AMEN.**

**Readings: Zechariah 9 (9-10) & John 19 (30-37)**

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**Talk**

**Prayers**

**The Peace**

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

**The Communion**

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All It is right to give 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:

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.  
Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.  
Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!**  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore;

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above;

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n;

He sits at God's right hand  
Till all His foes submit,  
And bow to His command,  
And fall beneath His feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home;

*We soon shall hear th' archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!*

**The Final Blessing**