

Palm Sunday

(to be said in the morning)

OPENING

O Lord open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be fore ever. Amen.**

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey.
Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

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PALM GOSPEL

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.'

Matthew 21. 1-11

PRAYERS

Lord Jesus,
you transformed the tree of the cross into the tree of our
salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

You suffered for us,
leaving us an example that we might walk in your ways.

Lord, have mercy.

You embraced the wood of the cross, burdened with our sins,
that dead to sin we might live in your peace.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy:
we look to you to save and help us.
Lord, have mercy.

By your cross and your life laid down, you set your people free:
we look to you to save and help us.
Lord, have mercy.

When they were ready to perish, you saved your disciples:
we look to you to come to our help.
Lord, have mercy.

In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains,
forgive the sins of all your people.
Lord, have mercy.

Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer;
save and help us that we may praise you.
Lord, have mercy.

Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:
hear our prayer and be with us always.
Lord, have mercy.

And when you come in your glory:
make us to be one with you and to share the life of your kingdom. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon me.**

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. **Amen.**

ACT OF CONTRITION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

ACT OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

**My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed
Sacrament.**

I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

O Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUSION

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week

(to be said in the morning or at midday)

OPENING

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

My trust is in you, O Lord,

I have said, 'You are my God.'

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your
holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Holy God,

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have mercy upon us.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection: for by virtue of the cross joy has come to the whole world.

PSALM

Monday: 27. 1 - 8

Tuesday: 23

Wednesday: 143

SHORT READING

Monday: Mark 8. 31 - 35

Tuesday: Isaiah 53. 4 - 6

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 1. 18, 22 - 25

SILENT PRAYER

and / or

PRAYERS

Have mercy on your people, for whom your Son laid down his life: Lord, hear my prayer, **and let my cry come unto you.**

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity on those torn apart by division: Lord, hear my prayer, **and let my cry come unto you.**

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake, and deliver them from evil: Lord, hear my prayer, **and let my cry come unto you.**

Look in mercy on all who suffer, and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation: Lord, hear my prayer, **and let my cry come unto you.**

Bring comfort to the dying, and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory: Lord, hear my prayer, **and let my cry come unto you.**

Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting: Lord, hear my prayer, **and let my cry come unto you.**

HAIL MARY

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COLLECT

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LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUSION

May Christ our Saviour give us peace. Amen.

Maundy Thursday

(to be said at night)

OPENING

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O Lord, make haste to help us.

My trust is in you, O Lord,

I have said, 'You are my God.'

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

Lord, have mercy.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

Purge me from my sin and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive me by the death of his Son and strengthen me to live in the power of the Spirit, all my days.
Amen.

READING

John 13. 1 - 17, 31 - 35

Silence is kept

PRAYERS

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. I commit myself to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear me

and humble me.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. I pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear me

and unite your people.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. I pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear me

and renew my zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. I pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear me

and fill me with your love.

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. I pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear me

and give me your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. I remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear me

and welcome all your children into paradise.

HAIL MARY

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ACT OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I
cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the
least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the
will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Silence is kept

GOSPEL OF THE WATCH

Luke 22. 31 - 62

Silence is kept

CONCLUSION

May Christ our Saviour give us peace. **Amen.**



Good Friday

(to be said in the morning or at midday)

OPENING

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

PASSION READING

John 18 and 19

Silence is kept

PSALM 67

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise you for your mighty resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

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Silence is kept

PRAYERS

Father, I pray for your Church throughout the world: for unity in faith, in witness and in service, for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve, for Rob our bishop, and the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this place, for those to be baptized, for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith, that you will confirm your Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear my prayer.**

Father, I pray for the nations of the world and their leaders: for Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments of this land, for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office, for all who strive for justice and reconciliation, that by your help the world may live in peace and freedom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear my prayer.**

Father, I pray for those who do not believe the Gospel of Christ: for those who have not heard the message of salvation, for all who have lost faith, for the contemptuous and scornful, for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him, for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified, that you will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear my prayer.**

Father, I pray for all those who suffer: for those who are deprived and oppressed, for all who are sick, for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear, for prisoners, captives and refugees, for the victims of false accusations and violence, for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them, that you will sustain them in your mercy with the knowledge of your love.

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**As though you have already come,
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Silence is kept

CONCLUSION

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Holy Saturday

(to be said in the morning or at midday)

OPENING

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I have said, 'You are my God.'

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Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

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PSALM

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SHORT READING

John 12. 23 - 26

SILENT PRAYER

and / or

PRAYERS

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and let my cry come unto you.

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity on those torn apart by division: Lord, hear my prayer,

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COLLECT

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUSION

May Christ our Saviour give us peace. **Amen.**

An Easter Vigil

(to be said as the sun sets on Holy Saturday, or when you wake on Easter Day)

OPENING

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Light a candle

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; to you be glory and praise for ever. You spoke the word and radiant light scattered the darkness. Illuminate and warm our hearts, and prepare us to receive anew your saving truth; for you are the fountain of light, and in your light we see true light, the light of your grace today, the light of your glory hereafter. Blessed are you, O Lord, whose light perishes the darkness. **Amen.**

The reading and psalm remind us of when God saved his people in ages past, leading them from slavery to freedom. In the fullness of time he sent his Son to be our Saviour, to lead us from the slavery of sin into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

READING

Exodus 14

PSALM

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Silence is kept

Jesus died on the cross for our sins, he was buried, and rose again. In baptism we die with him and are buried in his tomb that we might have life. Therefore, at this holy time, we renew our baptismal promises, and recommit ourselves to follow the way of light. Think about what each promise means for you.

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

I reject the devil and all rebellion against God.

I renounce the deceit and corruption of evil.

I repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour.

I turn to Christ as Saviour.

I submit to Christ as Lord.

I come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life.

EXSULTET

Try singing it—it's the tune that's used for 'Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord', named 'Woodlands'

**Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony! Now Jesus
Christ is risen from the grave! Salute your King in
glorious symphony!**

Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come! The glory of the Lord shines radiantly! Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death! The night is past, the day of life is here!

Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured! The gospel trumpets tell of victory won! Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore! Let all God's people sound the long Amen!

ACCLAMATION

Why not shout it out!

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ACT OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

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I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;

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HYMN

The well-known tune is named 'Easter Hymn'

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

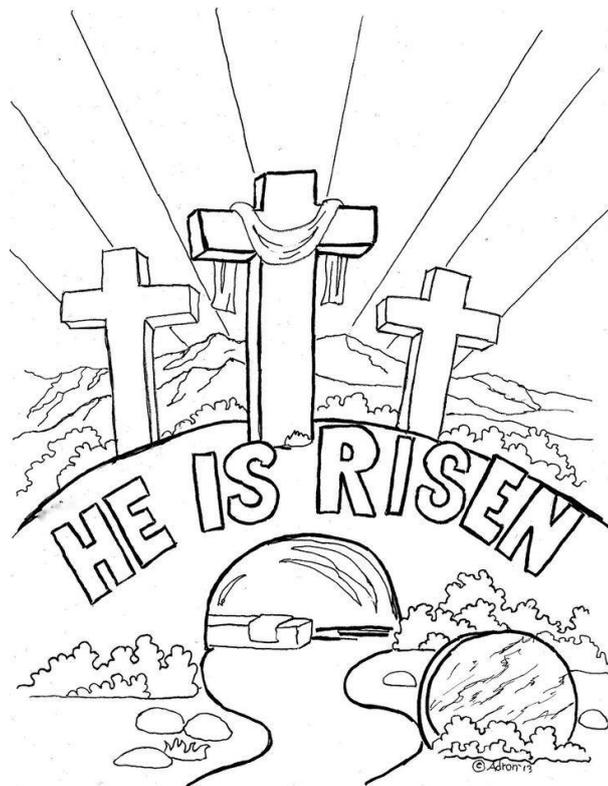
**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

READING

Matthew 28. 1 - 10

Silence is kept



EASTER ANTHEMS

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast,

**not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9–11

Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death: by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

for as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20–22

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

If you have any prayers or thanksgivings you wish to make, offer them in some silence here.

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUSION

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise more than we can utter, more than we can conceive, be to you, O most adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all peoples, all creation, for ever and ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Lancelot Andrewes

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