

## SUNDAY APRIL 2 :: PALM SUNDAY :: ORDER OF SERVICE



*The communion setting for Lent and Easter is Dudman.*

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{To be said from the Narthex}

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.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass. 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.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you

**And also with you.**

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.

*Let us pray.*

Merciful God,

as we enter this holy week

and gather at your house of prayer,

turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,

to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,

that, united with Christ and all the faithful,

we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new

Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,

where, with you and the Holy Spirit,

Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**

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**First hymn No 250** :: All Glory, praise and honour

**Sentence** :: At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.10-11*

**Prayer of the Day/ Collect** ::

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First reading** :: **Isaiah 50.4-9a**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 31.9-18 ::**

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts. <sup>10</sup> For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing: my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed. <sup>11</sup> I am become the scorn of all my enemies: and my neighbours wag their heads in derision. <sup>12</sup> I am a thing of horror to my friends: and those that see me in the street shrink from me. <sup>13</sup> I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind: I have become like a broken vessel. <sup>14</sup> For I hear the whispering of many: and fear is on every side; <sup>15</sup> While they plot together against me: and scheme to take away my life. <sup>16</sup> But in you, Lord, have I put my trust: I have said 'You are my God.' <sup>17</sup> All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors. <sup>18</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy's sake.

## **Second reading :: Philippians 2.5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

**Gradual hymn No 79 ::** Praise to the holiest

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**The Gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 21, beginning at verse 1.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>21</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the

prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> '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.'  
<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.  
<sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!' <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Offertory hymn No 262** :: We sing the praise

**The music during communion** is '*Folk Tune*' by Percy Whitlock (1903 - 1946)

**Concluding hymn No 266** :: There is a green hill

**The postlude** is :: '*Choral Hymn*' by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 - 1876)  
[grandson of Charles Wesley]

