

On Line**Opening Hymn – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

This is the day the Lord has made. **So, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Now stretch out your hand to the screen and lets virtually take hands and say:

‘Jesus Loves you and so do I’

Our service today looks at Palm Sunday what it means for us, as we now worship in Song, Scripture and prayer.

Please say the words together as they appear on screen in Yellow during this service:

As we prepare.....

Opening Reading – Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)

Let us Pray - Lord Jesus - we come this day filled with excitement and enthusiasm like all those who gathered on at the side of the road to cheer and wave palms that day in Jerusalem so long ago. Increase our faith and listen to our prayers as we honour you this day. Help us to always live in you and to glorify your name. **Amen**

2nd Hymn - We have a king who rides a donkey

We are a wandering people, O God, who seek refuge and protection in the vanity of our world. Accept now our confession of sin and our desire to be closer to you.

O Lamb of God, we remain unmoved by your tears, by your slow dying. We hear the taunts, and pretend our words are always sweet. We watch you forgive, and hoard grace for ourselves.

We know you die, and we go on about our usual way. Forgive us for not stopping, for not weeping, for not acknowledging that we allow your children in our time to suffer.

Heal our broken, imperfect hearts, that we might love more fully and more wondrously, following You, O Lamb, not into death but into life. Amen.

The Lord who created you says: Sisters and brothers in Christ, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

Let us pray

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. **Amen.**

1st Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a (NIV)**2nd Reading – Psalm 31:9-16 (NIV)****3rd Reading – Matthew 27:1-2,11-50 (NIV)**

3rd Hymn – Tell Me The Stories of Jesus**SERMON:** The Crowd and The Cross**4th Hymn – Ride On, Ride On in Majesty****Let us pray**

Father God, Your Word is true, and You are faithful. You promised salvation through the Messiah and today we remember that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies of our promised Redeemer. We acknowledge our need for salvation from our sins and rejoice that Jesus is our Deliverer. We celebrate Him today as King and ask that His Kingdom come in our lives, too. We praise You now and will praise You throughout the coming day, in Jesus' name. Amen

Prayers - Intercessions and Lord's Prayer**5th Hymn – At the name of Jesus****Presentation of offerings**

Bless, O God, our offering this day -- may it be a true sign of our trust in you and be used of you to further the work of he who gave everything he had for us and for our world. We ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Notices (if any)

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

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All Christ is our light that illumines and guides us. Christ as our shield that overshadows us. Christ is under us; Christ is over us; Christ is beside us and on our left and on our right. This day be within and without us, lowly and meek and yet all powerful. Be in the heart of each in whom we speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto us.

This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all powerful. Christ as our light; Christ as our shield; Christ beside us on our left and on our right.

Go in peace, remembering all that Jesus endured for your sake, and may God bless you and keep you safe in his knowledge and his love both now and forevermore. **Amen**

Departing Hymn— O Jesus. I Have Promised