

On Line**Opening Hymn – Come In, Come In and Sit Down**

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’

Today, we recall the events of the first Holy Week, which happened so many years ago.

We remember how it started with Jesus entering the Holy City and we recall how it ended with his death outside Jerusalem's gates.

Reading 1 – Mark 11:1-10 (NRSV)

Lord God, as did the people of Jerusalem before us, we cry to you, saying:

Hosanna - blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest

2nd Hymn – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Lyric Video)

Let us pray -- help us, O Lord, to welcome your blessed son into our midst today with the same joy and hope that the people of Jerusalem received him with so long ago. May he abide with us and we with him. Help us to praise and adore both him and you, not just for a day, but for always. **Amen.**

Palm - Passion Litany (On Screen)

The people welcomed Jesus into their midst. Their hosannas rang out, they called upon him as a saviour, a mighty king.

They hoped that the he would cast the oppressors out of their land and bring the nation glory and honour.

It was a special moment - a time of celebration, a time of anticipation, a time when people felt that they would receive a new life.

It was to offer this to us that Jesus came. But God's ways are not our ways, nor are his thoughts our thoughts.

Our worship today recognizes this fact and we rejoice in it.

Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Confession

Lord God most merciful, we confess that we have sinned, through our own fault, and in common with others, in thought, word and deed, and through what we have left undone. We ask to be forgiven.

By the power of your Spirit, turn us from evil to good, help us to forgive others, and keep us in your ways of righteousness and love through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pardon

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

To all who repent and believe, we declare, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: God grants you the forgiveness of your sins.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Let us pray our collect

O Lord our God we do not even want to look. Looking means taking in on some level the Cross of Christ; acknowledging somewhere in our being that there is more to this deep longing in our hearts for transcendence. But if we acknowledge that there is something more, if we start to notice the Cross, it means we have to get messy. We have to recognize the pain and brokenness, the poverty and emptiness of our lives. Oh Lord, then we have to figure out what it means to need a Saviour. Help us as we walk this week in the footsteps of Christ and the Church down through the ages to grow ever deeper into the mystery of Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Son of Man. We ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

2nd Reading – MARK 14:01-21 (NRSV)

3rd Hymn – Ride On, Ride On In Majesty

3rd Reading – Mark 14:22-42 (NRSV)

4th Hymn - Go To Dark Gethsemane

4th Reading - Mark 14:43-72 (NRSV)

5th Hymn - Bitter Was The Night

5th Reading - Mark 15:1-47 (NRSV)

6th Hymn - Where You There?

SERMON: Extravagant Love

4th Hymn – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Let us pray (Based Phillipians 2:5-11)

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

Who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, 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. Amen.

Lenten Creed

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Prayers - Intercessions and Lord's Prayer

Presentation of offerings

We thank you Father for Jesus Christ, who for our sake became poor that we might be rich. We thank you that he gave himself up to death so that we might rise to life. Accept our gifts of thanksgiving now O Lord. Use both them and us so that they might bring blessings unto your name. We ask it in the name of Jesus. **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.

***On screen*

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 - and may God be gracious unto you according to the riches of his mercy in Christ Jesus - may his love flow forth abundantly upon you - and may his eternal faithfulness give you strength for each and every day. **Amen**

Departing Hymn— How Great thou art