

**St. Sampson and St. Mary's Churches  
Guernsey**



**Palm Sunday 2020**

# Notes

We live in precarious times and we've never really been in a situation where Holy Week and Easter can't happen in Church.

However, this doesn't mean that we can't still pray and share in the different liturgies and ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter and live out the story of Jesus.

This Order of Service for Palm Sunday is designed to give you some things to work with and to guide your devotions.

As a general rule, you will need a Bible.

You may also find it helpful to have a cross of some sort and a candle as a visual focus. You might like the challenge of making a cross out of whatever materials you have to hand.

If there is more than one of you taking part, you may wish to share in leading the services or reading the Bible Readings.

**Those with internet access:** may like to make use of *Youtube* for some music and hymns. Some suggestions are offered at various points in the service. You may not find that the top-billed video is the one of the best quality, however, so it may pay to do a bit of research before you start!

**bible.oremus.org** is a useful resource if you'd like a modern translation of the Bible (if you haven't already got one).

Above all, know and trust that we do not pray alone or in spiritual isolation. We join our prayers with Christians around the world and with the whole company of Heaven as we worship and adore God.

*Image taken from: pavement on the north side of Sagrada Familia, Barcelona.*



*You will need: a Cross and a Bible.*

*You may also wish to have a candle lit as a sign of Christ's presence with you.*

*Listen to Youtube: Hosanna to the Son of David by Weelkes*

## Introduction

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.

*Hold your Cross whilst saying this prayer.*

God our Saviour,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah  
to suffer and to die;  
let this Cross be for us a sign 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.  
Through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Palm Gospel

*Read: Matthew 21.1-11*

### 'Procession'

Let us go forth in our hearts, praising Jesus our Messiah.

### Hymn

***All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and Blessed one: *Refrain:***

**The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply: *Refrain:***

**The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went:  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present: *Refrain:***

**To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to thee now high exalted  
our melody we raise: *Refrain:***

**Thy sorrow and thy triumph  
grant us, O Christ, to share,  
that to the holy city  
together we may fare: *Refrain:***

*Words: St Theodulph of Orleans (c.750–821)  
translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)*

## **Collect**

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

*Silence is kept.*

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the 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.**

## **Reading**

*Read: Philippians 2.5-11*

## **Hymn**

**Meekness and majesty,  
manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony,  
the Man who is God  
Lord of eternity  
dwells in humanity  
Kneels in humility  
and washes our feet**

**O what a mystery,  
meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship  
for this is your God  
This is your God**

**Father's pure radiance.  
perfect in innocence  
Yet learns obedience  
to death on a cross  
Suffering to give us life,  
Conquering through sacrifice  
And as they crucify  
prays Father forgive**

**O what a mystery,  
meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship  
for this is your God  
This is your God**

**Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible,  
Love indestructible  
in frailty appears  
Lord of infinity,  
stooping so tenderly,  
Lifts our humanity  
to the heights of His throne**

**O what a mystery,  
meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship  
for this is your God  
This is your God**

*Words & Music: Graham Kendrick*

## The Passion Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*Read: Matthew 26.14 – 27.66*

*Keep a period of silence afterwards.*

### Reflection

Today the crucial stage of the journey begins. A journey that started before time began. Before Eden, before the Crib. Now, Jesus comes to fulfil a destiny that was his from the moment of his birth. He arrives in humility, seated on a humble donkey, but still the crowds turn out to greet him in great number. These are the same crowds who in just a few days' time will stop shouting 'Hosanna!' and instead pick up the call to 'Crucify him!'. Where will our hearts be in a week's time, in amongst the uncertainty of life at the moment? Can we journey with Christ through the difficulties of the coming week, whatever it may hold for us? Can we keep our hearts and eyes fixed on him in these most difficult circumstances?

### Hymn

**Come and see, come and see  
Come and see the King of love  
See the purple robe  
and crown of thorns he wears  
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer  
As he lifts the cruel cross  
Lone and friendless now  
he climbs towards the hill**

***We worship at your feet  
Where wrath and mercy meet  
And a guilty world  
is washed by love's pure stream  
For us he was made sin  
Oh, help me take it in  
Deep wounds of love  
cry out 'Father, forgive'  
I worship, I worship  
The Lamb who was slain.***

**Come and weep, come and mourn  
For your sin that pierced him there  
So much deeper  
than the wounds of thorn and nail  
All our pride, all our greed  
All our fallenness and shame  
And the Lord has laid  
the punishment on him**

**Man of heaven, born to earth  
To restore us to your heaven  
Here we bow in awe  
beneath your searching eyes  
From your tears comes our joy,  
From your death our life shall spring,  
By your resurrection power  
we shall rise**

*Words & Music: Graham Kendrick*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray (*please add in your own petitions as you feel moved*).

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for  
justice and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,  
that they may find support and encouragement,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,  
feel that God is far from them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,



let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,  
may find mercy in the day of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*A few moments of silence are kept before the prayers conclude*

Holy God,

**holy and strong,**

**holy and immortal,**

**have mercy upon us.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Hymn**

**My song is love unknown,**

**My Saviour's love to me;**

**Love to the loveless shown,**

**That they might lovely be.**

**O who am I,**

**That for my sake**

**My Lord should take**

**Frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know:  
But O! my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend.**

**Sometimes they strew His way,  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King:  
Then "Crucify!"  
is all their breath,  
And for His death  
they thirst and cry.**

**Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight,  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
Themselves displease,  
and 'gainst Him rise.**

**They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of life they slay,  
Yet cheerful He  
to suffering goes,  
That He His foes  
from thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King!  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend,  
in Whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.**

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