

The Parish Church of St Paul, Wokingham



Palm Sunday Order of Service

*The Palm Procession begins from St Paul's Junior School at 9.15am.
Alternatively, you are welcome to meet the Procession in Church
at 9.30am for the start of the Service.*

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.

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

The Palm Gospel

The Introduction

The Blessing of the Palms

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem
as Messiah to suffer and to die,
let these palms be for us signs 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;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Palm Procession

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Processional Hymn

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;

O Saviour meek, pursue thy road

with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die;

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin

o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

The angel-squadrons of the sky

look down with sad and wondering eyes

to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Opening Hymn (in Church)

*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 Blessèd 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 prayer and praise 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*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Do thou direct our footsteps upon our earthly way,
And bring us by thy mercy to heaven's eternal day. *Refrain*

Within that blessed City Thy praises my we sing,
And ever raise hosannas to our most loving King. *Refrain*

The Address

The Collect for Palm Sunday

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

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 & 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion Gospel (which is often sung)

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

We remain standing throughout the reading unless unable to do so.

We genuflect or bow at the death of Jesus for a moment of silent contemplation.

The Intercessions

...let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near through the shedding
of Christ's blood, for her is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you.**

*We sing the Offertory Hymn, during which the gifts are brought to the altar-
bread and wine and the treasure of our hearts.*



The Preparation of the Altar

Blessed are you Lord God, King of all Creation.
Of your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth
and work of human hands. It will become for us the Bread of Life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you Lord God, King of all creation.
Of your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine
and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and
glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (D)

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to supper with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven

where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

The Fraction

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup:
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

*If you usually receive communion in your own Church, or you have done in the
past, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament today.*

*If you would prefer to have a special prayer of blessing, please come forward
with everyone else carrying this order of service.*

The Post-Communion Prayers

Faithful God, may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

**God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Notices

The Blessing

May the Father
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty...

The Dismissal

The Lenten Wreath

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The scene is set for the pivotal week in human history.
All of the pieces are in place-
and we are invited, called, required to walk the road with Jesus
as it leads from Maundy Thursday to Good Friday,
and from there to Holy Saturday and thence
to the unexpected and unabated joy of Easter Day.
Jesus does all of this for us, for you-
and we are invited simply to be there, to be with him.

Please look on the Parish website for details of Holy Week Services
www.stpauls-wokingham.org.uk or ring the Parish Office on 0118 979 2122.

*Today the Crowd shout
“Hosanna to the Son of David”
Soon the Crowd will shout
“We have no King but Caesar.
Crucify Jesus and release Barabbas”*

Two Prayers for use after the Service

Lord our God,
grant me grace to desire You with my whole heart;
that so desiring you, I may seek and find You;
and so finding you, I may love You;
and so loving You, I may hate those sins
from which You have delivered me,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Anselm of Canterbury

Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem
the people waved palms with shouts of acclamation.
Grant that when the shouting dies
we may still walk beside you,
even to a cross. Amen.

New Zealand Prayer Book



