



CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN VIENNA

PALM SUNDAY
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Please assemble in the church garden and bring your hymn books.

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.

The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.

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

And also with you.

The celebrant introduces the celebration.

Dear friends 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.

The congregation hold up their palms while this prayer is said.

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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ '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.' ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!' ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

The celebrant addresses the people.

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

HYMN 159

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

1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one:
*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:
*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:
*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

4 To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:
*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

5 Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:
*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

6 Thy sorrow and thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare:
*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

7 For homage may we bring thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow:
*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

COLLECT

The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.

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

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

⁴ 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. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM

Psalms 31:9-16

**Have mercy upon me O Lord for / I am · in / trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief * my throat also / and my / inward / parts.**

**For my life wears out in sorrow and my / years with / sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction * and my / bones / are con-/-sumed.**

**I am become the scorn of / all my / enemies:
and my neighbours / wag their / heads · in de-/-rision.**

**I am a thing of / horror · to my / friends:
and those that see me in the / street / shrink / from me.**

**I am forgotten like a dead man / out of / mind:
I have be-/-come · like a / broken / vessel.**

**For I hear the / whispering · of / many:
and / fear · is on / every / side;**

**While they plot to/gether · a-/-gainst me:
and scheme to /take a-/-way my / life.**

**But in you Lord have I / put my / trust:
I have said / ‘You / are my / God.’**

LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter to the Philippians:

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

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 145 (VERSES 1-2, 6-7)

1 **It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heaven,
and die to save a child like me.**

2 **And yet I know that it is true:
he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died
for love of those who loved him not.**

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

JESUS Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

6 **It is most wonderful to know
his love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for him so faint and poor.**

EVANGELIST And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES Surely not I, Lord?

7 **And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more,
until I see thee as thou art.**

JESUS The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

PASSION GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

EVANGELIST The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

EVANGELIST Judas, who betrayed him, said,

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

JUDAS Surely not I, Rabbi?

JUDAS What will you give me if I betray him to you?

JESUS You have said so.

EVANGELIST They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

EVANGELIST While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus.

JESUS Take, eat; this is my body.

DISCIPLES Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

EVANGELIST Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

JESUS Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'

JESUS Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

EVANGELIST So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

EVANGELIST When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

EVANGELIST Peter said to him,

PETER Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

JESUS Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

PETER Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

EVANGELIST And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS Sit here while I go over there and pray.

EVANGELIST He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

JESUS I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

EVANGELIST And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

JESUS My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

EVANGELIST Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

EVANGELIST Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

JESUS My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

EVANGELIST Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

JESUS Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

EVANGELIST While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign:

JUDAS The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

EVANGELIST At once he came up to Jesus and said,

JUDAS Greetings, Rabbi!

EVANGELIST and kissed him.

JESUS Friend, do what you are here to do.

EVANGELIST Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

JESUS Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

EVANGELIST At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

JESUS Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

EVANGELIST Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward.

WITNESSES This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'

EVANGELIST The high priest stood up and said,

CAIAPHAS Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

EVANGELIST But Jesus was silent.

CAIAPHAS I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

JESUS You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

EVANGELIST Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

CAIAPHAS He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

PRIESTS He deserves death.

EVANGELIST Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him.

PRIESTS Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

EVANGELIST Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

SERVANT-GIRL You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

EVANGELIST But he denied it before all of them,

PETER I do not know what you are talking about.

EVANGELIST When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

SERVANT-GIRL This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

EVANGELIST Again he denied it with an oath,

PETER I do not know the man.

EVANGELIST After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

CROWD Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

EVANGELIST Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER I do not know the man!

EVANGELIST At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

JUDAS I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

PRIESTS What is that to us? See to it yourself.

EVANGELIST Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

PRIESTS It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

EVANGELIST After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

The shorter version begins here.

EVANGELIST Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE Are you the King of the Jews?

JESUS You say so.

EVANGELIST But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

EVANGELIST But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

PILATE Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

EVANGELIST For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him,

PILATE'S WIFE Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

EVANGELIST Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

PILATE Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

CROWD Barabbas.

PILATE Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

CROWD Let him be crucified!

PILATE Why, what evil has he done?

CROWD Let him be crucified!

EVANGELIST So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd.

PILATE I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

CROWD His blood be on us and on our children!

EVANGELIST So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him.

SOLDIERS Hail, King of the Jews!

EVANGELIST They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads.

CROWD You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

EVANGELIST In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him.

PRIESTS He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'

EVANGELIST The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

JESUS Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

EVANGELIST That is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

CROWD This man is calling for Elijah.

EVANGELIST At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

CROWD Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

EVANGELIST Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

CENTURION Truly this man was God's Son!

The shorter version ends here.

EVANGELIST Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

PRIESTS Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead', and the last deception would be worse than the first.

PILATE You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

EVANGELIST So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made.

SERMON

INTERCESSIONS

A member of the congregation offers prayers.

PEACE

The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:

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 he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN 147 (OMIT * VERSES)

- 1 **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?**
- 2 **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!**
- 3 **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.**
- 5 **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.

- 7 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.

EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer E

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.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.]**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [N and] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

**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.**

INVITATION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Amen.

The celebrant distributes communion.

ANTHEM

Pueri Hebraeorum

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

The Hebrew children spread their garments in the way, and cried out, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

HYMN 181

1 **O sacred head, surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded,
so shamed and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,
the glow of life decays;
yet angel-hosts adore thee,
and tremble as they gaze.**

- 2 **Thy comeliness and vigour
is withered up and gone,
and in thy wasted figure
I see death drawing on.
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesu, all grace supplying,
turn thou thy face on me.**
- 3 **In this thy bitter passion,
good Shepherd, think of me
with thy most sweet compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath thy cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in thy dear love confiding,
and with thy presence blest.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

BLESSING

The celebrant may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing:

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
...and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN 161 (TUNE 1)

- 1 **Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**
- 2 **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.**
- 3 **Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**
- 4 **Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.**
- 5 **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.**

DISMISSAL

No dismissal.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor BWV 535

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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