



THE UNITED PARISH

PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSION & FAMILY COMMUNION

Please say the words in **bold type**



We begin our celebration of Palm Sunday with our own 'Procession into Jerusalem', waving palm branches, and led by a donkey, and singing our own hosannas.

**Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!**

On reaching the church – and ideally remaining outside – we sing:

HYMN

**Make way, make way,
for Christ the King in splendour arrives;
fling wide the gates and welcome Him
into your lives.**

***Make way, make way
for the King of kings, for the King of kings.
Make way, make way,
and let his kingdom in.***

**He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the pris'ners to free;
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.**

Make way...

**And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.**

Make way...

**We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall.**

Make way...

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come close to God and he will come close to you.

O God our heavenly Father, in our worship help us to come near to you, to sing your praise, to confess our sins, to hear your word and to bring our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION *(saying sorry to God - please sit or kneel)*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.
Let us tell God that we are sorry for our sins and ask him to forgive us.

For turning away from you
and ignoring your will for our lives:
Father forgive us.
Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish
without thinking of you:
Father forgive us.
Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do
and think and say:
Father forgive us.
Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us:
Father forgive us.
Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son:
Father forgive us.
Save us and help us.

May God our heavenly Father forgive us all the sins we have now confessed to him and help us to serve him better in the days to come. **Amen.**

SHARING

...some good news, a song, our birthdays...

THE BIBLE READING

We listen to God's word.

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

**Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursue his 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 wingèd 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 appointed 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.**

THE TALK

THE CREED *(please stand)*

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe and trust in God the Father who made all things.

We believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May Almighty God strengthen this faith in us day by day.

Amen.

PRAYER TIME *(please sit or kneel)*

HYMN

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

**2. 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...***

**3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.
*All glory...***

**4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.
*All glory...***

**5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious king.
*All glory...***

THE COMMUNION *(please sit or kneel)*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea,
the birds of the air,
and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

The priest breaks 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.

Draw near with faith: receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you and his blood which was shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Everyone is welcome at the altar – to receive either the bread and wine or a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your hands below the rail.

After the choir motet, we all sing (from the music of the Taizé community):

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

After Communion we pray:

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.

HYMN

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.**

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!*

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
keep me resting till the break of day.**

Sing hosanna...

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day.**

Sing hosanna...

**Give me light in my lamp, keep me shining,
give me light in my lamp, I pray.
Give me light in my lamp, keep me shining,
keep me shining till the break of day.**

Sing hosanna...

THE BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Please stay for coffee and “Pax” cakes
(a traditional symbol of peace and goodwill)
and visit the Fair Trade stand
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**Journeying together,
we worship God and serve the community**

Our Mission is to:

- ✚ work together to grow God's kingdom**
- ✚ reach out to the whole community to share His love**
- ✚ be inclusive, relevant and Christlike**

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