

THE GREETING

We meet in the presence of God

Who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds. The Lord be with you ALL: **And also with you**

INTRODUCTION

The president introduces the celebration

Dear brothers and sisters, let us enter the city of God today and shout hosanna to our King. Let us join the walk toward freedom and follow Christ's path to wholeness. Let our heart ache for justice, and mercy and weep for peace and freedom. Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp for control and follow the one who brings life. Let us walk in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed and welcome the broken and the sick. Let us touch and see as God draws near, riding in triumph towards the cross.

We hold up our DIY Palms Crosses

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.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Loving God,
you have led us to this place, not to shield us from heartache and the
pain of human life, but to heal us and inspire us, till we see the world
as you do and love it with your love through Jesus Christ your son our
Lord. Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As we worship almighty God, let us say sorry for our wrong doings and be confident in God's promise of forgiveness.

All: O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want him to come too close -- not close enough to really see...

Silent Confession

Leader: And we pray together...

All: O God, you know us well. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour; but, like the throng who greeted his entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We know where we fail...

Silent Confession

Leader: And we pray together...

All: O God, you know us well. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who spent the last week with him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear...

Silent Confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & ABSOLUTION

The Lord is God. The Lord brings light to those in darkness, forgiveness to those who truly confess, and pardon to all who seek to follow Jesus. Rejoice that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and ever. In the name of Jesus the Christ, +receive the love that never dies and never fails. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

The **COLLECT** (is the prayer for the day) is said
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.**

HYMN

CHOIR led

THE READING

**Hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint
....chap....verses...**

For the word of God in Scripture ALL : **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

THE CREED

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family In heaven and in earth
is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, Who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us
with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray

The prayers are then said. This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy **ALL: Hear our prayer**

At the end, the intercessor may say:

Merciful God **ALL: accept these prayers for the sake of your son our
Saviour Jesus Christ.**

THE LORDS 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**

THE PALM SUNDAY BLESSING

The blessing of God who resides in our hopes and our dreams
grant us peace.

The blessing of Jesus who rides to wild acclaim and waving palm branches
grant us peace.

The blessing of the Spirit who holds us through our fears and our
nightmares grant us peace ...

✝ ... on this Palm Sunday through the events of Holy Week
to the cross of Good Friday and beyond to look for the hopes and dreams of
the dawning of an Easter Morning. **Amen** (© Clare McBeath and Tim Presswood, 2009)

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