

# St Timothy's Online Worship – Palm Sunday 2020

This is the day that the Lord has made

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

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!**

## **Matthew 21.1-11 Jesus enters Jerusalem as King**

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.'

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup>'Say to Daughter Zion, "See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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

**And also with you.**

*Please hold up your palms or branches while this prayer is said together*

**God our Saviour, your Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;**

**Let these palms be for us signs of his victory.**

**May we who bear them in his name forever hail him as our King,**

**and walk with him in the way that leads to eternal life; Amen.**

## **Songs**

### **Prayers of Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.

We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease rather than watch with you:  
Lord, forgive us **Christ have mercy.**

When we strike at those who hurt us rather than stretch out our hands to bless:  
Lord, forgive us **Christ have mercy.**

When we deny that we know you for fear of the world and its scorn:  
Lord, forgive us **Christ have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may walk with you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

### **Dramatised Bible Reading Matthew 26.14 - 27.66**

### **Response – a prayer of commitment based on the Methodist Covenant Service**

My brothers and sisters, Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some conform to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both. In some, we may please Christ and please ourselves, in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given in Christ who strengthens us. Let us pray.

God our Father, in our baptism you made us witnesses to the death and resurrection of your Son. Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, as we take upon us the yoke of your obedience. Make us instruments of your peace, and doers of your perfect will.

**God our Father, in the name of Christ and in the power of your Spirit,  
we commit ourselves to you and one another, to live, work, and pray as one body in Christ,  
to trust each other as fellow workers in your Church,  
and to give ourselves with body, mind, and spirit to the tasks to which you have called us.  
Give us vision, give us courage, and give us joy,  
that the world may believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, to your eternal glory. Amen.**

### **We pray for the Church and the World**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Rest upon you and remain with you, now and always, **Amen.**