

Sunday Morning Worship

28th March 2021

The Sixth Sunday of Lent



*“So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,
“Hosanna!*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”*

John 12:13

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, source of all blessing,
help us to worship you
with all our heart and mind and strength;
for you alone are God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening Worship – Hosanna

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire

The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
The people sing

Hosanna Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
With selfless faith

I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
We're on our knees

Hosanna Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love
Like You have loved me

Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am
For Your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

Hosanna Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

Confession

Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but in humility, the Servant King, ready to complete the task for which he had walked this world. Forgive us those times when we think too highly of ourselves and remind us always that you ask from us lives dedicated to service, to you and to our neighbours, wherever and whoever they might be. Enable us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness and lay them down at your feet...

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" – and you forgave the guilt of my sin.'
Psalm 32:5

We say together:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry

and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,**

forgive us all that is past

**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy on you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Collect of the Day

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 and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kids Slot
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Affirmation of Faith

We join together to say:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.****

Bible Reading
Sermon

Prayers and Intercessions

In our prayers and intercessions this morning, the response to 'Lord, in Your love' will be 'hear our prayer.'

Lord, in Your love:
Hear our prayer.

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
(Zechariah 9:9)*

As the people spread their coats and palm branches on the ground to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, we welcome Him into our lives this morning. King of Glory, King of Peace, Servant King, reign in our hearts and lives this day and all days, that we might praise Your holy name.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Let's all say together: Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!

Loving God,
Your Son Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as a different kind of king. You call Your followers to be different too. So, we pray, for the Church: that Christians may bear the fruit of your Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Take firm root in our lives, that we may be known for our loving serve, our welcome and our love for You. May we live together in Your love and shine as lights in darkness to reveal Your glory in the world.
Lord, in Your love: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God,
At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his Disciples' feet as an example of service. We pray for all those who serve in this time of pandemic – all those in the NHS, Social care; for the essential services; for all who volunteer or who are good neighbours to those around them. We thank You for their compassionate love and ask that You will continue to bless their work and to equip them with the energy and determination they need to go on rising to the needs of the hour. Father, help us all to seek after the good of those around us, our community, our town and our nation.
Lord, in Your love: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God,

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus experienced distress and anguish over what lay ahead. We pray for all who are experiencing distress and anguish at the present time. We pray for all those suffering from Covid-19 or from long-Covid; for those ill at home or in hospital; for those who are fearful for their loved ones; for those worried about what the future holds. We thank You for all those who care for them; for those working on their behalf and for those making decisions which affect their futures. Father God, we pray that we all may receive your peace and love.

Lord, in Your love: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God,

In Jesus, You seek to draw the whole world to Yourself. We continue to pray for parts of the world where normal daily life is violence, war, poverty, or persecution. We pray for countries struggling with the consequences of Covid-19 and for nations facing rising numbers of infections and deaths. We bring before You those areas of the world that are on our hearts. We pray that, as we approach Easter, peace may begin to take root even in these dark places.

Lord, in Your love: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God,

On the cross as Jesus died, Your love was glorified. Thank You that He was obedient to death and that You raised Him on high so we know that not even death can separate us from Your love. You have redeemed us by love.

Jesus is the light of the world; a light which eternally shines and brings hope, that no darkness can quench.

You turn our darkness into light. In your light shall we see light.

Lord, in Your love: **Hear our prayer.**

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

Again, we say together: Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord's Prayer

Let's say together:

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.

Closing Worship – What a Beautiful Name

*You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ*

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King*

*What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now*

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King*

*What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again*

*You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God, You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names*

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King*

*What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*You have no rival, You have no equal
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The Name of Jesus Christ my King
The name of Jesus*

Closing Prayers and Blessing

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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