



Anglican Parish of Kilmore, Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook

5th April 2020

Palm (Passion) Sunday in Lent Service of Morning Prayer

As we gather in prayer today, we acknowledge the Taungurung people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay respects to the past and present Elders of the Kulin nation and extend that respect to any Aboriginals present. Welcome to all, who join us for our service that will be streamed to you via our Facebook page.

Greeting and Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service this morning from Christ Church, Kilmore, Victoria. It is Palm Sunday or also known as Passion Sunday as we read the Passion of our Lord according to the Gospel of the Year. This year the Gospel of Matthew is read and you may follow it on our website on the Gospel for Sunday read by Jeanne Jones. We will focus on Palm Sunday today with the blessing of the Palm Crosses which we will use for the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service. As we journey with Christ this Palm Sunday, I pray God to bless our time together, yet apart.

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

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.

Palm crosses are blessed while this prayer is said:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Gospel of the Liturgy of the Palms is read.

The Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew Chapter 21.1 – 11

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Sentence: At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.10–11*

Psalm 31.

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts. ¹⁰ For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing: my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed. ¹¹ I am become the scorn of all my enemies: and my neighbours wag their heads in derision. ¹² I am a thing of horror to my friends: and those that see me in the street shrink from me. ¹³ I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind: I have become like a broken vessel...**R**

¹⁴ For I hear the whispering of many: and fear is on every side; ¹⁵ While they plot together against me: and scheme to take away my life. ¹⁶ But in you, Lord, have I put my trust: I have said ‘You are my God.’ ¹⁷ All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors. ¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy’s sake...**R**

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

(Silence may be kept.)

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. (*p.120 of A.P.B.A*)

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

First Reading:

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 50.4 – 9a

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? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Silence may follow each reading.

May your word live in us **and bear much fruit to your glory.**

The Homily

The Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Let us pray for the world and the church:

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring peace, but the civil authorities did not welcome you. Jesus we pray for your world: for all who are driven by fear at this time; for the world leaders to make the tough and unpopular decisions; for Scott Morrison, our Prime Minister and Daniel Andrews, our Premier, for our state and federal politicians; for those who administer the law. We pray for medical workers and scientists working for the cure of COVID 19, those who are living in fear of contracting the virus and those who have died by its infection. (pause) Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way; **Let us walk with you to Jerusalem.**

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring freedom of the Spirit, but the chief priest plotted your death. Jesus we pray for your church: to be your beacon of hope and assurance of your ever presence and healing in this time of a world crisis; for a church freed from false dogma and legalism, discord and division; for a pilgrim church, ready to travel where you lead; for all the leaders of your church, Clarence, our Bishop and Philip our metropolitan and those who minister in your name. (pause) Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way; **Let us walk with you to Jerusalem.**

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring love, but you were betrayed and deserted by your friends. Jesus, we pray for this community: for our families, our friends, for those who has lost their work and live in uncertainty; for the hungry, the homeless and those without hope for the future; for all who live in fear or despair and all who know the pain of betrayal. (pause) Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way; **Let us walk with you to Jerusalem.**

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring healing to the sick and release to the captives, but you were beaten, imprisoned and killed. Jesus we pray for all in need: for prisoners of conscience and those held without trial; for all whose beliefs lead them to frightening and lonely places; for the friendless, the unwanted and all from whom we turn away; for those who have been affected by the spread of the worldwide corona virus infection, for the dying and all who care for them. for the sick and all who mourn. We pray especially for: Clare Albrey, Kathy Slade, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Jim Chatz, Bruce Scott, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, Madeline Allen, Barry Nunn, Beris Hannam, Joyce Bennet, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Lloyd, Christine Hall, June Clark, Fr John Young, Malcolm Kaye, Anne Foote, Debbie Chilcott, and Sally Davidson [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*]. We

give thanks for where healing blessings have been received. (pause) Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way; **Let us walk with you to Jerusalem.**

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you travelled towards the Cross, but Jerusalem was also the place of the empty tomb. We give you thanks for faithful people throughout the ages who hallowed you on this journey. Jesus, let us suffer and die with you, that we may rise to fullness of life with you. We pray for those whose anniversary of death we remember this week: Stan Cartwright, James Glare (5th); Frederick Schumann (6th); Gordon 'Jim' Kirk (8th); Alick Horwood, Alan Walker (9th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** (pause) Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way; **Let us walk with you to Jerusalem.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way; **Let us walk with you to Jerusalem.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. **Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the blessing of Australia,
**God, bless Australia,
guard our people
guide our leaders
and give us peace;
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

The Blessing

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

Be Blessed, Be Safe, Be Kind, Be at peace.