



Hosanna!

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD! —MATTHEW 21:9

Connect

Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 10th April 2022 Palm Sunday
St Leonard's

Praying for Ukraine



Psalm 31:21-24

21 Praise be to the Lord,
for he showed me the wonders of his love
when I was in a city under siege.
22 In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!"
Yet you heard my cry for mercy
when I called to you for help.
23 Love the Lord, all his faithful people!
The Lord preserves those who are true to him,
but the proud he repays in full.
24 Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the Lord.

Let us Pray

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace.
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them and hear their hearts cry.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace.
Amen

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PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

Hello Everyone, and welcome to this week Connect news as we begin Holy Week with shouts of Hosanna rising in praise to the Saviour, our Messiah Lord, who comes to save us.

Sometimes what we expect to happen can end up being so different to what actually happened. I wonder what the disciples were expecting when they came to Jerusalem. Maybe they thought they could quietly sneak into the city, blend in with all the other pilgrims on their way to celebrate the Passover. But the people, like a sheep without a shepherd were looking out for the one who would come in the name of Lord. They were eager and longing for a change, looking for God to do something new and to raise up a new King that would love and bless them.

Instead of quietly sneaking in Jesus clearly with a symbolic act in mind asks the disciples to go and fetch a donkey and its colt. As the crowds see their conquering king riding on a donkey they raise a shout and a psalm of praise to the coming king. I wonder what did they expect to happen next?

Within a few short days Jesus would be handed over and crucified. The hosannas had fallen silent replaced with the deathly cry of crucify him! The peoples expectations of a conquering King were short lived.

Then there are the expectations of the Pharisees and temple rulers who despised this new Rabbi and plotted to end his uprising and to silence him and his people. They believed that they had attained their expectations. A disciple, open to temptation and willing to betray his master for a few pieces of silver and a kiss. A puppet king willing to be complicit in removing a threat to his authority and rule. A Governor without conviction easily swayed by the populous washes his hands of a man whom he himself declared as innocent. Then the final expectation of the Pharisees plans are fulfilled. Their opponent, this so called saviour king hangs on a cross and dies. Sometimes our expectations may come to pass but where this story goes next is beyond all our expectations but that is for next Sunday.

Peter

Welcome

Acclamation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who proclaims the good news of salvation

Hosanna to son of David

Hosanna to the Prince of peace

Glory in the highest heaven for Jesus the Messiah reigns

Blessing of the Palms

Sovereign God, we thank you for these palm crosses.

By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son.

May we who carry them for ever hail him as our Lord,

and follow him, in the way that leads to eternal life;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

During the hymn you are invited to come and receive a palm cross

Hymn YOU ARE THE KING OF GLORY,

You are the Prince of Peace;

You are the Lord of heaven and earth,

You're the Sun of righteousness.

Angels bow down before You,

Worship and adore, for

You have the words of eternal life,

You are Jesus Christ the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna to the King of kings!

Glory in the highest heaven,

For Jesus the Messiah reigns.

Prayer of Confession

For God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish
but have everlasting life.

Therefore Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith

**Father we give thanks for the gift of Jesus your son
and acknowledge that we have not loved as you would have us love.
We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,
forgive us and renew us through the saving work of Christ our Lord
Amen**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

God who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Collect

**God of all, you gave your only begotten Son
to take the form of a servant,
and to be obedient to death on a cross:
give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
that sharing in his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Gospel from Matthew 21 v1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour

As Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem and came to the Mount of Olives. From there Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and there you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her side. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will return them to you."

This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:

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."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the surrounding trees and spread them on the road.

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!'

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

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers

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...etc

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving...etc

The Peace

With shouts of Hosanna
the people welcomed you
may we ever sing your praise
and welcome your peace in our lives
Let us share his peace.

Hymn: HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean,
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

Palms they waved in adoration
as they sang to heaven's King.
Through the streets hosannas echoed
as they welcomed Christ the King.
Soon their praise would turn to anger
Crucify him now their cry!
Like a lamb he took our suffering
and laid down his life for us.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your people.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
and we join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Into our darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, and gave you thanks,
he broke it and said: This is my body, given for all of you
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
and passed it to his friends and said:
This is my blood, shed for everyone for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Heavenly Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate yours sons passion and death on the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you
to intercede for us and all of creation.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

**May we and all who share at your table Lord
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your heavenly table
where all creation worships you, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessing and honour, glory and power
be to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

Breaking of 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.**

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to come and receive communion
or a blessing at this time

Communion Song:

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us,
and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you,
eat and remember; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you
drink and remember, He drained death's cup
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond and to remember,
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious
And his mercy endures for ever

Hosanna to the son of David
Hosanna to the King of Kings
May we who have gathered at your table.
continue to be faithful and to sing your praise
to the glory of God the Father Amen

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you now and always. **Amen**

Hymn

THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY, Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains He had to bear;
But we believe it was for us, He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven, saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has He loved! And we must love Him too,
And trust in His redeeming blood, and try His works to do.

The Dismissal

Jesus said "Greater love has no one than this
than to lay down one's life for one's friends.
You are my friends if you do what I command."

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Do join with us for a refreshments served after the service



Monday of Holy Week

Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's RC Church Bonnyrigg 7pm

Tuesday

Lasswade Parish Church 7pm

Wednesday

Bonnyrigg Parish Church 7pm

Maundy Thursday

Ecumenical Services

Hosted by Dalkeith Baptist Church 7.30pm

Hosted by St Leonard's 7pm

Good Friday

Act of Witness Bonnyrigg Cross / Toll

3pm Gather for Hymns and Readings

Stations of the Cross and Veneration

St David's RC Dalkeith 7.30pm

Good Friday Choral Reflection

Cockpen Parish Church 7pm

Easter Sunday 17th April

Early Morning Service

7.30pm The Kings Park Dalkeith

followed by breakfast in St John's Kings Park

Our Easter Services of Celebration

St Mary's 9.30am

St Leonard's 11.15 am

All Welcome