

**St Martin's Church, North Nibley**  
**28th March 2021**  
**A Service of the Word for Palm Sunday**

***Gathering as the People of God***

Welcome in the name of Christ!  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you!

**News and Notices**

*The priest introduces the service.*

**The president introduces the celebration using these or other appropriate words**

Dear brothers and sisters 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.

**The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the president**

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.

***Preparing for the Word***

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.

**The Collect, the prayer for the day:**

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.

## *Proclaiming the Word of the Lord*

### **Gospel Reading**

Mark 11:1-11

#### **The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem**

**11** As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead **2** with these instructions: “Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **3** And if someone asks you why you are doing that, say that the Master[a] needs it and will send it back at once.”

**4** So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, **5** some of the bystanders asked them, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”

**6** They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the crowd let them go. **7** They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on. **8** Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches in the field and spread them on the road. **9** The people who were in front and those who followed behind began to shout, “Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! **10** God bless the coming kingdom of King David, our father! Praise be to God!”

**11** Jesus entered Jerusalem, went into the Temple, and looked around at everything. But since it was already late in the day, he went out to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

### **Sermon**

**Creed** [*Priest*] Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on 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.

### ***Praying for Ourselves: for Forgiveness:***

Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The priest declares God's forgiveness***

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Praying for Others : our Intercessions***

**The Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Hymn:** *You are the King of Glory*

***Our service draws to a conclusion***

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

***The Blessing***

***The president may use this seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing***

May the Father,  
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
bring you by faith to his eternal life.  
**All** 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.

All Amen.

May the Spirit,  
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ  
that we may share his glory,  
set your minds on life and peace.

All Amen.

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

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