

Today our service begins without a Hymn

We say together

**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.**

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

My friends, 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 Blessing of Palms

*People are invited to raise their palm crosses for blessing: 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.***

The Palm Gospel

When the Gospel is announced the reader says
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according *N.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Processional Hymn

*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

**Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One:**

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:**

**To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise:**

**Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:**

The Palm Sunday prayer is prayed:

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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

Old Testament reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

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.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 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.

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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This is the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain: I have trusted in you, O Lord.

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed. [R]

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my
neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee from me.
I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on
every side;
they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life. [R]

But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, 'You are my God.
'My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.' [R] *Psalms 31:9-16*

New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:5-11*

This is the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

The Passion Gospel

At the end This is the Passion of the Lord.
No response is made.

Sermon

Palm Sunday Litany

Let us stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin
which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage to work openly
for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship,
failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have
been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is
our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Preparation of the Altar

We listen to a **HYMN** as the Altar is prepared. We also take up
the offering – visit stlawrencehh.com/giving if you wish to donate
online.

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

Amen.

Palm Sunday

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you

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

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws
near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden
majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole
world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St Lawrence and the
Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

The priest breaks the consecrated 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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The priest invites the people to receive communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The celebrant receives communion on behalf of the Parish.

Act of Spiritual Communion

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you
have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne
for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask
you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful
redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

After the prayer of the day, we all say together

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

*We listen to any **NOTICES** and Banns of Marriage.*

The 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,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*We listen to our closing **HYMN**.*

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