

Blofield Benefice

Palm Sunday Service





Unfortunately our service cannot begin as it has done in previous years with a visit from Douglas, the Pony, however we have got a couple of pictures for you as we begin our service today.

The Introduction

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm. 118

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus
For you are our Saviour.
As you were welcomed into Jerusalem,
May we welcome you into our hearts and into our homes.

May we call out our shouts of praise to you today
that you may be glorified in us and through us.

Amen

We sing the hymn 'Hosanna, Hosanna'

Ride on Lord God,
we give you thanks for each of these palm cross
pictures but more especially for Jesus our King who
rode so humbly into Jerusalem on that first Palm
Sunday and willingly gave up his life on a cross of wood
to be our saviour, to suffer and to die for us.

All Amen.

The Confession

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The Reading

At the end of the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

The sermon.

We say the words of the creed.

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is
Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Our Prayers

Lord Jesus,
we pray for all who give of themselves sacrificially,
for those whose lives are dedicated to serving others:
parents, carers, foster carers, doctors, nurses...
those caring for children or elderly relatives.

We pray for those serving in war-torn countries
around the world:
medics, those who work in missions, the media,
NGOs and charities...
who bring food, shelter and healing to those in need,
sometimes putting their lives on the line.

We pray for those in our communities who need
God's love,
those hurting from broken relationships, abuse,
bullying, domestic violence...
children and adults whose lives are bereft of love and
hope.

We pray as we begin Holy Week that we might be
Easter people,
laying down our lives to serve others,
bringing hope to hopeless situations – the hope
of the cross and resurrection.
Let us travel together and lighten the load.
Amen.

All 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

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.

All **Amen.**

We sing the hymn:
Make Way, Make Way

The Final Prayer

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.

Amen

A closing affirmation

Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the King of Kings

The Songs

- 1 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest;
 hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest:
 Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise.
 Be exalted, O Lord my God -
 hosanna, in the highest.

- 2 Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings;
 glory, glory, glory to the King of kings:
 Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise.
 Be exalted, O Lord my God -
 glory to the King of kings.

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- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
to capture death and conquer sin.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
While all the tribes 'hosanna' cry,
they cast their garments at your feet
and wave the palms their King to greet.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
your last and fiercest strife is nigh!
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
in lowly pomp ride on to die!
bow down your head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your power, and reign!

Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)
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- 1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives.
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings.
(For the King of kings.)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in.
- 2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.
Refrain
- 3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.
Refrain
- 4 We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all.
To have no gods before Him,

Their thrones must fall!

Refrain

Graham Kendrick (born 1950)

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