

# Blofield Church

## Palm Sunday Service



## **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*

## **Opening Prayer**

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus  
For you are the world's true king.  
As you were welcomed into Jerusalem,  
May we welcome you into our hearts and into our  
homes.  
May our hearts call out our shouts of praise to you  
today that you may be glorified in us and through us.  
**Amen**

## The Hymn

Ride on, Ride on in majesty.

## 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

Jesus comes to Jerusalem as king

Mark.10.1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, ‘Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, “Why are you

doing this?” say, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.””

<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, ‘What are you doing, untying that colt?’ <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, ‘Hosanna!’<sup>1</sup>

‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>10</sup> ‘Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!’

‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

<sup>11</sup> Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

## **The sermon.**

A modern worship Song. ‘Hosanna!’

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.

Father, as the crowds welcomed Jesus and sang your praises, may we welcome you into our hearts and lives every day. We pray for opportunities to spread the good news of your coming kingdom and courage to take them.

Father, we recall the donkey Jesus rode on, and we pray for that real humility in our hearts which holds lightly to status and image, and which is committed to truth and loving service.

Father, as your followers and children sang and shouted your praise, we pray for that same trust in our lives and the confidence to proclaim your praises in our homes, our communities and our land.

Father, the crowds were responding to the healing love they had seen in action in Jesus. As we receive your love help us to share it with those who need your healing and help. Give us comfort and reassurance, wholeness and hope.

Father, we, too, spread our coats on the road as we express our thankfulness for all you have done for us and the amazing extent of your love.

**You are our God, we welcome you!**

Followed by The Lord's Prayer

*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.**

The hymn:

Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour  
arrives.

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**