

# Palm Sunday Service Opening Liturgy

St Barbara's: 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

## Welcome and Notices

### The Gathering

President 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.

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

### Introduction

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.

*Please hold up your cross:*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and 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

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...  
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

Minister This is the gospel of the Lord.  
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Collect

True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us 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 Passion Reading

Minister Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
Even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
And given him the name that is above every name.  
All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*At the end of the reading, no response is made.*

## Sermon

## Prayers of Intercession

*Our service continues with the Peace on page 24 of our service sheets.*