

Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton

Palm Sunday 2020
Morning Prayer Supplement



(The bronze in the courtyard of the church in Bethphage - Gillian Kern 2017)

Collect, Psalm, readings and prayers for Palm Sunday to accompany the Order of Service for Morning/Evening Prayer in the Benefice.

Directly after the second response to the Greeting the following prayer will be said over some palm crosses

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 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 forever.

All: Amen

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 to the cross,
which is the path to glory.

Psalm 61

Hear my cry, O God;
listen to my prayer.

² From the ends of the earth I call to you,
I call as my heart grows faint;
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

³ For you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the foe.

⁴ I long to dwell in your tent forever
and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. ^[b]

⁵ For you, God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

⁶ Increase the days of the king's life,
his years for many generations.

⁷ May he be enthroned in God's presence forever;
appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him.

⁸ Then I will ever sing in praise of your name
and fulfill my vows day after day.

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He ^[a] will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying all this, he went on toward Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he was getting near Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples on ahead. ³⁰ He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks why you are doing that, just say, 'The Lord ^[a] needs it.'"

³² They went off and found everything just as Jesus had said. ³³ While they were untying the donkey, its owners asked, "Why are you doing that?" ³⁴ They answered, "The Lord ^[b] needs it."

³⁵ Then they led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back and helped Jesus get on. ³⁶ And as he rode along, the people spread clothes on the road ^[c] in front of him. ³⁷ When Jesus was starting down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen. ³⁸ They shouted

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory to God.”

³⁹ Some Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!” ⁴⁰ But Jesus answered, “If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting.”