

The Parish of St. Lawrence
Morning Prayer
Palm Sunday
(Using the BAS & Common Praise Hymn Book)



April 5, 2020

Welcome

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us Pray

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Prayer:

Let us enter the city with God today,

And sing hosannas to our king,

Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control,

And open our hearts to the son of God riding on a donkey.

Let us join his parade,

Surrounded by outcasts and prostitutes, the blind and the leper.

Let us follow the one who brought freedom and peace,

And walk in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed.

Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming and join his disciples,

Welcoming the broken, healing the sick, dining with outcasts.

Let us touch and see as God draws near,

Riding in triumph towards the Cross.

Hymn All Glory, Laud and Honor.

Chorus: All glory, laud, and honor

To thee, Redeemer, King,

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessed One. Chorus

2. The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And we with all creation
in chorus make reply. Chorus

3. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and love and anthems
Before thee we present. Chorus

4. To thee, before thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Chorus

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the love we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King. Chorus

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, whose son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Hymn *My Song is Love Unknown*

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But oh, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes,
That He His foes
From thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,

Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend

The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1-11
Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People:
As we offer our prayers to God we will end our petitions with: Answer
us, Lord. And your response will be, **Become our salvation.**

Confession & Absolution:

Dear friends in Christ, as we continue to worship almighty God, let us
with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain
forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

The officiant and people say together,

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest says,

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road

with palms and scattered garments strewed.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
in lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the angel squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the last and fiercest strife is nigh.
Thy Father on the sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
in lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power and reign.

Announcements:

As you are all aware, Holy Week is this week. We will be offering services as follows:

Maundy Thursday 10:30 am- The Renewal of Vows and the Blessing of the Oils with our Bishop

Maundy Thursday 7pm- Evening Prayer & the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday- 10am- Children's Service

12 pm- Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Our Bishop

Easter Sunday- 11 am- Celebration of the Resurrection with Our Bishop

All these services will, of course, be live streamed on Facebook and Youtube. Links will be made available by Wednesday April 8. Please join us as we "gather" to mark this most Holy Week of the Christian faith.

Easter Memorials: Parishioners are asked to note that we will be taking Easter Memorials this year. We are asking that you please e-mail our Parish address stlawrence_church@hotmail.com with the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered. You can also e-transfer your money to that address as well. Please indicate in the message section of the transfer that this is for Easter Memorial. You may also write the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered on a sheet and place it, along with your donation, in an envelope. You may then drop your envelope in the drop slot at the church office. Parishioners are asked to note that it is our General Fund that is most in need of funds as this time. We ask that you please consider directing your memorial this year to the General Fund. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to all of you for your continued financial support. While our buildings are closed at this time, the work of the Church is ongoing and very much active. You may make your weekly offerings by e-transferring to stlawrence_church@hotmail.com; or you may drop your envelopes off in our drop slot. Please note this drop slot goes directly into my office. Thank you for your continued support. It is only through your offerings that the work of our Parish will continue.