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# PROCESSION FROM CHRIST CHURCH TO THE BRUNSWICK UNITING CHURCH

## THE GREETING

*The Revd Ian Ferguson*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

We begin this morning the Great Week of the Christian Year. During Lent, we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection, by prayer and works of love and self-denial. Today we come together with the Church throughout the world to call to mind, and to express in word and action, our Lord's Passover from death to life, which is the centre of the Easter mystery.

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.

## THE GOSPEL    MARK 11: 1-11

*Lieutenant Paul Trotter*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately' "

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## HYMN — ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOUR

*Refrain*

*All glory, laud, and honour  
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.

*Refrain*

2. The company of angels  
are praising thee on high;  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply.

*Refrain*

3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.

*Refrain*

4. To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

*Refrain*

5. Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

*Refrain*

Theodulph of Orleans (ca. 750-821)  
*Together in Song # 333*

**PROCESSION FROM THE BRUNSWICK UNITING CHURCH TO CHRIST CHURCH**

## THE BLESSING OF THE PALM CROSSES AND BRANCHES

*Bishop Lindsay OGS*

Let us pray

Blessed are you Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ entered in triumph into the holy city this day to complete his work as our Messiah.

✠ May these crosses and branches be signs of the victory of your Son.

May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our king, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### HYMN — RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty;  
hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!  
O Saviour, meek, pursue your road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
in lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty;  
the wingèd squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty;  
your last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
in lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, your power and reign!

Henry Milman 1791-1868  
*Together in Song # 348*

## THE INTERCESSIONS AND LITANY

*Pastor Mark Payne*

Let us pray

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever.

**Amen**

For Christian communities everywhere following the way of the cross this week; that the passion of Christ may sustain our faith and enliven our witness to the world ...

Let us pray to the living God

**Lord hear our prayer**

For the nations of the world, and for the peace of Jerusalem: that the kingdom of Christ may come with true peace and the forgiveness of our enemies ...

Let us pray to the living God

**Lord hear our prayer**

For the endangered earth where our carelessness and waste threaten the environment: that the Spirit of Christ may teach us how to care for the earth, and revive our delight in creation ...

Let us pray to the living God

**Lord hear our prayer**

For all people who are hungry, homeless and outcast from the world: that the love of Christ may teach us hospitality hope, and care for the least of our sisters and brothers ...

Let us pray to the living God

**Lord hear our prayer**

For all who deny their faith or betray their friends: that the forgiveness of Christ may come to them with healing and love ...

Let us pray to the living God

**Lord hear our prayer**

For all preparing to die: that the light of Christ may shine on them both now and in the day of resurrection ...

Let us pray to the living God

**Lord hear our prayer**

## THE DONKEY

*The Revd Ian Ferguson*

When fishes flew and forests walked  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood  
Then surely I was born;

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,  
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout about my ears,  
And palms before my feet.

*G K Chesterton*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Bishop Lindsay*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN — THE KING OF GLORY COMES

*Refrain*

*The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices,  
open the gates before him, lift up your voices*

Who is the King of glory, how shall we call him?  
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

*Refrain*

In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
he goes among his people curing their illness.

*Refrain*

Sing then of David's son, our Saviour and brother;  
in all of Galilee was never another.

*Refrain*

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;  
he took upon himself the sins of the nation.

*Refrain*

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,  
and he will share with us his heavenly vision.

*Refrain*

Willard Francis Jabusch  
*Together in Song # 279*

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians  
of the land upon which our churches stand.

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