

# Holy Communion for **Palm Sunday**



*St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale*

*St Mark's Church, Ninebanks*

*Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield*

## At the churchyard gate.

The Commemoration of our Lord's Entry into Jerusalem  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

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.

*We hold up palm crosses while this prayer is said:*

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 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 forever.

**All Amen.**

## The Palm Gospel

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*We go into church while singing the **opening hymn**.*

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old and New Testament Readings

*We sit for the first and second readings. At the end of each the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to sing the **gradual hymn**, and then sit to hear the reading of the Passion.*

## The Passion Reading

*When the Passion is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made.*

## Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel to pray. The bidding and response, if any, will be announced by the person leading the prayers.

These responses may be used:

Lord, in thy mercy,

**All** hear our prayer.

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,

**All** accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*We stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

Once we were far off; but now, in union with Christ Jesus, we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All** and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We sing the **offertory hymn**, and then sit or kneel to pray.*

**All God of life, Saviour of the poor, receive with these gifts gratitude for your goodness, penitence for our pride and dedication to your service in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love.

**All Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives forever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and saying

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms, and bring us with St Cuthbert, St Mark and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

As our saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*We come forward to receive communion, or a prayer of blessing.*

The body of Christ, broken for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*We reply 'Amen' when given communion.*

Prayers after Communion

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.

**All Amen.**

**All Faithful God, may we who share this banquet glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life and hope, who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

*We stand to sing the final hymn.*

*The Blessing*

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life.

**All Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

**All Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

**All Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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