*Morning Prayer   
Passiontide   
Sunday, 5 April 2020  
Palm Sunday*

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips  
***All*and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Let your ways be known upon earth,  
***All*your saving power among the nations.**

***One or more of the following is said or sung:***

***this or another prayer of thanksgiving***

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief  
your only Son was lifted up  
that he might draw the whole world to himself.  
May we walk this day in the way of the cross  
and always be ready to share its weight,  
declaring your love for all the world.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
***All*Blessed be God for ever.**

Hymn 128 Tune - St. Theodulph

1 *All glory, laud and honour,  
to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
to Whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*  
  
2 Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessèd One.  
*All glory, laud and honour…..*  
  
3 The company of angels  
are praising thee on High,  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply.  
*All glory, laud and honour…..*  
  
4 The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.  
*All glory, laud and honour…..*  
  
5 To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.  
*All glory, laud and honour……*  
  
6 Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.  
*All glory, laud and honour…..*

***This opening prayer may be said***

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
***All*Amen.**

**The Word of God**

***Psalmody***

***The appointed psalmody is said.***

*Psalm 61*

***Refrain:*** *You are my refuge, O God,  
a strong tower against the enemy.*

1 Hear my crying, O God, *♦*  
and listen to my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth I call to you with fainting heart; *♦*  
O set me on the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you are my refuge, *♦*  
a strong tower against the enemy.

4 Let me dwell in your tent for ever *♦*  
and take refuge under the cover of your wings. *R*

5 For you, O God, will hear my vows; *♦*  
you will grant the request of those who fear your name.

6 You will add length of days to the life of the king, *♦*  
that his years may endure throughout all generations.

7 May he sit enthroned before God for ever; *♦*  
may steadfast love and truth watch over him.

8 So will I always sing praise to your name, *♦*  
and day by day fulfil my vows.

***Refrain:*** *You are my refuge, O God,  
a strong tower against the enemy.*

*Risen Christ,  
as you knew the discipline of suffering  
and the victory that brings us salvation,  
so grant us your presence in our weakness  
and a place in your unending kingdom  
now and for evermore.*

*Psalm 62*

***Refrain:*** *Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul.*

1 On God alone my soul in stillness waits; *♦*  
from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *♦*  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

3 How long will all of you assail me to destroy me, *♦*  
as you would a tottering wall or a leaning fence?

4 They plot only to thrust me down from my place of honour;  
lies are their chief delight; *♦*  
they bless with their mouth, but in their heart they curse.

5 Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; *♦*  
for in him is my hope.

6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *♦*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken. *R*

7 In God is my strength and my glory; *♦*  
God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.

8 Put your trust in him always, my people; *♦*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

9 The peoples are but a breath,  
the whole human race a deceit; *♦*  
on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.

10 Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty pride; *♦*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

11 God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same, *♦*  
that power belongs to God.

12 Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, *♦*  
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

***Refrain:*** *Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul.*

*O God, teach us to seek security,  
not in money or theft,  
not in human ambition or malice,  
not in our own ability or power,  
but in you, the only God,  
our rock and our salvation.*

***Each psalm or group of psalms may end with***

***All*Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.***

*Zechariah 9.9-12*

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.   
He 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.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
   I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.   
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
   today I declare that I will restore to you double.

***Canticle***

***A Song of the Lord’s Gracious Deeds, or another suitable canticle, for example,*** [***number 23 (page 574)***](https://cwdp.oremus.org/canticles/otcanticles/23.html)***,*** [***number 42 (page 593)***](https://cwdp.oremus.org/canticles/otcanticles/42.html) ***or*** [***number 43 (page 594)***](https://cwdp.oremus.org/canticles/otcanticles/43.html)***, may be said***

***Refrain:***

***All*I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praises of the Most High. Alleluia.**

1Who is this that comes from Edom, *♦*  
coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?

2Who is this in glorious apparel, *♦*  
marching in the greatness of his strength?

3‘It is I, who announce that right has won the day, *♦*  
it is I,’ says the Lord, ‘for I am mighty to save.’

4Why are your robes all red, O Lord, *♦*  
and your garments like theirs who tread the winepress?

5‘I have trodden the winepress alone, *♦*  
and from the peoples no one was with me.’

6I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, *♦*  
the praises of the Most High;

7All that God has done for us in his mercy, *♦*  
by his many acts of love.

8For God said, ‘Surely, they are my people,  
my children who will not deal falsely,’ *♦*  
and he became their Saviour in all their distress.

9So God redeemed them by his love and pity; *♦*  
he lifted them up and carried them  
through all the days of old.

*Isaiah 63.1-3a, 7-9*

***All*Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***All*I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praises of the Most High. Alleluia.**

***Scripture Reading***

***One or more readings appointed for the day are read.***

***The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.***

*Luke 16.19-31*

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

***A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow***

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;  
***All*by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**  
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.  
***All*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**  
We preach Christ crucified,  
the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
***All*By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**  
God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
***All*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;**  
**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6*

***Gospel Canticle***

***The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,  
or*** [***Saviour of the World (page 644)***](https://cwdp.oremus.org/canticles/othercanticles/87.html) ***may be said***

***Refrain:***

***All*The word of the cross is folly  
to those who are perishing,  
but to those who are being saved  
it is the power of God.**

1Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, *♦*  
who has come to his people and set them free.

2He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *♦*  
born of the house of his servant David.

3Through his holy prophets God promised of old *♦*  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

4To show mercy to our ancestors, *♦*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

5This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: *♦*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6Free to worship him without fear, *♦*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

7And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *♦*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8To give his people knowledge of salvation *♦*  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9In the tender compassion of our God *♦*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *♦*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

***All*Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***Refrain:***

***All*The word of the cross is folly  
to those who are perishing,  
but to those who are being saved  
it is the power of God.**

**Prayers**

***Intercessions are offered*¶ *for the day and its tasks*¶ *for the world and its needs*¶ *for the Church and her life***

***Prayers may include the following concerns from the*** [***cycle on pages 364–365***](https://cwdp.oremus.org/prayers/cycle.html#seasonal)

**¶ *The persecuted Church*¶ *The oppressed peoples of the world*¶ *All who are lonely*¶ *All who are near to death*¶ *All who are facing loss***

***A form of prayer found*** [***on page 381***](https://cwdp.oremus.org/prayers/prayers.html#passiontide) ***may be used.***

***The Litany*** [***on pages 400-403***](https://cwdp.oremus.org/prayers/litany.html) ***may be said instead of the Prayers.***

***These responses may be used***

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

***(or)***

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

***Silence may be kept.***

***The Collect of the day is said***

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 for ever.   
***All*Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer is said***

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

***All*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Hymn 129 Tune - Winchester New

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

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 winged 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;  
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 thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power and reign.

**The Conclusion**

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve him with joy.  
***All*Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
***All*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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