

<sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

**26** As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." <sup>31</sup>For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?' <sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [<sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

**35** And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup>Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

**43** He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' <sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

### Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen**

### Holy Week services

**Tenebrae** - Maundy Thursday - St Columba's, 8.00pm

**The Passion** - Good Friday – Kilnasoolagh, 7.30 pm



Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

# Palm Sunday

## (Year C) 2022

### Readings and Hymns

**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 of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

### Suggested Hymns

*In conjunction with the online service you might like to view these hymns on YouTube - with internet links and lyrics so that you can sing along:*

1) All Glory Laud and Honour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBfJyiDolwA>

2) All people that on earth do dwell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmGwHdNtpEw>

3) Lord Jesus Think on Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vM-mQSOF8Jw>

4) **My Song is Love Unknown (231)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWRcAa-nFIA>

### The Entry into Jerusalem

Hosanna to the son of David, the King of Israel.

**Hosanna to the son of David, the King of Israel.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

**Hosanna to the Son of David the King of Israel.**

*The president greets the people:*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The president introduces the celebration using these or other appropriate words*

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.

*The crosses are distributed, which the people hold up while this prayer is said by the president:*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; bless + these palms that they may 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 for ever. **Amen**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Luke 19.28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

### Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens —  
awakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

### Psalms 31.9-16

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.  
For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,  
and my bones waste away.  
I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
a horror to my neighbours,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.  
I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.  
For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror all around!—

as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.  
But I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, 'You are my God.'  
My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and  
persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

### Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### The Passion of Christ according to Luke (23.1-49)

<sup>1</sup>Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.<sup>2</sup>They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.'<sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.'<sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.'<sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.<sup>7</sup>And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.<sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign.<sup>9</sup>He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer.<sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.<sup>11</sup>Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.<sup>12</sup>That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people,<sup>14</sup>and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.'<sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.<sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'<sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!'<sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)<sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;<sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!'

<sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.'<sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.