You listen to us in your goodness and you visit us in our misfortune; fill our hearts to overflowing by revealing to us the light of your face.

—We praise you, Lord!

Our Father who art in heaven....

Prayer

Jesus, joy of our hearts, you remain alongside us like someone who is poor and also as the Risen Lord. You want to turn us into people who are fully alive, not lukewarm. And every time a distance opens up between ourselves and you, you invite us to follow you by remaining close beside you. **AMEN**





Palm Sunday 2018

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.

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.



Where there is charity, selfless love. Where there is charity, God is truly there.

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

You are far from my plea and the cry of my distress.

O my God, I call by day and you give no reply;

I call by night and I find no peace.

3 But I am a worm and no man, the butt of all, laughing-stock of the people.

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

"He trusted in the Lord, let him save him,

and release him if this is his friend."

2 Yet you, O God, are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our forebears put their trust; they trusted and you set them free.

When they cried to you, they escaped. In you they trusted and never in vain.

4 Yes, it was you who took me from the womb,

entrusted me to my mother's breast.

To you I was committed from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Do not leave me alone in my distress Come close, there is none else to help.

SILENCE – followed by Ubi caritas

Reading: Mark 11: 1-11

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no-one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

Jesus entered Jerusalem......

SILENCE

You might find these useful:

Jesus sends two of his disciples to find a colt and bring it to him. To take an animal without the owner's permission is a punishable offence and yet they followed Jesus instructions to the letter. There may be a logical reason for why 'the people let them go'

Jesus seemingly walked everywhere - so why did he choose a colt that had never been ridden before to make his entry into Jerusalem? Note: A King rode a horse into battle but a donkey when he came in peace.

The response from the crowd was indeed fit for a king. Jesus was surrounded on all sides with cried of adulation "Hosanna" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" Ps 118 in praise of God for having rescued the people from Egypt. (Passover)



Litany of praise

O Christ Saviour, like the seed fallen to the ground, you suffered death. United to you, our life will bear much fruit.

—We praise you, Lord!

O Christ, you went down to the lowest point of the human condition; you remain close to all who are abandoned.

—We praise you, Lord!

In your love you took upon yourself our sins; innocent, you accepted death to free us from death.

—We praise you, Lord!

By your love you conquered evil and hatred, and you live for ever at the Father's side.

—We praise you, Lord!

[&]quot;Hosanna!"

[&]quot;Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

[&]quot;Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

[&]quot;Hosanna in the highest!"