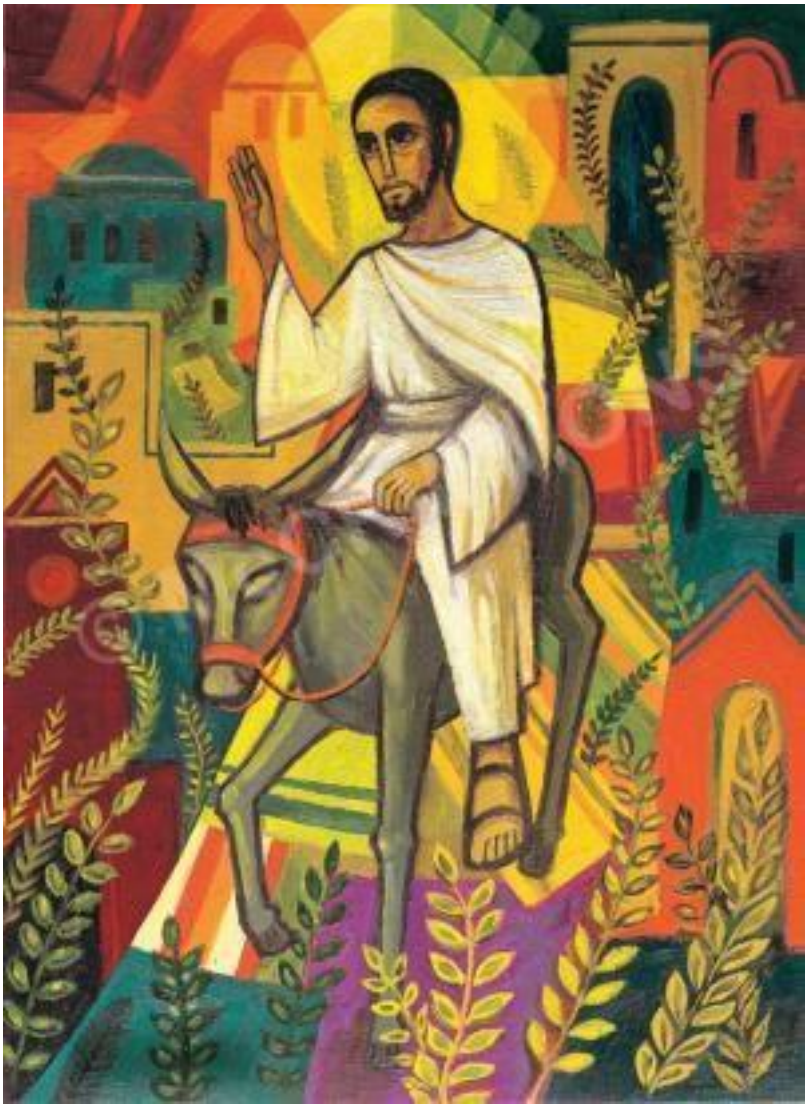
Morning Prayer

Palm Sunday

March 28th, 2021



Grace

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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.**

SONG **Meekness and Majesty** Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

Meekness and majesty manhood and deity
In perfect harmony the Man who is God
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility and washes our feet

Chorus O what a mystery meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship for this is your God
This is your God

Father's pure radiance perfect in innocence
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice
And as they crucify prays Father forgive *Chorus*

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible
Love indestructible in frailty appears
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne *Chorus*

Words of Welcome
We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

CONFESSION

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Romans 5.8

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. →

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

PRAYER

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 9:9-12 *The coming of Zion's king*

9:[9] Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
[10] I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the war-horses from Jerusalem,
and the battle-bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
[11] As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.
[12] Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.
This the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *read responsively*

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.
2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦
the righteous shall enter through it.
21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦
has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ♦
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ♦
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ♦
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my God and I will thank you; ♦
you are my God and I will exalt you.
29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

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.

Thanksgiving Prayer for Crosses

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these crosses 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Mark 11:1-11 (NIV) *Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King*

11:[1]As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and
Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, [2] 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. [3] If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The
Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" [4] They went and
found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied
it, [5] some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying
that colt?" [6] They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people
let them go. [7] When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their
cloaks over it, he sat on it. [8] Many people spread their cloaks on the
road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. [9] Those
who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed
is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" [10] "Blessed is the coming
kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
[11] Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked
around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to
Bethany with the Twelve.
This the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG Make way, make way Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.

Chorus Make way! Make way! For the King of kings.
Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in.

He comes the broken hearts to heal, the prisoners to free;
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

Make way! Make way!

And those who mourn with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh,
With laughter, joy and royal crown, He'll beautify

Make way! Make way!

We call you now to worship him as Lord of all.
To have no gods before him, their thrones must fall.

Make way! Make way!..

SERMON

SONG **From Heaven You Came (Servant King)**

Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.

Chorus This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
"Yet not my will but yours," he said. *Chorus*

Come see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered. *Chorus*

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving. *Chorus*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: ***I believe*** **in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead. →

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Additional prayers may be offered, and this response may be used:
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (PALM SUNDAY)

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.**

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

NOTICES

SONG How Great is our God

Words & Music: Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves & Ed Cash

The splendor of the King / Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice / Let all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light / And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice / And trembles at His voice →

Chorus How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see how great
How great is our God

Age to age He stands / And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end / Beginning and the end
The God head three in one / Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb / The Lion and the Lamb *Chorus*

You're the Name above all names / Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing / How great is our God

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.**

CONCLUSION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Grace Church Forthcoming Services and Events:

- Good Friday, 2 April, 19:00: **Stations of the Cross**, Zoom.
- Easter Sunday 4 April, 10:30: **Grace Holy Communion**, Old Catholic Church.
- Easter Sunday 4 April, 17;00: **Grace & Martini International Service**, Martinikerk.
- Sunday 11 April, 10:30: **Grace Service of the Word**, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 25 April, 10:30: **Grace Holy Communion**, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 2 May, 17;00: **Grace & Martini International Service**, Martinikerk.
- Sunday 9 May, 10:30: **Grace Morning Prayer**, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 23 May, 10:30: **Grace Pentecost Holy Communion**, Old Catholic Church.