



ECUMENICAL Family Service

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice. Your throne is the throne of God, it endures forever; and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre. You have loved righteousness and hated evil: therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

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Blessing of the Palms

Dear friends 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 people hold up their palms 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 lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Procession

HYMN No's 1,2,3

Preparation

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

All **and also with you.**

Blessing of the Donkeys

HYMN 4

Prayers of Penitence

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let us confess our many failures to keep this way of truth and life.

All **O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

[Minister gives the absolution]

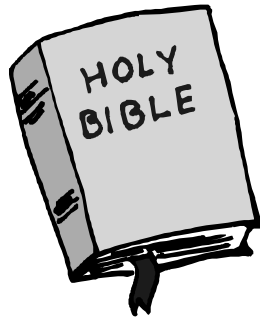


Collect
Gospel

HYMN 5

Talk

HYMN 6



Affirmation of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

HYMN 7

The Blessing of the Bread.

*[Blessed bread comes from
the Orthodox Church and is
given to those who do not
wish to receive Holy
Communion. It is a way for us all to share*



*together no matter what our
denomination.]*

Prayer of Blessing. [Said by all]

**Heavenly Father in the wilderness you
gave your children manna from
heaven. In the Eucharist you feed us
with the bread of life. May this bread be
a symbol to us of your love and mercy,
and a sign of our fellowship as
brothers and sisters in Christ. To the
Glory of your name, Father Son and
Holy Spirit. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
Forever and ever.
Amen.**

Distribution of the Bread

[Music or Choir sings an anthem optional]

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Father of all, in Jesus Christ you open
to us the treasures of your kingdom;
guide us by your Holy Spirit that we
may receive your redeeming grace and
reflect the perfect unity of your love,
for you live and reign Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Conclusion

Blessing

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN 8