



**The Master needs you**

**Palm Sunday Service**

**Processional Hymn**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest  
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Lord we lift up Your name, with our hearts full of praise  
Be exalted, O Lord, our God  
Hosanna in the highest

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the King of kings.  
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Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise,  
Be exalted, O Lord, our God,  
Jesus is the King of kings

Hosanna, Hosanna, glory to the King of Kings  
Hosanna, Hosanna, glory to the King of Kings  
Lord we lift up Your name, with our hearts full of praise  
Be exalted, O Lord, our God  
Glory to the King of Kings

**Opening Hymn**

Maru divasam mariya makan  
Yerushalemil varunnundennu  
Arinju bahunamavane  
Ethirelppaan purappettu poy.....Hosanna

Eethappana kurutholakal  
Cherthu kayyil ethirettu  
Cheerthaamodam poondavane  
Vaazhthi mahaa aanandathode .....Hosanna

Mannavanaam daaveedinte  
Nandananu hoshannaa  
Unnathangalil hoshanna  
Ennattahasichu cholli .....Hosanna

Karthaavinte thirunaamathil  
Varumishrayelin mahaaraajaa  
Vaazhthappettonaakayennu  
Aarthavar keerthicheedinaar .....Hosanna

Kazhuthkutti kanditteshu  
Kayariathi-nelirunnu  
Aruthu bhayam ninakethum  
Parama seeyon malamakkale .....Hosanna

**P:** Lord of the whole universe, on this Palm Sunday, as we remember Your triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where people praised You with Palm branches, let us also remember the many paths You tread and the path of suffering you chose, to extend salvation to each of us. Fill our hearts with gratitude and humility for Your amazing redeeming love. Teach us to follow your example of selfless love, to praise you with our hearts and lives and help us carry our crosses daily with humility while we answer you call. Amen.

#### **Kauma**

**P.** †Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C.** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**P.** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

**C.** Blessed is He that has come and is to come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**P.** Holy art thou, O God.

**C.** Holy art thou, Almighty Lord.

**P.** Holy art thou, Immortal Lord.

**C.** O Lord, the Messiah who was crucified for us † have mercy on us.

**(To be repeated thrice)**

**P.** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C.** O Lord, have mercy on us and bless us.

**P.** O Lord, accept our prayers and worship and have mercy on us.

**C.** Glory be to you, O God.

**P.** Glory be to you, O Creator.

**C.** Glory be to you, O King the Messiah; who has mercy on us sinners. Bless us, O Lord.

(Let us sing together the prayer that Jesus 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 done in heaven.**

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.***

***(Cong to be seated)***

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-17

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Romans 11:16-24

### **L: Meditation - The Irony Of Palm Sunday - A Donkey**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Master needs them,' and he will send them at once." Matthew 21:1-3

"Get off your high horse!" The metaphor brings to mind the mighty. The high and proud have always been a combo deal with the big beasts. In antiquity, kings triumphed into town on their large elephants or horses, chariots and camels, accompanied by large armies. The mightier the king, the bigger the animal, the louder the entrance. In stark contrast to this, Jesus journeys into Jerusalem with irony - a triumphant entry on a donkey.

Palm Sunday is taking place to fulfill what God promised his people all along: a mighty King will come on a donkey. This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Zechariah, saying, "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."

There is nothing impressive about a donkey. If the President of the United States or the King of England rode one, we would await the memes. Leaders do not show up looking lowly. Kings show up in bling—with convoys of Mercedes Benzes. The powerful would never show up on such a poor creature. But not this King. He is the great paradox. Powerful, yet peaceful. Divine, yet meek. His heart is made of tender mercy, not calloused pride. Palm Sunday is King Jesus' announcement of his purpose and character to the world: He is the King, He has come, and he is humble.

Meditation: Lord Jesus, teach me how to walk in the trail you have blazed: godliness and humility. Take me off my high horse and hitch me onto yourself.

In the quiet of this Holy Week, when the "Hosannas" are softer and solitary, ask the Lord in the stillness how you can help him in the mission of redemption. Be brave enough to desire that He use you, that He meet you at the gates of the city, tethered to His will and ready to be found. Totally available to carry Him into the world in a way that only you can.

<https://passionequip.com/articles/the-irony-of-palm-sunday-a-meditation>

<https://spiritualdirection.com/2020/04/05/the-master-has-need-of-you>

### **Hymn – Ride On in Majesty**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark all the tribes hosanna cry;

O Savior meek, pursue Thy road

With palms and scattered garments strewed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching Sacrifice.

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.

(Author - Henry Hart Milman (1827), Music - Geo C. Stebbins)

**L:** Why?

Children happily skipping around a tree,  
Playing the age when innocence was free.  
Time has not grabbed its share of smiles.  
Shadows have not stretched doubts on the line.  
A father weeps, gently cradling his scarred child.  
"Dear Lord, why? Why did it happen to mine?"

The laws of the land are made by the wise,  
Not just in the mind, but the pocket size.  
For want will never cease to be greedy,  
And justice can be blind to the rightful needy.  
Tearfully she waits at the gates, for a moment with her son.  
"Dear Lord, Why? Why does he have to be caged in a prison?"

Somebody decides what's right for this world,  
Sending the young to die for the banner unfurled.  
To right the wrong, or that's what they say,  
But they, on the other side, don't see it that way.  
She hugs her daddy's picture hopelessly clutching his medallion star.  
"Dear Lord, why? Why did daddy have to ever go fight a war?"

The dust had settled on Jerusalem's street,  
The clamour is over, the fear indiscreet.  
The dream is in doubt, the crown is weak,  
Miracles forgotten from the previous week.  
A sweat of blood pours, as ahead, humiliation He does see.  
"Dear Lord, why? My Father, why does it have to be me?"

(Cong. to stand)

***Prayer of Confession***

***Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson***

***Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy***

**P:** Lord, we are too nervous to ask for help from one another.  
The Master needs your donkey, but we're afraid to ask, and to give.

**C:** Lord, we are afraid to give you what you ask.  
Help us realize that what we have is just a gift from you.

**P:** Lord, we are too proud to lay our cares before you.  
Help us to lay our cloaks of worry on the colt, on the road, on your way.

**C:** Lord, we have been quiet in our praise,  
our shouts of Hosanna sound like mice whispering.  
Put palms in our hands, a voice on our tongue and help us to stand up for you.

**P:** Lord, we have looked from the pinnacle of the temple,  
craving, protecting, and manipulating power.  
We have told you time and time again  
to make the crowds pipe down!  
Break our hearts of stone; let us feel your steadfast love,  
and bring forth your Kingdom in this place.

**C:** Lord, forgive us, for in doubt we have not asked;  
forgive us, for what we have asked that was not needed,  
for what we have kept that was needed by someone else,  
and for what we have given that was unjust. Amen.

***Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson***  
***Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy***

**Intercessory Prayers**

**L:** We pray to you, Lord of palm-branches and the cross, for you understand us and you have promised not to refuse any who come to you. So, we pray for people who feel pushed away: pushed away from a living faith in Jesus by pressure from friends and family; those who feel pushed away by other people in churches if they do not share the same kinds of ideas, or ways; for people who are pushed out by those who want power. We pray for people who have been pushed out of their homes and have become immigrants with no home and no country. May we extend open hearts of acknowledgement and kindness and strip ourselves of our meaningless riches and egos, to help those in need. May we share your amazing love in helping those who are isolated and alone. Amen.

**C: To be Sung**  
**Enneshu Than Vila Theeraa Sneha-**  
**Maarkku Varnnikkaam**  
**Thannanthike Chernnangaaiathari-**  
**Njorkku Thaan Saadhyam**

**Yeshuvin Sneham**  
**Aashcharya Sneham**  
**Yeshuvin Sneham**  
**Aashcharya Snehame**

**L:** We thank you Lord of the palm-branches and the cross, for teaching our children to pray through this VBS in our Church and the Galilean Centre at Lingarajpuram. We thank you for blessing the VBS with wonderful leaders, with happy singing, art and an opportunity to learn and share your Word.

We pray for world leaders, quick to stand in the limelight taking decisions which affect everyone in the world but slow at times to do the steady, less glamorous work to which they are called. We pray for world leaders to understand their role to serve the people, that posturing should be replaced by practical action to make a difference, and jockeying for position be replaced by genuine efforts to transform the world

We pray that the wondrous love of Jesus will instil understanding in our world leaders so that wars may cease, and they are able to provide support for families who struggle for life's basic necessities. We ask that you will re-arrange our priorities and help us to live more like our humble, loving Jesus.

**C: *To be Sung***

**Maa Paapi Ennude Dhoshathe**

**Theerthaamodham Nalki**

**Paapaandha Shakthiye Vennidaa-**

**Nullaathmaavum Nalki**

**Yeshuvin Sneham**

**Aashcharya Sneham**

**Yeshuvin Sneham**

**Aashcharya Snehame**

**L:** We pray for our Achens as they move to different Parishes and assignments. We thank you for the blessing they have been to us, and we pray that your love will continue to lead them and their families.

We pray to you, Lord of palm-branches and the cross, because you know how quickly life changes to death. We pray for those who have recently lost someone whom they loved. In the shock, confusion, pain and sorrow especially of unexpected loss, we pray for hearts to be open to the comfort of your Spirit, shown through friendship and shared fellowship.

We ask, God of amazing love, that you will help us praise you like the crowds once did, in Jerusalem. That we will follow Jesus and give him our praise in the way we live; that we will be faithful in worshipping the one who has come in the Lord's name through our singing, our worship, our prayers, our attention, in giving our skills, time and means.

And may we will always be ready to answer the Master's call. Amen

**C: *To be Sung***

**Vishvaasamodalppa Naalihe**

**Njaan Paarthanantharam**

**Yeshu Kondupokumenne Than**

**Pithaavin Veedathil**

**Yeshuvin Sneham**

**Aashcharya Sneham**

**Yeshuvin Sneham**

**Aashcharya Snehame**

**Gospel Reading**

**P:** †Peace be with you all.

**C:** May the Lord make us all worthy to listen to His Word.

**P:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which proclaims life and salvation to the world as recorded by **Apostle Matthew.**

**C:** Blessed is He that has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent him for our Salvation. May His blessings be ever upon us.

**P:** In the days of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, the Word of life, God incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary, it happened in this way.

**C:** So, we believe and affirm.

**Matthew 21:1-17**

(After reading the Gospel, the priest says, †'Peace be with you all')

**C:** With you also. We thank you, Lord, that you have given us your gospel which is indeed the light of the world, that we may be drawn closer to you through the living words from your gospel which we have now heard.

**The Nicene Creed – To be sung**

We believe in the one true God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven, Maker of earth,  
We believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all world;

God of God, Light of Light,  
Of all things invisible, of all things light.

Being one with the Father, by whom all things were made,  
who for our salvation, came down from heaven,  
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin and was made man.

In the days of Pilate He was crucified  
He suffered and died and was buried.  
The third day He rose again, ascended into heaven,  
He will come again for the living and the dead  
and of His kingdom there will be no end.

God of God, Light of Light,  
Of all things created, of all things right.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;  
together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;

God of God, Light of Light,  
who spoke through the prophets and the apostles.  
We believe in one Holy Church.  
one baptism for the remission of sins;

We look forward to the resurrection  
of the dead, and the new life to come.

God of God, Light of Light,  
our resurrection and our new life.  
God of God, Light of Light,  
The resurrection and the new life. Amen

### **Birthday, Wedding Anniversary & Thanksgiving**

O Sacred Head, once wounded,  
With grief and pain weighed down,  
How scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown!  
How art Thou pale with anguish,  
With sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish,  
Which once was bright as morn!

O Sacred Head what glory,  
What bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, thou despised and gory  
I joy to call Thee mine.  
Thy grief and Thy compassion  
Were all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow  
To praise Thee, heavenly Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
Lord, make me Thine for ever,  
Nor let me faithless prove;  
O let me never, never  
Abuse such dying love!

(Author (attributed to): St. Bernard of Clairvaux; Music H L Hassler)

### **Announcements**

#### **Offertory**

All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring

Thou art the King of Israel  
Thou David's royal Son  
Who in the Lord's name comest  
The King and Blessed One

The company of angels  
Are praising Thee on high  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went  
Our praise love and anthems  
Before Thee we present

To Thee, before Thy passion

They sang their hymns of praise  
To Thee, now high exalted  
Our melody we raise

(Theodulph Of Orleans circa 820, Translated by John Mason 1851, Music Melchior Teschner)

## **Message**

### **(Cong. to stand)**

#### **Closing Prayer**

**P:** Father God, Your Word is true, and You are faithful. You promised salvation through the Messiah, and today, we are ever grateful that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies of being our promised Redeemer.

**C:** Hosanna. We rejoice that Jesus is our Deliverer. We celebrate Him today as King and ask that His Kingdom come into our lives. God of all times and places, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we may joyfully serve you in the newness of life and faithfully walk in the ways you lead us. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

**P:** May the Lord of palm-branches, whose arms were spread on the cross to embrace the whole world, help us to take up the cross and follow the Master's call. May we know those arms as our place of belonging and familiarity, all the days of our life.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Doxology and Kiss of Peace**

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free—  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me  
Is the current of Thy love—  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To my glorious rest above.

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How he loveth, ever loveth  
Changeth never, never more  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—  
Love of ev'ry love the best—

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing;  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.  
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—  
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
Lifts me up eternally.

(Samuel Trevor Francis, Music- Thomas J. Williams)