

Sunday, April 13, 2025,  
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome  
Family Life and Work  
Family Celebrations  
Lighting of the Christ Candle:  
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Lenten Reading

One: Today is the sixth Sunday in the Christian season of Lent.

Two: We continue our journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem. We hear His sixth word from the Cross.

One: After we hear Christ's words, you are invited to spend a few moments pondering what these words may have to say to you.

Two: From John 19: 30:

**It is finished.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE (~10 SECONDS~)

One: As we extinguish this candle, we reflect on those times when we have come to what seemed to be the end. We saw neither a way forward nor a way back. There was only a way through. In such times of despair, we realise that God's address is at the end of our rope. Again we understand that only God in Christ can carry us through the dark valley.

THE CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Two: Companion God, help us to reach out for you in the darkness. Help us, like Jesus, to trust that you are at our side always. We ask this in Jesus' name, in whose name we pray. Amen

Introit: And on This Path

MV 8

**And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!**

**So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,**

**Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!**

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 118, verses 26-29)

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

ALL: **We bless you from the House of the Lord!**

One: The Lord is God, and God has given us Light.

All: **Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the alter!**

One: O give thanks to God, for God is good.

ALL: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

### **Palm Parade**

Opening Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honour

VU 122

**All glory, laud and honour  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1      You are the King of Israel,  
         and David's royal son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
         our King and blessed one. R**

**2      The multitude of pilgrims  
         with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
         before you we present. R**

**3      To you, before your passion,  
         they sang their hymns of praise;  
         to you, now high exalted,  
         our melody we raise. R**

**4      Their praises you accepted;  
         accept the prayers we bring,**

**great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious king. R**

Children's Time:

We Listen

Gradual Hymn: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

VU 121 vs 1,2,3

- 1 Tree of Life and awesome mystery,  
in your death we are reborn,  
though you die in all of history,  
still you rise with every morn,  
still you rise with every morn.**
- 2 Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
may we see ourselves in you,  
if we learn to live your story  
we may die to rise anew,  
we may die to rise anew.**
- 3 We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word,  
every person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.**

Reading: Luke 19: 28-40

Meditation:

Musical Offering: Now Enter Your Jerusalem

We Respond

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation

VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

## Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving for Palm Sunday

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

One : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

One: It is right, and good and a joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks.

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Therefore with your people in all ages,  
and the whole company of heaven,  
we join in the song of unending praise,  
saying together:

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Truly, holy are you.....

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Remembering the One who came to us,  
remembering the words he taught,  
remembering his passion and resurrection,  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

ALL: **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

One: On the night .....

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All honour and glory are yours, Almighty God,  
now and forever. Amen

### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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  
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Consecration of the Elements:

The Receiving of the Elements:

Closing Hymn: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

VU 127 vs 1,3,4

**1      Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry:  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**3      Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**4      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.**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Walk With the Lord

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**Walk with the Lord  
Go from this place,  
Filled with His everlasting grace.**

**Walk with the Lord  
Go where He leads  
Blessed by His love and His peace.**

**Each day you live,  
In all you do,  
let the light of Christ be found in you**

**Walk with the Lord  
Trust and obey  
Go now and serve Him in faith  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**