



Sharing the Feast of Life during the Corona Crisis

Sunday 5 April: Palm Sunday

This service will be live-streamed on the [All Hallows Facebook page](#)

Please join in for prayer and worship at 10:30

Please have with you a candle, a bible, a palm cross (or a cross of any kind!), a balloon, and bread and wine/juice

Gathering

We light three candles: lights that the deepest darkness cannot conquer.

Loving God,

**Let these candles speak to us of the flames of hope within us;
of the passing of darkness and suffering,
of the sureness of morning,
and the promise of an eternal sunrise still to come,
though we may yet be in that darkest hour before the dawn.**

*Kindle a flame to lighten the dark
and take all fear away.*

Matthew 21:1-11



People of God, behold your king!

Meek and lowly, riding on a donkey!

Riding in the cause of justice and goodness:

mocking the wealthy

and confounding the powerful;

showing that true strength is found in humility,

and true victory in forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, your love transforms our humanity.

You give a voice and a song

to the poor and powerless,

the outcast and the suffering.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace,

And joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come Lord, and open in us

The gates of your kingdom.

Blessing of the Palms

God who is self-giving love, bless these crosses:

that they may point us to Christ's way of love and sacrifice.

May Christ be in our mind

that we may see what is true;

Christ be in our mouth

that we may speak with power;

Christ be in our heart

that we may learn to be loved;

Christ be in our hands

that we may work with tenderness;

Christ be in our arms

that we may embrace without fear;

Christ be in our deepest being

that we may shine with God's light and love.

Prayer for the Day

Lord of the swaying palms,

lead us from the violence of power

and the collusion of crowds

to a heart of flesh,

a world re-made

and a new song for all creation;

through Jesus Christ, the Crucified God.

Amen.

Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word!

Reflection

Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

I trust in you, O LORD, I say, 'You are my God'.

My times are in your hands;

Let your face shine on your servant;

save me in your unfailing love.

Affirmation of faith

May we whisper our hosannas

throughout this fearful week

(throughout this fearful pandemic time...)



In the sound of the breaking bread

hear the broken hosanna

Still we believe in love's way

In the sound of coins being counted

hear the betrayed hosanna

Still we trust in love's choice

In the twisting of the crown of thorns
and the hammering of nails
hear the tortured and crucified hosanna

Still we believe in love's way

In the sound of silence
hear the empty hosanna

Still we trust in love's choice

May we whisper our hosannas
throughout this fearful week
(throughout this fearful pandemic time...)

May we remain with you, O Jesus

still trusting

still following

still your companions. Amen.

Candle prayers

Please light a candle as you worship at home.

Please write prayer requests in the Facebook Live comments (remembering that this is a public space)

The Peace

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all

Trail wide the hem of your garment.

Bring healing, bring peace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We praise you,
God who is our Resurrection and our Life,
for you breathed life into the void
and spoke creation into being.

From the nothingness of slavery
you called a people into being.
Your Presence sustained anxious exiles
through strange and fearful times;
your Spirit gathered from the valley of despair
the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus you confronted
the powers that killed and oppressed;
you spoke to those considered dead
and helped them to stand again;
he taught us to die that we might live.

He gave himself for us
terrified and tortured and forsaken
but he could not be confined by death;
he passed through doors locked by fear
to breathe the Spirit of peace into his followers

And so with all who have lost faith or given up hope,
with all who have hidden in fear or walked away in sadness,
with all the company of heaven,
we lift our voice and sing your praise:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of heaven and earth adored
Ceasing never, God for ever,
Holy, holy Lord.*

Holy and loving God,
in the breaking of bread Jesus shows himself among us.

As he ate with his disciples, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is given for you in love. Do this to remember me.'

After supper he took the cup of wine and said, 'This is my blood, which I pour out for you as the new covenant in God's love. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

The Lord's Prayer

**O God in heaven,
Mother and Father of us all
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.**

This bread we break
Is a sharing in the body of Christ.
Though we are not physically united in this place
**we who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread**

As you worship at home, please share some bread and juice/wine

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to Him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in Him and you will not thirst.*

Prayer after communion

Holy God,

you have met us at this table,

embraced our brokenness,

named us 'beloved',

claimed us for eternity.

We thank you,

living, loving God.

Blessing

O Jesus,

stretch forth your wounded hands over your people

to heal and to restore,

and to draw us to yourself

and to one another in love.

Amen.