

Prayers for Passion / Palm Sunday

These prayers might be used in a variety of settings: Opening Prayers (at the beginning of worship) or concluding collects (after the Prayers of the People); for church websites or newsletters; or in personal, small group, or family devotion.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed are you, Holy God, for in Jesus Christ
you came to rule in our lives, not as a king,
but as a humble servant, riding on a donkey.
Enter into our hearts this day with your glory,
that we may greet you with shouts of praise;
through Christ, our Sovereign and Savior.
Matthew 21:1-11 / Year A: Palms

God Most High, gracious and glorious,
blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Lead us now on the road to the cross.
May we follow with faithfulness and joy,
shouting hosanna in the highest heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Mark 11:1-11 / Year B: Palms

God in highest heaven,
how humbly you enter our world to reign:
in Christ Jesus
on dusty road, riding a donkey.
Help us to pave the way for your eternal realm
with our prayer and praise,
with our service and love,
until the very stones cry out
at the coming of your new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Luke 19:28-40 / Year C: Palms

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Lord God, almighty, all-merciful,
how great is your love
that you went down to the depths for us:
into suffering, sin, and shame,
into darkness, despair, and death.
We trust in you, O Lord –
we trust in you alone.
Deliver us now, we pray;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Matthew 26:14–27:66 / Year A: Passion

Holy God, when Jesus cried and breathed his last
you tore away the ancient curtain
between heaven and earth, life and death.
As we turn to face the cross,
show us Jesus, in all his suffering and glory,
so that we may believe and have eternal life;
through Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Mark 14:1–15:47 / Year B: Passion

God our life, our light, our breath,
into your loving hands we commit our lives.
Save us in the hour of darkness
and remember us in the glory of your eternal realm;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Luke 22:14–23:56 / Year C: Passion