



WELCOME TO
MOSMAN UNITING CHURCH

28th March 2021
Palm Sunday



Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

ORGAN PRELUDE

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GREETING & WELCOME

The Lord be with you!

And also with you

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

**We honour the Elders past, present and emerging,
of the Cammeraygal People, the traditional
custodians of the land on which we stand.**

PROCESSION

HYMN 333 (TiS) 'All glory, praise and honour'
(vv.1,3,4)

WE LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jesus Christ is a light to the World

Thanks be to God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Taken from Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,

but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

**that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we observe again the sacrifice of Jesus,
His willingness to live with effects of the violence and
hate of human beings,

To the point to death;

Help us to know that this act in history,
points to an eternal truth of God always willing to
forgive;

to give people a chance to begin again;
and to free us all from things we regret;
mistakes we have made;
inadequacies that we struggle with.

Help us take seriously that like the crowds around Jesus,
we can be fickle

And sometimes unintentionally allow ourselves to be
dragged along

by the views and thoughts of others
without noticing that we are joining in with
consequences

that lead to death and not life.

Forgive us.

Reveal to us our attitudes that are not life giving.

For You are always calling us on a path of greater self-discovery,
of greater clarity about who we are and what our purpose is.
As we walk alongside Jesus, facing the consequences of His call,
illuminate Your will for us, and what new life You are calling us to live.
Bless us.

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ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God is merciful. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives, for it is given to you through Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Parramatta Mission Uniting Church)

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RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

John 12: 12-16

This is the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

HYMN 348 'Ride on, ride on in majesty' (vv. 1,2, 5)

REFLECTION *by Rev George Garnsey*

Delivered in person at the service and not available online.

OFFERING

O God, may these, our offerings, expand your work in the world and add gifts to many people's lives.

Bless all that we have given today. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We pray for those in power who act from fear and self-protection,
who do not want to change or see the log in their own eyes,
May life reveal to them their narrow-mindedness
and open them up to the power of love.

We pray for those whose actions are misunderstood.

And for women across our world whose gifts go
unrecognised,
who are considered second-class citizens,
whose silence is often misinterpreted.
May they all be helped to find their voice.

We pray for the poor,
that justice will come.

We pray for those who get led astray by others,
or by their own self-righteousness,
or because they are caught up in an ideology that
promises freedom.
Show them the way of love and community.

We pray for those who know they have let their friends
down,
who in the heat of a moment defend themselves before
their friend.
May they learn from their mistakes
and have people reassure and set them on their feet
again.

We pray for those who are alongside someone else who
is suffering
and do not know what to say or do.
May they be shown how to stay simply present
and be there for others in pain without needing to do
or say anything.

We pray for leaders who do not take responsibility for their actions,
who knowingly wash their hands and allow others to act unjustly and in violence.
May their actions be seen for what they are and may the power of democracy be upheld.

We pray for individuals we know who are facing pain, suffering, bereavement, distress.
May the story of Holy Week sustain them and bring them comfort, companionship and hope.

God of all creation, of all humanity,
hold all things in balance for us and with us
and keep teaching us how to be people who bring peace and hope and love.

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HYMN 341 'My song is love unknown'

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

All Christians are invited to join in Holy Communion and receive the bread and wine.

THE PEACE

God reconciles and unites us.

The peace of God which is beyond our understanding will guard our hearts and our thoughts in Jesus Christ.

In worship the greeting of peace is given with a sign.

As the words are spoken now, we may turn our hearts and thoughts to neighbours near and far, hearing and repeating the words:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christ our Lord invites to his table
all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

The eternal God be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to God and to one another

Let us give thanks to God who is Wisdom and Love

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise, glory and honour are rightly yours,
our Lord and God,
for you alone are worthy.
In time beyond our dreaming
you brought forth light out of darkness,
and in the love of Christ your Son
you set man and woman at the heart of your creation.

In humility your servant entered Jerusalem
to cries of Hosanna!
When the cries turned to Crucify!
He was taken outside the city
and lifted up as King of Glory.

And so we praise you
with the faithful of every time and place,
joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation
in the eternal hymn:

(sung)

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

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

By water and the Spirit
you open the kingdom to all who believe,
and welcome us to your table:
for by grace we are saved, through faith.

We bless you, Sovereign God,
ruler of the universe
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who on the night of his betrayal
took bread,
gave you thanks,
broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
take this and eat it.
This is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper,
He took the cup,
gave thanks,
and gave it to them, saying:
drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
poured out for you and for everyone
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and this cup
we do as our Saviour commands:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

Christ has died – Christ is Risen – Christ will come again

Pour out the Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

Make us one with him,
one with each other,
and one in ministry in the world,
until at last we feast with him in the kingdom.
Grant that all who share this bread and this cup
may become one body and one spirit,
a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your name.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE CUP

The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup we take
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

LAMB OF GOD *(sung)*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

[DISTRIBUTION]

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, given for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give thanks that bread broken brings
wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent with the Risen Christ and
one another
is both gift and grace. Amen.**

BEING SENT ON GOD'S MISSION

HYMN 201 'King of glory, king of peace'

BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Go into Holy Week,

walking in the footsteps of Christ.

And may the Lord bless you and keep you,
may the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
and bring you peace.

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AMEN AMEN AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With much gratitude to Rev George Garnsey for leading our worship today. We also warmly welcome back Judy Rough to lead us in the singing.

Please join us at our Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. They begin at 9.00 am.

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If you have concerns or needs which you think would be helped by talking to a minister of religion, we suggest you contact the

Reverend Michael Thomas, minister of Crows Nest Uniting Church. Look on our website for details.

Revised Common Lectionary. Our readings for next Sunday will be chosen from the following list. Acts 10:34-43 or Is 25:6-9; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; Jn 20:1-18 or Mk 16:1-8.

ICC Prayer: We pray for Rev Dr Max Wood and the people of St Luke's Anglican Church.

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Singer: Judy Rough



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