# OXTED TEAM MINISTRY

# Service Sheet for Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Welcome to the Oxted Team Together, online! You will need to think how you will follow the words and watch the film, either having both on the screen at the same time or printing this out. Please join in with the words in bold and with the hymns. Near the start of this service you are invited to light a candle so if you wish to please have one ready to light. The film for this service can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/ and click on 'videos'.

#### GREETING

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

All Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

As the people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday, so we welcome Jesus, who is present with us by the Holy Spirit in this act of worship.

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### WE COME TO GOD AS WE ARE

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord.

**All** Let your ears be open to hear my voice.

If you recorded all our sins, who could come before you?

All My hope is in God's word.

My soul is longing for the Lord,

All more than those who watch for daybreak.

There is forgiveness with you.

All My hope is in God's word.

#### CONFESSION

# We call to mind our sin, our lack of trust in God and our wrong expectations of Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples. We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease rather than watch with you: Lord, forgive us.

# **All** Christ have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace yet nurse enmity in our hearts: Lord, forgive us.

#### **All** Christ have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us rather than stretch out our hands to bless: Lord, forgive us.

#### **All** Christ have mercy.

When we deny that we know you for fear of the world and its scorn: Lord, forgive us.

#### **All** Christ have mercy.

# We hear God's words of absolution and forgiveness

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### All Amen.

# COLLECT

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

#### All Amen.

# **HYMN**

Make way, make way
For Christ the King
In splendour arrives
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives

Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings
(For the King of kings)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in

And those who mourn with heavy hearts Who weep and sigh With laughter, joy and royal crown He'll beautify

We call you now to worship Him As Lord of all To have no gods before Him Their thrones must fall!

**READING** – dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord, from the Gospel of Mark

# REFLECTION

#### **CREED**

Let us declare our faith in God

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

# **INTERCESSIONS**

# This or another response may be used

Lord in your mercy

**All** Hear our prayer

# The Lord's Prayer

All 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

# THE PEACE

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

If we are with someone, we share the peace with them and name others known to us who need God's peace. If we are on our own, let us close our eyes briefly, receive God's peace and hold before God those who we bless with God's peace.

# **HYMN**

Come and see, come and see
Come and see the King of love
See the purple robe and crown of thorns he wears
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer
As he lifts the cruel cross
Lone and friendless now he climbs towards the hill

We worship at your feet
Where wrath and mercy meet
And a guilty world is washed
By love's pure stream
For us he was made sin
Oh, help me take it in
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'
I worship, I worship
The Lamb who was slain.

Come and weep, come and mourn
For your sin that pierced him there
So much deeper than the wounds of thorn and nail
All our pride, all our greed
All our fallenness and shame
And the Lord has laid the punishment on him

Man of heaven, born to earth
To restore us to your heaven
Here we bow in awe beneath
Your searching eyes
From your tears comes our joy
From your death our life shall spring
By your resurrection power we shall rise

# **BLESSING** and **ENDING**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

#### All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

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