

Nau mai, haere mai.
Our liturgy begins on page 404 of
A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.

Collect:

Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem
the people waved palms with shouts of acclamation.
Grant that when the shouting dies
we may still walk beside you even to a cross;
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen

First reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- ¹ We give thanks to you O Lord for you are gracious:
and your love endures for ever.
- ² Let the house of Israel say:
'God's love endures for ever.' ...
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of the temple:
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord:
through which the righteous shall enter.
- ²¹ I will thank you because you have answered me:
and you have become my deliverer.
- ²² The stone which the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.
- ²³ This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day which the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us O Lord we pray:
Lord we pray you to give us success.

- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord:
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- ²⁷ The Lord is God, and has given us light:
with branches in your hands,
go forward in procession up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God and I will thank you:
you are my God and I will extol you.
- ²⁹ We give thanks to you O Lord for you are gracious:
and your love endures for ever.

Second reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

The Prayers of the People

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself and became as nothing
for our redemption.

Give to your church the servant mind to display your grace and
mercy...

We bow the knee and confess your name.

Hosanna to the son of David!

Hosanna in the highest Heaven!

Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the crowd shouted praises,
but in just a few days they turned on you.

We pray for all at the mercy of fickle popularity...

Give governments strength and courage to hold to what is true
and right.

Hosanna to the son of David!

Hosanna in the highest Heaven!

Lord Jesus Christ, as the crowd spread their cloaks and waved
tree branches in your honour, we give thanks for the occasions
that fill us with joy at being alive...

Draw us closer to one another and to you.

Hosanna to the son of David!

Hosanna in the highest Heaven!

Lord Jesus Christ, in your passion we see our human frailty.
Be with all whose endurance is strained and spirit is weakened
by their ailments...

Sustain the weary with your eternal word.

Hosanna to the son of David!

Hosanna in the highest Heaven!

Lord Jesus Christ, you shared our life even to the point of death.
Gather to yourself in love and peace all who have died...

As you are highly exulted so may we come to share in your
eternal kingdom.

Hosanna to the son of David!

Hosanna in the highest Heaven!

Prayer After Communion

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Silence

Almighty and eternal God
you have restored us to life
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.

Continue this healing work within us.

May we who partake of this mystery

never cease to give you dedicated service. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP & REFLECTION DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday in Holy Week:

12.15pm – Eucharist

Tuesday in Holy Week:

10.30am – Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week:

12.15pm – Eucharist

7.00pm – Study Group (in the Baptistry)

Maundy Thursday

Noon – Chrism Eucharist

7.00pm – Eucharist of the Last Supper

Good Friday:

10.00am – All-Age liturgy

Noon - 1.00pm – Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

1.00pm - 3.00pm – ‘Last Words - A Sacred Cantata for Good Friday’ and Reflections

Easter Eve:

7.00pm – Vigil Eucharist

Easter Day:

8.00am – Said Eucharist

9.00am – Eucharist at Ormond Chapel

10.00am – Choral Eucharist

A THOUGHT FROM TODAY’S SERMON

We’re faced with a Jesus who doesn’t always meet our expectations or fit our agendas. He doesn’t tick all our boxes. He didn’t do so for Jerusalem, and he doesn’t do so for us. And that is often where rejection begins. They struggled to accept a king whose throne was a cross.

Writing to the Philippians, Paul describes Jesus as fully divine, yet one who emptied himself and took the form of a slave; who humbled himself, even to death. It’s the same paradox the disciples encountered at the Last Supper, when Jesus took on the role of a household servant and washed their dirty feet.

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