

### **Final Prayers**

***Thank You, Lord Jesus,  
for coming to us once again  
through this simple meal of bread and wine;  
For nourishing our bodies and our souls;  
and for filling us with hope  
as we look forward to the eternal banquet.  
Amen.***

## **A Communion Liturgy for Palm Sunday**

### **Call to Worship**

Children of God, Rejoice!  
Sing out in celebration, God's people!  
Your King is coming to you,  
humble, riding on a donkey,  
on a donkey's foal.

***Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes  
in the Lord's name.  
Glory to God! Hosanna!***

### **Praise and Celebration**

Lord God, loving Friend and Parent,  
You deserve our worship, our love and our devotion,  
Because You have entered our broken world,  
You have joined us on our journey of pain and pleasure,  
of sorrow and joy,  
And have given us access to life eternal and abundant.  
***We lift our voices to praise You, O God.***

We celebrate Your coming to us,  
Not with political power or military might,  
Not with glamour or fame or wealth,  
But in humility and love, gently and with great compassion.  
***We lift our voices to praise You, O God.***

*Additional prayers of praise may be added here.*

### **Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We recognise that Your life among us was one of sacrifice,  
That You came to confront the hatred, fear, violence and evil in us.  
That You seek to throw over the tables of greed and injustice in us.

Forgive us when we resist Your coming.

When we reject You and seek to silence Your transforming and challenging influence.

*Silent confessions are offered.*

**Have mercy on us, O God,  
Do not cease to come to us and to call us to life.  
Help us to embrace the way of the cross  
And to live in the power of Your death-defying love.  
For Jesus' sake.  
Amen.**

### **The Ministry of the Word**

God draws near to us through the Scriptures.

**We open our ears to hear, and we open our hearts to receive.  
For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*The Scriptures are read and the message is preached.*

### **Prayers of Request**

O Lord our God,  
We bring You the needs of our world,  
**broken by division and suspicion,  
by hatred and war.**

We bring You the needs of our land,  
**the hungry and homeless,  
the wounded and despairing.**

We bring you the needs of ourselves and our loved ones,  
**seeking Your peace and healing,  
Your wisdom and protection.**

*Additional prayers may be offered here.*

**Hear us, O God, and come to us,  
In compassion and love rescue and restore us,  
And make us a people in whom Your gentle reign is seen.  
Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is spoken together.*

### **The Peace**

The Prince of Peace fill you with God's peace, and be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The peace is shared among the people.*

### **The Communion**

Let us open the gates of our hearts  
**That the Sovereign God of Glory may come in**

Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving  
**God deserves all honour and blessing.  
It is our privilege and joy to exalt the Lord  
in every place and every moment.**

And so, Dear God, we offer You our worship  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who comes to us humbly and riding on a donkey's foal.

*Silent Reflection*

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His death,  
shared a meal with His followers.  
Taking the bread, He gave thanks, broke it,  
and offered it to them with these words:  
**This is My body broken for you.  
Remember Me whenever you eat.**

After the meal, taking the cup of wine,  
He gave thanks, and offered it to them with these words:  
**This is My blood poured out for you,  
Remember Me whenever you drink.**

And so, now O Lord,  
we eat and drink in memory of Jesus and His great love,  
And in this simple meal  
we proclaim His death and resurrection,  
giving life to all people.

*Communion is received.*