

# **St Matthew's – All Together Palm Sunday**

## **10.45am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Welcome to St Matthew's.** Please join us for tea or coffee after this service. Today's service is an All Together service, which means the children will be in church for the whole service. The service will last about an hour. If those with children would like to sit near the front, there are table activities for during the talk for the younger children.

Please place any financial gifts in the bags which will be passed around during our offertory song. If you prefer you may use the contactless machine at the back of church or donate via the church website.

If you would like a translation or captions to help follow today's service in real-time, please scan this QR code and select English for live subtitles, or choose your preferred language.



### **Welcome, Notices & Banns**

#### **Opening Words**

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.



Why are we here?

**We are here to worship God.**

Why are we here?

**We are here to hear from God.**

Why are we here?

**We are here to pray to God.**

## Song

**He's coming on the clouds,**  
kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break,  
as broken hearts declare His praise  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?



Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before You  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Oh every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates,  
make way before the King of kings  
Our God who calls the saved  
is here to set the captives free  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

### *Bridge*

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Oh who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Oh who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord?

## Introduction

### **Bible Reading Part 1**

- Matthew 21:1-7 (Video)



## **Saying Sorry**

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



Our selfishness betrays you:  
Lord, forgive us.

**Christ have mercy.**

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:  
Lord, forgive us.

**Christ have mercy.**

We run away from those who abuse you:  
Lord, forgive us.

**Christ have mercy.**

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:  
Lord, forgive us.

**Christ have mercy.**

## **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.

**Amen.**



## **Sung Worship**



**Here we are people of faith**

Some with smiles others with fears at their face

Here we come ready to bring who we are

God is good

God is good to us

All through time

Every hour every minute

God is good

God is good

Here we are children of God

Family joining together as one

Here we come ready to sing who You are

*Bridge*

O praise Him for He is good

O praise Him for He is good

O praise Him for He is good

O praise Him for He is good

He is good

## **In the darkness we were waiting**

Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt



Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

## **Bible Reading Part 2**

- **Matthew 21:8-11 (Video)**



**Sermon** (Ben Butterfield)



## **Sung Affirmation of Faith & Distribution of Palm Crosses**

**Our Father everlasting**

The all creating One

God Almighty

Through Your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour



I believe in God our Father

I believe in Christ the Son

I believe in the Holy Spirit

Our God is three in one

I believe in the resurrection

That we will rise again

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender

Suffered and crucified

Forgiveness is in You

Descended into darkness

You rose in glorious life

Forever seated high

I believe in You

I believe You rose again

I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal

I believe in the virgin birth

I believe in the saints' communion

And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection

When Jesus comes again

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

## **Prayer Activity**

*[These responses may be used]*

Hosanna to the son of David!

**Lord, hear our prayer.**



*[At the end]*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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.

**Amen.**



## **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.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**



## **Sung Worship**

*[Including Offering]*

**I stand amazed in the presence**  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.



How marvellous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvellous! How wonderful!  
Is my Saviour's love for me!

For me it was in the garden He prayed,  
'Not My will, but Thine':  
He had no tears for His own griefs,  
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

In pity angels beheld Him,  
And came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows  
He bore for my soul that night.

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden of Calvary,  
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me.

## **Offering Prayer**



## **Blessing**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the courage to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.



And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

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