

Prayer of the Church
Palm Sunday (Palmarum)
13 April 2025

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You brought Him to the cross by a faithful life of selfless love. Teach us to cherish His sacrifice above all else, treasuring His redemption, that we may also live faithful and selfless lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You gave Your Son to be rejected by sinners, that we may be welcomed into Your kingdom. Preserve Your Church in this life won by Christ, crucified and risen. Give faithfulness to the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments, and let Your people receive these gifts with penitence and faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have built Your Church according to the humble image of Christ. Direct our faith to His self-offering on the cross. Draw us by His redemption and example to resist the allure of worldly power and pursue our own sacrificial callings. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, You promise to cut off the war horse and the bow. Come down upon the arrogant powers of this world. Humble all rulers under the merciful reign of Your Son, that they may be effective servants of what is right. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, draw near to those in trial and peril. Forsake not the broken-hearted, nor those in any kind of need. Hear their humble cries, come quickly to their aid and rescue those who delight in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Son humbly rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of “hosanna!” so that He might give us righteousness and salvation by His death and resurrection. Mercifully grant that we would repent of our sins and rejoice in His presence as He visits us with His body and blood in His Holy Supper this day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people’s prayers of “hosanna” in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**