***Palm Sunday with Spiritual Communion***

***The Liturgy of the Palms***

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***All* Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

 ***All* and also with you.**

***Introduction***

***Blessing of palms***

***First Reading :*** The entry into Jerusalem

***Hymn : Ride on, ride on in majesty***

***The Collect***

***Epistle :*** Isaiah 50. 4 – 9a

**The Passion according to Mark**

***Sermon*** *We keep a moment of stillness for reflection*

***Intercessions***

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered

in justice and mercy,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up

the way of the cross,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

**All Holy God,**

**holy and strong,**

**holy and immortal,**

**have mercy upon us.**

***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.**

***Hymn :*** My song is love unknown

***The Act of Spiritual Communion*** *Silence is kept.*

Lord Jesus, we desire earnestly to experience your love as guests at the heavenly feast you have prepared for your children on earth in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar. As were are not able on this day to be gathered at your Table, may we receive you into our hearts by faith, trusting the word of your promise, that "those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." Strengthen our faith, increase our love and hope; and after this life grant us a place at your heavenly table, where we shall eat of the eternal manna, and drink of the river of your pleasure forevermore. Hear us for your own Name's sake. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, ‘I am with you always’. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care.** **Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 Dismissal***

Christ crucified draw you to himself,

to find in him a sure ground for faith,

a firm support for hope,

and the assurance of sins forgiven;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Hymn :*** Thou didst leave thy throne

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