

*When the Liturgy of the Palms has preceded, the Nicene Creed and the Confession of Sin may be omitted. (BCP, p. 273)*

**Prayers of the People – The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday - ABC**

As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us pray to God in the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name, saying, *Lord, have mercy.*

For the Church, and especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may be strengthened to take up our cross, follow in Christ's way and share in his redeeming work, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For this parish family, that we who are called to be the community of the crucified One, may empty ourselves as Christ did, serving in unselfish love, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who are preparing for Baptism, that God will lead them through dying and rising to New Life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For peace in all the world and an end to violence, that those in positions of leadership may respond to all who cry out for food, justice, dignity and peace, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who must bear the cross each day, for those far from home, for those who endure shame or threat, and for the weary and all who suffer, remembering especially ..... that they may find strength and hope in the God of life, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who have died, remembering especially ..... that they may rest in Christ and be raised into his glory, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

***Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Hear the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.***