



God our Father, who understands suffering and loss, help us to be thankful for your generosity in sending your Son to minister to us.

As we cry 'Hosanna' and join the crowds in placing palms on the paths, we see the crown of thorns awaiting him.

May we recognise the glory to come in the way of the cross.

Give us strength to carry our own crosses in life, knowing that we can never suffer as he suffered.

We greet you as the Messiah, the Son of David,
King of Israel, Servant of all, Saviour of all,
crowned with thorns and lifted high on a cross.

**Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**



Holy Thursday



**Lord, you broke bread and you shared wine with
your friends.**

**You knew that someone would betray you and you knew
they would abandon you in your hour of need.
Despite all this, you still freely offered your life.**

**Lord Jesus, you invite us to break bread and share wine,
even though we too betray you and deny you.
We also sometimes abandon you.**

**You remain true to us;
Your body broken, your blood shed, for us!**

We praise you and give you thanks with all our hearts.





Lord, sometimes we lose sight of the suffering of Good Friday as we live in the light as Easter People. We remind ourselves of those who saw you hang on the Cross, the awfulness of the moment. You endured the pain of betrayal, the hurt of denial and the humiliation of mockery.

You took our sins on your shoulders.

Lord, we marvel at your love for us. You were willing to experience death so that we might taste life.

May we never forget that sacrifice and remain faithful to you and to your astonishing love.





He has risen

***Rejoice, Rejoice, Heavenly Powers.
Sing Choirs of Angels
Jesus Christ the Lord is Risen!***

***This day was made by the Lord,
we rejoice and are glad.***

***Be near us Lord, as we celebrate your resurrection
from the dead.***

***‘How blessed is this day, when earth and heaven are
joined and humankind is reconciled to God!’***

