

(Martyrs of Uganda)

Reader 1 From the Gospel according to St Luke

[13. 31-end]

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Reflection & Prayers

Reader 1 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

Reader 2 Lord Jesus, you wept and lamented over the fate of the holy city. We pray that we may know the blessedness of those who mourn, as we call to mind the sin and suffering of our communities and our world.

Reader 1 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

Reader 2 We pray for grace to heed the prophetic voices, however they come to us, that warn of judgement on our failures in justice and love. We give thanks for those who stand up for what is right, at great cost to themselves.

Reader 1 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

Reader 2 O God you are like the mother hen, longing to gather in your brood under your loving and protecting wings. We give thanks that the weak and vulnerable are in your special care.

Reader 1 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

Reader 2 Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your fearless commitment to your saving work. Thank you that your timing, God's timing, is perfect. Thank you for your life and healing ministry among us, your death and resurrection.

Reader 1 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

Lord's Prayer & Blessing

Reader 1 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

Leader Let us bless the Lord **Reader 2** Thanks be to God