

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

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10th April 2022

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Reading for the Liturgy of the Palms:

LUKE 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 19 Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.

- 21 I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.
- 25 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.
- 26 The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.
- 27 You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.
- 28 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy
enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,^[a]
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

[NRSV Isaiah 50.4–9a]

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm 31:9-18

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:

my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.

10 For my life wears out in sorrow,

and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:

and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:

and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:

I have become like a broken vessel.

14 For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;

15 While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'

17 All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.

18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 5

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

[NRSV Philippians 2.5–11]

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Chapter 22 beginning at Verse 14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it^[a] until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.^[b] ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.”

[NRSV Luke 22.14–23.56]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sentence

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.