

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

Ministry of the Word



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The Liturgy of the Palms

Please stand.

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All remain standing for the Gospel.

Holy Gospel:

Mark 11:1–11

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn #181 "All Glory, Laud, and Honour"

Text by Theodulph of Orleans; translation by John Mason Neale

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one.

Refrain

3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

Refrain

4 To thee, before thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.

Refrain

Collect of the Day*Celebrant* Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
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 backwards.

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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9–16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
 my eye is consumed with sorrow,
 and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
 and my years with sighing;
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,
 a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
 when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
 I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
 fear is all around;
 they put their heads together against me;
 they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
 I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
 and in your loving-kindness save me."

Helper of the helpless, comfort of the afflicted, may your servants who stand in the midst of evil find strength in the knowledge of your presence, and praise you for the wonders of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Passion according to Mark

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Apostles' Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader We pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People **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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. Amen.**

Solo: "God So Loved The World" (John Stainer)

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

People **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing**Announcements****Dismissal**

Subdeacon Go in peace as we walk our Lenten journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn #185 "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

Text by Venantius Fortunatus; translation by Percy Dearmer

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| <p>1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
sing the ending of the fray;
now above the cross, the trophy,
sound the loud triumphant lay:
tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,
as a victim won the day.</p> | <p>2 Tell how, when at length the fullness
of the appointed time was come,
Christ, the Word, was born of woman,
left for us his heavenly home;
showed us human life made perfect,
shone as light amid the gloom.</p> |
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- 3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
went he forth from Nazareth,
destined, dedicated, willing,
wrought his work and met his death.
Like a lamb he humbly yielded
on the cross his dying breath.
- 4 Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph,
now for us the noblest tree,
none in foliage, none in blossom,

- none in fruit thy peer may be;
symbol of the world's redemption,
for the weight that hung on thee!
- 5 Unto God be praise and glory;
to the Father and the Son,
to the eternal spirit honour
now and evermore be done;
praise and glory in the highest,
while unending ages run.

Postlude

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Judith and David Bradshaw
Pamela Brand
Maxine, Nigel, Liam and Mikaela Britto
Marcia Browne
Hilmi and Karima Buyuk

Today's Scripture Readings

Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-19
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 111:14-17,22-24
Acts 10:34-43
Mark 16:1-8

Celebrant

The Rev. Leonard Leader

Readers

Doug Heyes, Hazel Perkin, Geraldine Sperling

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Michael Leach

Soloist

Rachel Fuller

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