

**PARISH OF THE ASCENSION
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
MARCH 28, 2021**

WELCOME

MUSIC PRELUDE: *He Came Riding on a Donkey*

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy

branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

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. **MARK 11:1-11**

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. AMEN.

HYMN: 181 *All Glory, Laud and Honour* & 182 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

Almighty God,
whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory,
may we, walking in the way of the cross,
find it is for us the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Christ became obedient unto death for us,

Even death upon a cross.

He was pierced for our sins,
Bruised for no fault but ours.
His punishment has won our peace,
And by his wounds we are healed.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom,
Strength, honour, glory, and praise. AMEN.

THE INVITATORY

Christ became obedient unto death:
O come, let us worship.

JUBILATE

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Christ became obedient unto death:
O come, let us worship.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PSALM 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

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. PSALM 31:9-16

READING: PHILLIPIANS 2:5-11

GRADUAL HYMN: 189 *Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord* vs. 1 & 4

GOSPEL: MARK 14:1-15:47

HOMILY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

HYMN FOR THE OFFERING: 386 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* vs. 1 & 2

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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 BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: 633 *Lord Christ, We Praise Your Sacrifice* vs. 1 & 4

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