



Passion Sunday

With the Procession of Palms

The service of Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession with palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. “Palm Sunday” is named after the palms which were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,” clearly reveal that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry “Crucify!” This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The extended reading from the Passion narrative sets before the people of God all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week—the most important week of the church year.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

The congregation stands and faces the entrance to the nave.

GREETING

P *The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

C **Amen.**

P *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

COLLECT

P *Let us pray....Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P *Let us go forth in peace*

C **In the name of the Lord.**

P *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

(the Service continues with the first hymn)

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

INTROIT

Psalm 24:7-10; Antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

*Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

*Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *Almighty and everlasting God,
You sent Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take upon Himself our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross.
Mercifully grant
that we may follow the example
of His great humility and patience
and be made partakers of His resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.*

C *♪[Amen]♪*

GRADUAL

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

*[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.*

*Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,
so that those who are called
may receive the promised eternal inheritance.*

*He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.*

RESPONSE FOR PRAYERS

After each petition:

P *Lord, in Your mercy,*

C *hear our prayer.*

John 12:12-19 (ESV)

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Deuteronomy 32:36-39 (ESV)

³⁶ For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷ Then he will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering?’

Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!

³⁹ “ ‘See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill

and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19:28–40 (ESV)

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing

their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of

the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

John 12:12–19 (Palm Sunday Procession)

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

Philippians 2:5–11

Luke 22:1–23:56 *or* Luke 23:1–56 *or* John 12:20–43

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience “*to the point of death, even death on a cross*” (Phil. 2:8). He “*goes as it has been determined*” (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father’s plan for the salvation of sinners. “*Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name*” (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing “*that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*” (Phil. 2:11).

Life Quotes

“The temptation among Christians is to take the temperature of the chaotic and dysfunctional culture and to imbue ourselves with a sense of despair and discouragement. But despair and discouragement, we know from Scripture, is a sin because it negates the hope of Jesus Christ. We are not seeking an earthly victory; as Christians, we know that the most important victory of all of history has already been won by our Lord and Savior.”

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Next Week’s Readings from God’s Word:

April 17: The Resurrection of our Lord (Series C):

(Sunrise) Job 19:23-27, Psalm 118:15-29, 1 Corinthians 15:51-57, John 20:1-18

Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 16, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12