

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

The Palm Branches are distributed to the people.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS p. 554

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
All **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant then greets the people and gives a brief introduction, inviting them to participate in the celebration using these or other similar words

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. p. 555
People **And with your spirit**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Triumphal Entry Gospel, first saying

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:1-11)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me." ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." (ESV)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant Let us pray. p. 556

We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The opening anthem may be repeated.

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession all hold palms or branches, and appropriate hymns or anthems are sung, such as "All glory, laud and honor" and Psalm 118:19-29.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (*said*)

(*REFRAIN*)

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!

to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

To Thee before Thy passion they sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted our melody we raise. *Refrain*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (27:1-54)

THE SERMON...The Very Rev. Dr. Herbert G. Hand

THE APOSTLES' CREED p. 20

Officiant and People together, all standing

**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 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.**

THE PRAYERS p. 21

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **And let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant O Lord, save your people;

People **And bless your inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People **And defend us by your mighty power.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

The Officiant then prays one or more of the following Collects, always beginning with the Collect of the Day (the Collect of the Sunday or Principal Feast and of any of the weekdays following, or of the Holy Day being observed), found on pages 598-640. It is traditional to pray the Collects for Peace and Grace daily. Alternatively, one may pray the Collects on a weekly rotation, using the suggestions in italics.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in 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 COLLECT FOR HEALING

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue in our hospitals and research centers his gracious work among us, especially those ministering to people affected by the Covid-19 coronavirus; console and heal the sick; grant to the researchers, physicians, nurses, and assisting staff, wisdom and skill, diligence and patience; prosper their work, O Lord, and send down your blessing upon all who serve the suffering; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN *Sunday p. 22*

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION *3rd on p. 24*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following prayers may be used.

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. p. 26

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant says one of these concluding sentences (and the People may be invited to join)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** ROMANS 15:13

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**
EPHESIANS 3:20-21