

Palm Sunday: Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Psalm 118, verses 1,2 and 19 to 29

A Song of Victory

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will
extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures forever.**

Collect

True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith
to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of
the cross, which is the path of glory.

PRAYER for PALM SUNDAY

Lord God, I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.

Here I stand, at the start of this Holy Week,


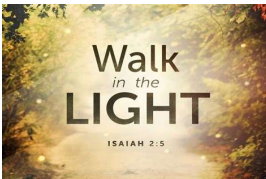
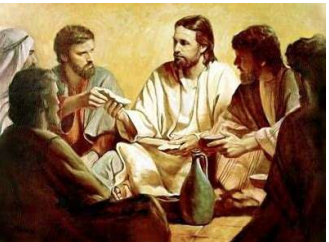
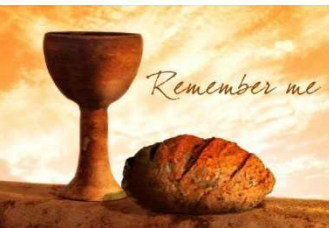


This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death I
turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name,

The One who opens the gates of righteousness, the One who answers
when we call. I thank you, Lord, for shining your light upon me and for
sending your Son to us, in human frailty, to walk the road we walk.

Open my eyes that I may see Him coming, that I may praise Him with a
pure heart and that I may walk in the way of His suffering and 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

	<p>Monday</p>	<p>Psalm 41</p>	<p>Luke 22: 1-23</p>
	<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Psalm 27</p>	<p>Luke 22: 24-53</p>
	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Psalm 102: 1-18</p>	<p>Luke 22: 54 to end</p>
	<p>Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>Psalm 42 and 43</p>	<p>Luke 23: 1-35</p>
	<p>Good Friday</p>	<p>Psalm 69</p>	<p>John 18 and 19</p>
	<p>Easter Eve</p>	<p>Psalm 31:1-16</p>	<p>Matthew 27: 57 to end</p>

