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MASS OF PALM SUNDAY



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Antiphon

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you;

and also with you.

Preface to the Liturgy of the Palms

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today we begin our solemn celebration, in union with the Church throughout the world, of our Lord's death and resurrection. Christ enters his own city to complete his works as our Saviour, to suffer, to die and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Amen.

Blessing of the Palms

People are invited to prepare a branch at home, perhaps by placing it on a front door or windowsill as a sign of our welcome to Christ.

Let us pray.

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ
entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;

let our palms be for us signs of ✠ victory

and 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 is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ✠ Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.’

Matthew 21.6-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Litany

Let us pray.

God the Father, **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy and Undivided Trinity, **have mercy on us.**

Through your triumphal entry into Jerusalem, **deliver us, O Lord.**

Through your overturning of the tables in the temple, **deliver us, O Lord.**

Through your Last Supper with your disciples, **deliver us, O Lord.**

Through your washing of their feet, **deliver us, O Lord.**

Through your betrayal, arrest and trial, **deliver us, O Lord.**

Through your hanging on the Cross, **deliver us, O Lord.**

Through your death and burial in the tomb, **deliver us, O Lord.**

Through your glorious resurrection, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From all our sin and pride, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From all our faults and failings, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From all vanity, deceit and falsehood, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From all selfishness and greed, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From hopelessness and unbelief, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From all the sufferings of this world, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From this novel coronavirus, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From all ill effects of quarantine and isolation, **deliver us, O Lord.**
From all our trials and temptations, **deliver us, O Lord.**

Son of David, **spare us, O Lord.**
Son of David, **graciously hear us, O Lord.**
Son of David, **have mercy on us.**

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading

A reading from the letter to the Philippians:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm

R: I trust in you O Lord, for you are my God.

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed. R.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street they flee from me.

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;

I have become like a broken vessel. R.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on ev'ry side;
they scheme against me, and plot to take my life.

But my trust is in you, O Lord. I have said, 'You are my God. R.

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

'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.' R.

Psalm 31.9-16

Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him

and given him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Philippians 2.8-9

The Lord be with you;

and also with you.

Hear the ✠ Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called

Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Matthew 27.32-56

This is the Passion of the Lord.

A short address is given.

Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Intercessions

Prayers of intercession are offered.

Merciful Father,
Acept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Declaration of the Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

Luke 1.78-79

The peace of the Lord be always with you;
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. 

Prayer over the Offerings

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts:
we lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
it is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
H God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the ✠ Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
Lgrant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Agnes, St Etheldreda, St Martin, St Nicholas, St Philip
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, ...

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of ☩ God that takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The priest receives communion. Those participating online may make a spiritual communion using the words:

Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and
Lin obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to
follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the
Father. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the
blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy ☩ Spirit, be among
you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;
in the name of Christ. Amen.