

## PALM SUNDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2023

- 11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:  
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
- 12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:  
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.
- 13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:  
I have become like a broken vessel.
- 14 For I hear the whispering of many:  
and fear is on every side;
- 15 While they plot together against me:  
and scheme to take away my life.
- 16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:  
I have said 'You are my God'.
- 17 All my days are in your hand"  
O deliver me from the power of my enemies  
and from my persecutors.
- 18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:  
and save me for your mercy's sake.



### Second Reading

Phil. 2:5-11

#### 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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### Prayer before entering the church building in procession

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever.  
**Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE PALMS

### Gospel

Mtt. 21:1-11

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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 fulfil 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."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim:  
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 19 Open me the gates of righteousness:  
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord:  
the righteous shall enter it.
- 21 I will praise you for you answered me:  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected:  
has become the head of the corner:.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing:  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made:  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 O Lord save us we pray:  
O Lord send us prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:  
from the house of the Lord we bless you.
- 27 The Lord is God and he has given us light:  
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will praise you:  
you are my God I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:  
and his mercy endures for ever.



## **THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

### **Sentence**

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.  
Philippians 2.10-11

### **Prayer of the day**

Everlasting God,  
in your tender love for the human race  
you sent your Son to take our nature,  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will  
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

**Isa. 50:4-9a**

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens — awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?  
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 31: Vv 9-18**

- 9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:  
my eye wastes away for grief,  
my throat also and my inward parts.
- 10 For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:  
my strength fails me in my affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.