

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Phil. 2.5-11

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.

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

## PASSION READING

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK**  
**Mk. 14:1-15:27 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)**

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# SUNDAY OF THE PASSION – PALM SUNDAY

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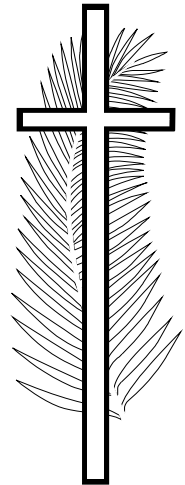
## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

### 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.

### Psalm 118 Vv 1-2, 19-29 A.P.B.A. Page 347

- 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.**



## Gospel

Mk. 11:1-11

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### 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 wakens — wakens 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 31:9-18 – A.P.B.A. Page 250

- 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.**
- 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.** 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.**