

Morning Prayer

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

The congregation gathered in their homes apart from the church

Song: Blessed Be Your Name

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him 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 also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

***All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

***Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.***

***The company of angels is praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.***

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

***To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.***

***Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.***

***All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

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. *Amen.*

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples 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."

Reflection The Rev. Jerry Gallagher

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks.
People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right to 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 proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his reign, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow Jesus in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The following is said

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Song: Lord I Need You

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Closing Prayer