

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Prayer for the Morning

*Blessed is the king who comes/
in the name of the Lord! (Lk 19:38)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

HYMN

Meter: 76 76 D

℞ **A**ll glory, laud and honor,
To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel,
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming,
Our King and blessed One. ℞

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before you we present. ℞

To you, before your Passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. ℞

PSALM 145

1-7, 11, 13a

You say I am a king. (Jn 18:37)

At Easter we will reclaim the truth of Jesus' triumph, darkened by the days of Suffering and Death that followed his entry into Jerusalem. Through the mystery of the cross, we are made wiser than those who thought his kingdom a mere political phenomenon.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

Age to age shall proclaim your works,
shall declare your mighty deeds,
shall speak of your splendor and glory,
tell the tale of your wonderful works.

They will speak of your terrible deeds,
recount your greatness and might.
They will recall your abundant goodness;
age to age shall ring out your justice.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.
Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

Glory to the Father....

Word of God

Zechariah 9:9

REJOICE HEARTILY, O daughter
Zion, / shout for joy,
O daughter Jerusalem! / See, your king shall come to
you; / a just savior is he, / Meek, and riding on an ass, /
on a colt, the foal of an ass.

Hosanna!

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Lk 1:68-79)

My kingdom does not belong to this world. (Jn 18:36)

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Luke 1: 68-79)

The Messiah and his forerunner

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet
of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us acclaim our faith in the true triumph of the cross:

℟ Your love is stronger than death, O Lord.

Out of the depths of the world's sin,

– we pray and we believe: ℟

Out of the depths of the world's weariness,

– we pray and we believe: ℟

Out of the depths of the world's faithlessness,

– we pray and we believe: ℟

Out of the depths of the world's passing fancies,

– we pray and we believe: ℟

Out of the depths of the world's illusions,

– we pray and we believe: ℟

Personal intentions

Our Father....

O Lord, we are so easily deceived still into expecting from you a kingdom governed according to the laws of this world. Keep our eyes fixed on the triumph of life over death through the mystery of the cross, so that we may grow into a deeper understanding of the power of your law of love over the laws of human expectation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

50:4-7

THE LORD GOD has given me/ a well-trained tongue,/ that I might know how to speak to the weary/ a word that will rouse them./ Morning after morning/ he opens my ear that I may hear;/ and I have not rebelled,/ have not turned back./ I gave my back to those who beat me,/ my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;/ my face I did not shield/ from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,/ therefore I am not disgraced;/ I have set my face like flint,/ knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

2:6-11

CHRIST JESUS, though he was in the form of God,/ did not regard equality with God/ something to be grasped./ Rather, he emptied himself,/ taking the form of a slave,/ coming in human likeness;/ and found human in appearance,/ he humbled himself,/ becoming obedient to the point of death,/ even death on a cross./ Because of this, God greatly exalted him/ and bestowed on him the name/ which is above every name,/ that at the name of Jesus/ every knee should bend,/ of those 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.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

21:1-11

WHEN JESUS AND the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: *Say to daughter Zion,/ "Behold, your king comes to you,/ meek and riding on an ass,/ and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David;/ blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;/ hosanna in the highest."

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

"St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us."