

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*Blessed is the king who comes / in the name of the Lord! (Lk 19:38)*      **Glory to the Father...Amen.**

**Hymn**      **Meter: 76 76 D**

**R/** All 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. **R/**

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

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

**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**

*My kingdom does not belong to this world.*

(Jn 18:36)

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...**

**Intercessions**

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

**R/** Your love is stronger than death, O Lord.  
Out of the depths of the world's sin,  
– we pray and we believe: **R/**  
Out of the depths of the world's weariness,  
– we pray and we believe: **R/**  
Out of the depths of the world's faithlessness,  
– we pray and we believe: **R/**  
Out of the depths of the world's passing fancies,  
– we pray and we believe: **R/**  
Out of the depths of the world's illusions,  
– we pray and we believe: **R/**

**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.*

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**Reading 1** **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.

**Reading 2** **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.

**Gospel** **Mark 15 1-39**

And as soon as it was morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate wondered. Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he was wont to do for them. And he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify him." And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him."

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. And the soldiers led him

away inside the palace (that is, the praetorium); and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt down in homage to him.

And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.

And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land\* until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Elo-i, Elo-i, lama sabach-thani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that he thus\* breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son\* of God!"

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**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!

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