

PALM SUNDAY

April 5, 2020

Trinity-St. John's

PREPARATION

As we prepare for today's celebration of Palm Sunday, we invite you to gather some branches and place them around your sacred space.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

THE OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. 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.

2. The company of angels

Are praising thee on high,

And mortal men and all things

Created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews

With palms before thee went;

Our praise and love and anthems

Before thee we present.

3.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 love we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

THE COLLECT

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING (Philippians 2:5-11)

Lector: A reading from the letter of Paul 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success. Blessed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Soloist

THE SECOND READING (Matthew 21:1-11)

Lector: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY: The Rev. Christopher Ballard

Hymn: Ride on King Jesus

Chorus:

Ride on King Jesus,

No man can a-hinder thee.

Ride on King Jesus,

No man can a-hinder thee.

In that greatness of morning

Fair thee well, fair thee well.

In that greatness of morning

Fair thee well, fair thee well.

When I get to heaven gonna' wear a robe,

(No man can a-hinder thee.)

Gonna' walk all over those streets of gold.

(No man can a-hinder thee.)

When King Jesus sittin' on the throne,

(No man can a-hinder thee.)

Joy to a man when the devil goes.

(No man can a-hinder thee.)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: We offer to God our concerns for the church and the world with the humility Jesus showed in his life and death.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor That our celebration of the paschal mystery will deepen our faith and lead us to be unafraid to share the good news of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That leaders of nations will seek nonviolent ways to settle differences, for peace throughout the world and for an end to war, violence, prejudice and hate. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That led by your Spirit through these holy days, we may deepen our desire to empty ourselves in service to our troubled world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That all who are sick especially Cynthia, and all who have asked of our prayers, especially those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, may they find comfort and hope in the image of Christ, the suffering servant. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:: We pray for those who have died especially Donald. May they be at rest in the arms of a loving God. For their families and friends that their grief may not overwhelm them. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Those who have a special intercession you may say it now or in your heart. Please unmute yourself when praying and then remute yourself after.

SOLOIST

Presider: Gathering our prayers and our praises into one, we are bold to say:

People: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus

your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls

that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good

time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your

heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

THE BENEDICTION

Presider: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross. And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ, Amen.