



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, April 13, 2025

## The Liturgy of the Palms

*When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.*

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

**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.*

### LUKE 19:28-40

JESUS WENT ON AHEAD, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** 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 victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him 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 or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said.*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*Hosanna in the highest.*

### The Procession

**Deacon:** Let us go forth in peace.

**People:** In the name of Christ. *Amen.*

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, the suggested Psalm (Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29), or anthems are sung. At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said.*

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.*

*When the Liturgy of the Palms immediately precedes the Eucharist, the celebration begins with the Salutation and Collect of the Day.*

*To find the Passion Gospel, simply unfold this page.*

## COLLECT

### *Traditional*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *Contemporary*

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 awakens—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?

### Refrain

Have mercy on me, O Lord.

## Psalm 31:9-16 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD,<br>for I am in trouble; * my eye<br>is consumed with sorrow, and<br>also my throat and my belly.  | 13 For I have heard the<br>whispering of the crowd; fear<br>is all around; * they put<br>their heads together against<br>me; they plot to take my life. |
| 10 For my life is wasted with<br>grief, and my years with<br>sighing; * my strength fails<br>me because of affliction, and<br>my bones are consumed.                            | 14 But as for me, I have trusted<br>in you, O LORD. * I have said,<br>“You are my God.  |
| 11 I have become a reproach<br>to all my enemies and<br>even to my neighbors, a<br>dismay to those of my<br>acquaintance; * when they<br>see me in the street they<br>avoid me. | 15 My times are in your<br>hand; * rescue me from the<br>hand of my enemies, and<br>from those who persecute<br>me.                                     |
| 12 I am forgotten like a dead<br>man, out of mind; * I am as<br>useless as a broken pot.  | 16 Make your face to shine upon<br>your servant, * and in your<br>loving-kindness save me.”   |

### SECOND READING: Philippians 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.

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