

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



April 5, 2020

10:15am

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Barrington Hills, IL

Peaceful, Spiritual, Inclusive: Inspiring people to be disciples of Christ.

Welcome, wherever you are, to Holy Week.

For many centuries, followers of Jesus have gathered together to retrace and remember the last days of Jesus Christ, especially the three sacred days that make up the Triduum (“three days”). We believe that these days cannot be separated from one another, so they are celebrated as one liturgy. This year, we cannot gather as a community, because of the COVID-19 virus. We are refraining from being together, and we may still enter into the Holy Week of Jesus in our homes and places of refuge. We are dispersed but not despairing.

Make a holy place. Throughout this week, we will be attentive to the worshipful-ness of our homes and places where we observe Holy Week. Set aside a holy place in your home for Holy. Perhaps a simple side table covered with a cloth, of any color. Whatever you have, is enough. Place a few things to help you enter the presence of God: a cross, a bible, a candle. If you have children, encourage them to choose one item for your holy place. The table should have at most 5-6 things—simplicity is best.

We start today, Palm Sunday, with Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem for the last week of his life. Our liturgy usually includes the reading of the Passion, but this year I suggest you read it yourself at home. If you are a family you can read it together, perhaps taking roles.

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

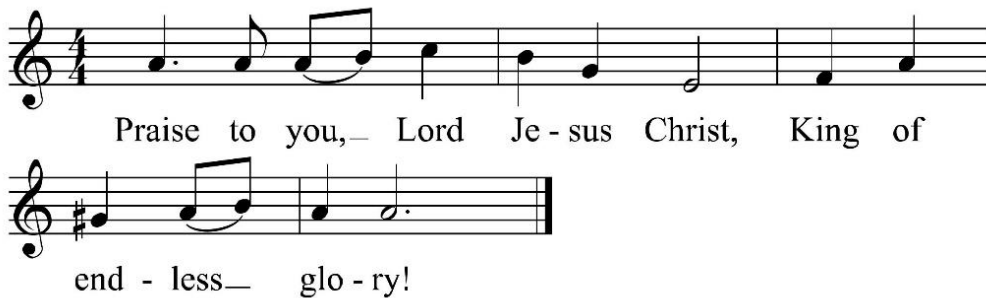
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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.***

Gospel Acclamation



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The Gospel of the Palms

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. David A. Gibbons

The Prayers of the People

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all according to their needs.

After each intercession:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Commending ourselves and all to God's unfailing love, Merciful Father accept their prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Walking in the way of Jesus' Suffering

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

On this day Jesus 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.*

Let us pray

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.**

Blessing

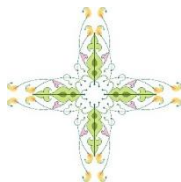
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.

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Please join us livestream for Holy Week and Easter

Station of the Cross (Tuesday April 7th)

- 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday (April 9th)

- 7:00 pm - Common Meal Liturgy

Good Friday (April 10th)

- 7:00 pm - The Prayer Book's Good Friday Liturgy.

Holy Saturday (April 11th)

- 7:00 pm - celebrating the day on which Jesus rose from the dead (according to Jewish custom the day starts at sunset). Deacon Newt will livestream the Exultet.

Easter Sunday (April 12th)

- 10:15 am Easter Celebration Liturgy livestreamed

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