

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Now when he was near Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives as it is called, he sent two of the disciples, telling them, 'Go off to the village opposite, and as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you are to say this, "The Master needs it."' The messengers went off and found everything just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner said, 'Why are you untying that colt?' and they answered, 'The Master needs it.'

So they took the colt to Jesus, and throwing their garments over its back they helped Jesus on to it. As he moved off, people spread their cloaks in the road, and now, as he was approaching the downward slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole group of disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices for all the miracles they had seen. They cried out: 'Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!'

Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Master, check your disciples,' but he answered, 'I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Or

To the weary and despairing, O God, you sent your word of deliverance in Jesus, your servant and your Son. As we begin this holiest of weeks, draw us close to Christ and let his mind be in us, that in his obedience we may find the strength to pursue your purpose of new life and freedom for all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21

R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips; they toss their heads.

"He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend." **R**

Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet

I can count every one of my bones. **R**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! **R**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

"You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons". **R**

Second Reading

Philippians 2: 6-11

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on the earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him a name which is above all names.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**The PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE is read without any
responses before or after the reading**