

CONCLUDING COLLECT

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26; pg. 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN — *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

sts. 1-2; # 837

SENDING

- P** Go in Peace; Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE — *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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8:00AM

DIVINE SERVICE

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Palm Sunday
24 March 2024

*Please register your presence with us
by filling out one of the Member/Guest cards found in the pew rack in front of you
and giving it to an usher or placing into the offering plate.*

AS WE GATHER

The death of Jesus on the cross is not cause for continued sorrow or ongoing relief. As the Epistle points out, our Lord's giving of Himself for our sin makes His a glorious death. It causes "every tongue [to] confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11). How do we do that? First, our Lord's death draws us to Him, where we find forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Then, each day we are given opportunity to die to sin ourselves and to receive Christ's forgiveness. It is an ongoing process that involves interacting with the people around us, with whom we share Christ's invitation to heaven itself. We sing "Hosanna," which means "save us." Because of the cross, we are confident that we have been saved already.

PRELUDE — ELLACOMBE

arr. Humphrey Turner

✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

(The congregation stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.)

GREETING

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C Hosanna to the Son of David.

PRAYER

- P** Let us pray....Help us, Lord our God, so that it may be with joy that we begin our contemplation of all the mighty things You have done to give us eternal life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Triumphal Entry

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
 behold, your king is coming,
 sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised Him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OPENING SENTENCES

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father. Today we especially thank You for the love You showed as Your Son redeemed us. Step by step our Savior followed Your will so that by His glorious death He would redeem us and draw us to Himself. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, those who greeted Him cut palm branches to lay before Him.
C **We ask that You bless these palms and all who bear them this day. Grant that we may always hail Him as our Lord and King;**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY — *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

SERMON

OFFERING — *Let Me Be Thine Forever*

OFFERTORY (Stand)



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

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G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ “Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered Him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can You say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, He departed and hid Himself from them. ³⁷ Though He had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in Him, ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in Him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

HYMN — *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

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When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

G Hosanna in the highest.

✠ SERVICE of PREPARATION ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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INVOCATION (*Stand*)

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

EXHORTATION

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During it we shall recall how our Savior gave His life so that our sins may all be forgiven, and heaven opened to us.

G Even during worship, our minds wander to other concerns.

P These concerns are already known to God. Give them into His loving hands for resolution, but turn your hearts and minds to focus on our Lord’s step-by-step determination to free us from every sin. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another.

G I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I am mired in sin and incapable of saving myself.

Heavenly Father, for Jesus’ sake and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, we beg You to forgive, strengthen, and turn us to Your will so that we may follow our Savior in loving service to You and to one another.

P As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

✠ SERVICE of the WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory! pg. 186

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray...Heavenly Father, Your Son's death was His ultimate glory,
drawing us to Himself. Grant us so to follow His way that we may live each
day in joyful service to You until we see You face to face in resurrection glory;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen. *(Sit)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

(The King comes humbly on a donkey.)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and He shall speak peace to the nations;

His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HYMN — *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

sts. 1, 5; # 901

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

(Because of His humble death, Christ has been exalted by the Father.)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who,
though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be
grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the
likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by
becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has
highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

THE CHOIR — *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Jeannette Threlfall

VERSE *(Stand)*

Philippians 2:8b

L He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
G even death on a cross.