

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 10th April, 2022
Palm Sunday

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for John McLaren, Avis Sat, Ian Smith, Mike Westcott, Joan Deans, Susan Jenkins, Dick Watt, Eleanor Burns, Alice Knox, Judy Gibbon.

We pray too for Frank Rapson who died this last week, and for Pam Breeze and Revd Fergus Harris.

We also give special prayers for Sylvia, Masami, Peter, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Ukraine, its people, and the World, and the families and friends of Pam Breeze, Revd Fergus Harris, and Frank Rapson.

The Intercessions are being led by Roddy Simson

The presiding celebrant introduces the liturgy:

Dear friends in Christ, in our observance of Lent we have been preparing, by self-examination and spiritual discipline, to celebrate the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ. Today we begin the solemn celebration of our salvation through his death on the cross and his resurrection to glory. We now recall our Lord's entry as king into Jerusalem, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us follow him, that, as we died with Christ in our Baptism, so we may share his risen life.

The Collect for Palm Sunday is:

Assist us Lord God of our salvation:

that we may enter with joy
into the celebration of those mighty acts
whereby you give us life and immortality;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Palms

Almighty and everlasting God,
may these palms be for us
a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death;
and may we who have been baptised in his name,
worship him as king, obey him as Lord,
and follow him in the way of the Cross,
which leads to eternal life.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The servant of the Lord said: 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 wakens – 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 backwards. 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?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 1–2, 19–29

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
2. Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.'
19. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20. 'This is the gate of the Lord; whoever is righteous may enter.'
21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
22. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone.
23. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25. Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.
26. Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
27. God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
28. 'You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.'
29. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

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The New Testament Reading is Philippians 2: 5-11 (Read by Liz Mackay)

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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The Gospel Reading is Luke 19: 28-40

Glory to Christ our Saviour

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.'

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Post Communion Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The sung Communion Setting is by MacMillan.

The Hymns are from New English Hymnal

511 Ride on! Ride on in majesty

86 My Song is love unknown

509 All glory, laud and honour

The Anthem is *A Palm Sunday Antiphon*, by David C. Morgan