



Palm Sunday

THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Facing the Rear of the Nave

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Our forty days of Lent are coming to an end.

C: For forty days and forty nights the rain fell upon the Ark.

P: We have heard that after Jesus was transfigured He came down from the mountain and went on the way to Jerusalem.

C: For forty days Moses waited on the mountaintop before receiving the Ten Commandments.

P: Jesus commissioned His disciples and sent them out ahead of Him.

C: For forty years God led His people in the Wilderness.

P: The Pharisees tried to turn Jesus away from the way to Jerusalem.

C: For forty days our Lord fasted in the desert before He was tempted by the devil.

P: Yet, all along the way, Jesus has remained focused and faithful.

C: Our forty day fast of renewing and strengthening our faithfulness is coming to an end.

P: Listen for the Word of the Lord!

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and in the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

And they spoke to him saying, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Answering, Peter said to him, "You are the Christ."

And Jesus rebuked them, so that they would not tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that it is a necessity of God's plan that the Son of Man suffer much, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise. And he spoke the word boldly.

And taking *Jesus* aside, Peter began to rebuke him.

But turning and looking at his disciples, *Jesus* rebuked Peter and said, "Return behind me, Satan, because you do not have the evaluative point of view of God, but of man."

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Hymn

1. Forty days and forty nights

You were fasting in the wild;

Forty days and forty nights

Tempted, and yet undefiled.

2. Shall not we Your sorrow share

And from worldly joys abstain,

Fasting with unceasing prayer,

Strong with You to suffer pain?

3. Then, if Satan on us press,

Flesh or spirit to assail,

Victor in the wilderness,

Grant we may not faint nor fail!

4. So shall we have peace divine;

Holier gladness ours shall be.

'Round us, too, shall angels shine,

Such as served You faithfully.

5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,

Ever constant by Your side,

That with You we may appear,

At the eternal Eastertide.

P: Listen for the Word of the Lord!

And as they were getting close to entering Jerusalem, but still coming into Bethpage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, *Jesus* sent two of his disciples ahead, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you and soon as you get through the gate you will find a colt that no one has ever ridden tied up nearby. Untie it and bring it back here. If anyone asks you, 'Why do you do this?' say to them, 'The Lord has a need for him' and immediately they will send it here with you."

And the disciples went away and found a colt that had been tied up near a door, outside in the street, and they untied him.

And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing untying the colt?"

So, *the disciples* said to them what *Jesus* had told them to say and the people let them take the colt. And the disciples led the colt to *Jesus* and threw their coats on it and *Jesus* sat on him. And many people spread their coats on the way, while others laid down soft leafy branches they had cut in the fields.

P: And those who were leading and those following were shouting,

**C: "Hosanna! Blessings for one coming in the name of the Lord! [Ps 118:26]
Blessings for the coming, now, of the kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest!"**

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Let us raise our palm branches for blessing.

We praise and thank you O God, for the great acts of love by which you save us through your Son. On this day He entered the Holy City of Jerusalem like a King, in triumph and glory, hailed by His disciples who laid cloaks on the road to honor His coming. We ask that you bless these branches of palm that we now raise in His honor. Fill us with the Spirit that filled those disciples on this day, so we will ever proclaim peace and glory in His name. Awaken our commitment to follow Him wherever He leads and on whatever journey He will take us. May His coming among us here be as much a blessing to us as it was to Your people in the Holy City long ago. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

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Procession of the Cross

Hymn

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Refrain

*All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

*1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]*

*2 The company of angels
is praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]*

*3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. [Refrain]*

*4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]*

*5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. [Refrain]*

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, we give you thanks that your Son remained faithful to the journey you set before Him even when He knew His destiny was not the glory offered by the crowds, but the solitude of the cross. Keep us ever faithful in the way you have set before us, that in the end, we will enter into the eternal glory of Your Holy City where you reign with your Son and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 118

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!*

*Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."*

*Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."*

*Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."*

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
**the Lord answered me and set me in a
broad place.**

With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?

The Lord is on my side to help me;
**I shall look in triumph on those who hate
me.**

*It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in mortals.*

*It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in princes.*

All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

*They surrounded me, surrounded me on
every side;*
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

*They surrounded me like bees;
they blazed like a fire of thorns;*
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

*There are glad songs of victory in the tents
of the righteous:*
**"The right hand of the Lord does
valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does
valiantly."**

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

*Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.*

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

*I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.*

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

*Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.*

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to
you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord

Gospel

Mark 11

And then Jesus and his disciples came to Jerusalem. And Jesus entered the temple and began to cast out those who were selling and buying in the temple. And he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And he would not allow anyone to carry a vessel through the temple.

And Jesus was teaching and saying, "Is it not written that,

'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? [Isaiah 56:7]

But you have made it a cave for bandits." [Jeremiah 7:11]

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it they kept looking for a way to destroy him for, they were afraid of him because the whole crowd was astounded by his teaching.

And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

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Rejoice, O Zion's daughter, and greet your promised king.

Spread branches in his pathway and loud Hosannas sing!

He comes astride a donkey in deep humility

To claim God's coming kingdom, of truth and equity.

O Christ, though king they hailed you, They sent you out to die,

For soon the songs of praises were drowned by "Crucify!"

They stripped away your garments. They made a cross your throne,

And there you died in darkness, Abandoned and alone.

But still you come among us in cities built with pride.

You walk the streets of sorrow where hate and greed divide.

Redeem us from our madness, the clash of class and race.

Establish soon your kingdom of justice, truth and grace.

We shout again, "Hosanna!" We hail you as our king!

Christ, stir our wills to action to match the praise we sing.

Send us where truth is threatened where justice is denied,

And move our hearts to offer the love for which you died.

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

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P: Let us Pray

C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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*A Virtual Presentation of
The Passion of Our Lord According to the Gospel of Mark*

*1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?*

**By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

*2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.*

**'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

*3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;*

**for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.**

*4 For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.*

*5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.*

Holy Week Continues

Maundy Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Good Friday	7:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil	7:30 p.m.
Easter Day	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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