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### **Sunday, March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday**

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021**

**The Liturgy of the Palms**

10:00 a.m.

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**OPENING HYMN**

Officiant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.

We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, 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.

People: **Amen.**

**PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29**

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

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

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.

**People: Amen**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK (11:1-11).

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethpage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Officiant: It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these

emblems, go forth to meet Christ 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.

**People:**       **Amen.**

## **THE PROCESSION**

Officiant:       Let us go forth in peace.

**People:**       **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

## **REFLECTION**

### **God's steadfast love endures forever**

The opening verse of Psalm 118 calls on us to “give thanks to the Lord”. Why? Because God is good and God’s “steadfast love endures forever.” The phrase “steadfast love” is a single word in Hebrew – *hesed* – which carries the idea God’s love is consistent, never failing and always present. This in essence becomes the repeated refrain of the Psalm and the central idea that gives the Psalm structure as each key player – Israel, Priests and God-fearers – are invited into the act of worship or liturgy in the Psalm is imbedded.

In the Hebrew tradition the Psalm is used as the final Psalm for a group of Psalms known as the Egyptian Hallel that are central to the observance of the Passover meal where worshippers remembered God’s salvation of them from slavery in Egypt. The cycle of Psalm began with Psalm 113 as a praise of the Lord who reverses the human predicament of suffering by lifting up the lowly, needy and helpless. It moved to Psalm 114 that tells through the Exodus narrative of God’s salvation to the world. It then used Psalm 115 to contrast Israel’s Lord as helper with the god’s of the nations around them. It then ran through Psalm 116 that focuses on thanks to the Lord from deliverance to death and then on to Psalm 117 that calls on the nations to praise the Lord. Psalm 118 then drew all these themes together in a final act of praise by neatly stitched them with the central thread of *hesed* – God’s steadfast love.

Jesus enters Jerusalem on the Sunday leading up to Passover. This Psalm would have been on the tongues of the crowds and pilgrims as they went about their own preparations to celebrate Passover that week. It would have been central to both their Temple worship and Passover celebrations in their homes and would have been their shared and corporate focus and attention. In fact, they may have read verse 26 “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD” as the unfulfilled anticipation of the Psalm – the continuation or anticipation of *hesed* or steadfast love yet to be shown.

All four of the Gospels place Jesus on Palm Sunday directly in the path of these utterances of the crowd of Psalm 118. The crowd in remembering God’s historic work in their lives cry out Hosanna – “God saves” – and quote directly from Psalm 118:26 as they went ahead or followed Jesus through the crowd as they wound their way up the hill from Bethpage and Bethany, entered into the city of Jerusalem and into the Temple.

At times we can be rather disparaging of the crowd and somewhat condescending by suggesting that they got it all wrong – that they tried to make Jesus into the sort of Messiah that he was never going to be. But we fail to acknowledge that this is the type of Messiah they grew up to expect and that their salvation in the past was profoundly tangible and demonstrated in God’s deliverance of them as the lowly, needy and helpless. That is exactly what Jesus recognises in them as he wept over Jerusalem. We also need to recognise that they are the

very righteous of whom the Psalm speaks because they trusted God to demonstrate *hesed* – steadfast love – to them again.

Often, we read of “the righteous” as those who were morally good enough for God – as if only those who got it completely right would be allowed into worship. James May – in commenting on Psalm 118 – points out that in references to the righteous the “morality involved is a morality of trust” because “the righteous are right in knowing it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust mortals.”

The early church used this Psalm extensively in its theology of Jesus as well as in its liturgical life around Sundays and Easter. Central to that theology was vs. 22 “The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone” and thus continued on that tradition from the crowd on that first Palm Sunday. They too saw that the one that others rejected as worthless was in fact the very foundational element of God’s work of showing us *hesed* – steadfast love – and deliverance. It continued on from the tradition that Jesus set for us in the Gospels (Matt 21:33-46, Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20:9-19), into the book of Acts (4:11) and was central to Peter’s theology of both Christ and the nature of the church (I Peter 2:4-8).

As we worship on this Palm Sunday may we be counted amongst the righteous – those who put their trust in God’s steadfast love – as we give thanks for God’s faithfulness to us in our own time and as we anticipate God’s ongoing work in our lives as we face the future. As we enter into Holy Week may we do so anticipating God’s continued embrace and offer of new life.

**People:** Amen

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

### Litany 8

**Officiant:** By your incarnation and your birth in poverty, by your baptism, your fasting, and your trials in the desert, O Lord, hear our prayer;

**People:** Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy).

**Officiant:** By your agony in the garden, by your cross and passion, by your death and burial, by your resurrection and ascension, and by the gift of your Holy Spirit, O Lord, hear our prayer;

**People:** Kyrie eleison.

Officiant: In times of trouble and in times of well-being, at the hour we die and on the day of your glory, O Lord, hear our prayer;

**People: Kyrie eleison.**

Officiant: Deliver us from war and violence, from hardness of heart and from contempt of your love and your promises; O Lord, hear our prayer;

**People: Kyrie eleison.**

Officiant: Enlighten our lives with your word, that in it we may find our way and our hope; O Lord, hear our prayer;

**People: Kyrie eleison.**

Officiant: Assist your people in every land, govern them in peace and justice, defend them from the enemies of life; O Lord, hear our prayer;

**People: Kyrie eleison.**

Officiant: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Grace Thompson. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**People: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

## NOTICES:

We will continue with on-line worship through Holy Week and into Easter.

Pick up blessed palm crosses from church on Palm Sunday (today the 28<sup>th</sup> of March) between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. where they will be distributed in the parking lot.

## BLESSING:

Officiant: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**People: Amen.**

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**Assisting Father Simon Bell today:**

Presider/Officiant: Amy Pauley  
Preacher: Fr. Simon Bell  
Video: Fr. Simon Bell  
Reader: Laura Johnston  
Music: Gayle Haley  
Choir: Jane Robinson, Mark Kernen

**This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:**

Kaus; Brenda Jessem; Shirley; Bobby Paradis & Family; Margaret & David Paradis; Marg Thomas & Family; Lyon's Family; Jodine; Lynda Raye; Frank Kilravey; Rhonda; Sherrie O.; Jane Tutty; Edison's Family & his Teacher who has Covid; Bill and Ann Canning; Tanya North; Amy McDuff May; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Theresa & Pete; Jaxon Croft; Ron & Jane Lewis; Michelle & Ian Sinclair; Sean; Kevin H.; Sophia L; Amanda Stewart; Kathryn; Anna Sellers; Marty

**The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:**

Kadeem Broomes; Diane M.; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Owen; Mark & Winnie; Staff and Residence at Roberta Place; Brian W.; Cecilia Mowat; Jen Galicinski; Sheri Scott; Arlene; Joan Gough; Lorraine W; Stephanie; Fr. Murray; Amy P. & Family; Marg Abbott; Livia & Neil Purcell; Jordan; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Bill & Cathy Gray; Wendy Goodyer; Michelle & Ian Sinclair; Donna Wilson; Garn Mennell; Margaret & Gordon Kennedy; Paul & Rose McIntyre; Jim Tomkins; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Martin & Stephen Bertelsen; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

**In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

Palm Sunday