# CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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# Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

# **№** PREPARATION **№**

# **AS WE GATHER**

Today we mark the beginning of Holy Week as we celebrate Palm Sunday, recalling our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem amidst the shouts of "Hosanna" and as we prepare for witnessing our Lord's suffering for our salvation on Calvary's cross.

# **WELCOME**

#### **HYMN**

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor vv. 1,3,5

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,
  Our King and Blessèd One. (Refrain)
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims
  With palms before You went;
  Our praise and prayer and anthems
  Before You we present. (Refrain)
- 5 As You received their praises,
  Accept the prayers we bring,
  O Source of ev'ry blessing,
  Our good and gracious King. (Refrain)

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#### **INVOCATION**

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our

sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus

Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities

with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor

sinful being.

Leader: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and

ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen.

**KYRIE** 

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of

God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let

us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Lord God, on this day Your Son entered the Holy City, Jerusalem, to

fulfill Your will by His death on the cross. Help us to follow Him

through this week and all our days that we may be drawn closer to You by a faith full of the knowledge of the sacrifice and victory of our Lord

Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **₩** WORD **₩**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

(Isaiah foretells the suffering of Jesus who is determined to finish our salvation)

<sup>4</sup> The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. <sup>5</sup> The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. <sup>6</sup> I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. <sup>7</sup> Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! <sup>9</sup> It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 118:19-29

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; <sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup> O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success. <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

EPISTLE Philippians 2: 5-11

(Christ Jesus took on the form of a servant and became obedient to death)

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL John 12: 12-19

(The triumphal entry)

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

<sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

<sup>17</sup> Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. <sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **HYMN OF THE WORD**

443 Hosanna, Laud Hosanna

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
  The little children sang;
  Through pillared court and temple
  The lovely anthem rang.
  To Jesus, who had blessed them,
  Close folded to His breast,
  The children sang their praises,
  The simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed
  Mid an exultant crowd,
  The victor palm branch waving
  And chanting clear and loud.
  The Lord of earth and heaven
  Rode on in lowly state
  Nor scorned that little children
  Should on His bidding wait.
- 3 "Hosanna in the highest!"
  That ancient song we sing;
  For Christ is our Redeemer,
  The Lord of heav'n our King.
  Oh, may we ever praise Him
  With heart and life and voice
  And in His blissful presence
  Eternally rejoice!

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#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all

people according to their needs.

+++ Special Intercessions +++

Each concluding: Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we

pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

#### **HYMN**

- 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
  O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
  With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  In lowly pomp ride on to die.
  O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
  O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  The angel armies of the sky
  Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
  To see the\_approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
  The Father on His sapphire throne
  Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  In lowly pomp ride on to die.
  Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
  Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

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