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*Palm Sunday 2020*

Liturgy of the Word – Palm Sunday

***Welcome***

*If you are visiting for the first time we are pleased that you have chosen to join our “virtual” worship.*

 *It is our prayer that you will return again to share with us the sense of peace, awe and presence of God we feel*

 *when we worship together.*

*Refer to Scripture Readings for each week’s passages*

###### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the

 name of the Lord.

***People* Peace in heaven and glory in the**

 **highest.**

The Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

##### Jesus Enters Jerusalem – (Matthew 21:1-11)

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

***People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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. On this day he entered

the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was

proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread

their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and

grant that we who bear them in his name may ever

hail him as our King, 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,

**Amen.**

*Celebrant* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

***People* Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace;

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

**Hymn** *Jerusalem My Destiny*

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**The Collect**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

 *(Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day)*

### The First Lesson

###  After the Reading, the Reader says

 The Word of the Lord.

 ***People* Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** *(spoken in unison)*

**The Gospel**

### The Gospel Lesson

###  *Before the Gospel* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

###  *After the Gospel* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed is said in unison

**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:**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit**

 **he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

 **and was made man.**

 **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.**

 **With the Father and the Son he is worshiped**

 **and glorified.**

 **He 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.**

The Prayers of the People

*To include specific intercessions in the Prayers of the People please send them in advance through the link on the church website.*

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishop Jennifer; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace in the world.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those who minister to them, especially our medical personnel, our police and first responders and…

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving, for kindness and generosity shared, and especially…

Pray for love to unite us.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially…

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

God of peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing**

Life is short and we have not too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and may the blessing of the One who created you, loves you and guides you be with you now and always. Amen.

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn**