

Palm Sunday



SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

What You'll Need

- Small branches of palm or other plants from your home or yard, or you can make paper ones
- This worship booklet

Palm Sunday Home Liturgy

Concerning the Service: Before the service, gather branches, leaves, or plants from around your home (or make some drawings of them). They do not have to be palms – the Gospel lesson just says that the people cut branches to prepare the way for Jesus. You can also collect some stones to make a small model of a road somewhere in your house. These activities may be especially good for children.

It is appropriate that the service begin outside in the yard, or in a distant part of the house, and then process to a main room for Morning Prayer.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God 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.**

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Over the Palms

Leader: 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 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.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

The people take their branches and proceed to a central location for the rest of the service.

Opening Hymn: "The King of Glory" St Pat's Praise Book, #58

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.
O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

1. Who is the king of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en.

He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

D.C.

Morning Prayer

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

Response: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

Invitatory

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

Response: **O come, let us adore him. Hosanna in the highest!**

Venite: Psalm 95:1-7 *(said in unison)*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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

Response: **Oh come, let us adore him. Hosanna in the highest.**

Psalm 29 (Sung)

“The Lord Will Bless His People With Peace”

Refrain:

The Lord will bless his peo - ple with
 peace, his peo - ple with peace.

Verse 1

1. Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the
 1. LORD glo - ry and praise, give to the LORD the glo - ry due his
 1. name; a - dore the LORD in ho - ly at - tire. *D.C.*

Verse 2:

2. The voice of the LORD is o - ver the wa - ters, the LORD,
 2. o - ver vast wa - ters. The voice of the LORD is
 2. might - y; the voice of the LORD is ma - jes - tic.

Verse 3:

3. The God of glo - ry thun - ders, and in his tem - ple all say,
 3. “Glo - ry!” The LORD is en - throned a - bove the
 3. flood; the LORD is en - throned as king for - ev - er. *D.C. al fine*

People are seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

Reader: A reading from the Book of Zechariah.

- ⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

All say the first canticle together.

The First Canticle: Benedictus es, Domine

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

All say the second canticle together.

The Second Cantic: Benedictus Dominus Deus

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

The Sermon

Mother Chris Brannock

Hymn

“Tree of Life”

Gather, #397



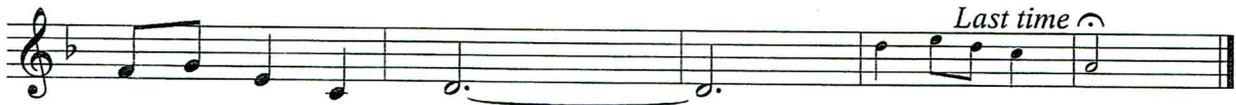
1. Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, In your
 2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we
 3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, Love passed
 4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in -
 *5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum - bling



death we are re - born, Though you die in all of
 see our - selves in you, If we learn to live your
 on through act and word, Ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -
 though our steps may be, One with you in joy and



his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you
 sto - ry We may die to rise a - new, We may
 bro - ken Wears the bod - y of our Lord, Wears the
 her - it If we bear the cross with you, If we
 sor - row, We the riv - er, you the sea, We the



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The Apostles' Creed

All stand and recite the Creed.

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.

The Prayers

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

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.

The Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect of the Cross

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

All present offer their own intercessions and prayers.

The Leader then concludes with the following

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hand of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

“Joyful Is The Dark”

Gather #760



1. Joy-ful is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God,
2. Joy-ful is the dark, Spir - it of the deep,
3. Joy-ful is the dark, shad - owed sta - ble floor;
4. Joy-ful is the dark, cool - ness of the tomb,
5. Joy-ful is the dark, depth of love di - vine,



Roll - ing cloud of night be - yond all nam - ing:
Wing - ing wild - ly o'er the world's cre - a - tion,
An - gels flick - er, God on earth con - fess - ing,
Wait - ing for the won - der of the morn - ing;
Roar - ing, loom - ing thun - der - cloud of glo - ry;



Maj - es - ty in dark - ness, En - er - gy of love,
Silk - en sheen of mid - night, plum - age black and bright,
As with ex - ul - ta - tion, Mar - y giv - ing birth,
Nev - er was that mid - night touched by dread and gloom:
Ho - ly, haunt - ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing God.



Word - in - Flesh, the mys - ter - y pro - claim - ing.
Swoop - ing with the beau - ty of a ra - ven.
Hails the in - fant cry of need and bless - ing.
Dark - ness was the cra - dle of the dawn - ing.
Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing and tell the sto - ry!