



PALM SUNDAY
April 5, 2020
9:00am

Introduction

Prelude

Fantasia in C minor

J.S. Bach

Clergy Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Opening Hymn

Ride on! Ride on in Majesty

Blue Hymnal 156

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy Let us pray.

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.**

Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 31:9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,

and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors,
dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Sequence Hymn

At the Name of Jesus
vs. 1-4

Blue Hymnal 435

The Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Music for Reflection

Festive Procession

Paul Bryan

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

Announcements

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings

The Lord's Prayer

The Liturgy of the "Palms" *(for whatever green branches you collect from your yard or home)*

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him 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.**

Clergy Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Clergy Let us go forth in peace.

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

Closing Hymn

All glory, laud, and honor

Blue Hymnal 154

The Procession (at home)