

Palm Sunday Mass 2020

The Greeting

Hosanna to the Son of David,
the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All And also with you.

Introduction

*The Priest introduces the
celebration*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
during Lent we have been preparing
by works of love and self-sacrifice
for the celebration of our Lord's
death and resurrection. Today we
come together to begin this solemn
celebration in union with the Church
throughout the world. Christ enters
his own city to complete his work as
our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to
rise again. Let us go with him in faith
and love, so that, united with him in
his sufferings, we may share his
risen life.

*The priest asperges the palm crosses
with Holy Water, saying this
dedication prayer:*

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ
entered Jerusalem as Messiah
to suffer and to die;
let these palms 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 with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Palm Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21.1-11

When they 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 fulfil 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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Let us pray for a closer union with
Christ in his suffering and in his glory:

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love
you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

All Amen.

Hymn

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O, who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die.

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.

Then ‘Crucify!’
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!

Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and ’gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home,
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb,
but what a stranger gave.

What may I say?
Heav'n was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

The Passion Reading

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became
obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above
every name.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of
eternal glory**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Matthew 27.11-54

Now Jesus stood before the governor;
and the governor asked him, 'Are you
the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You
say so.' But when he was accused by
the chief priests and elders, he did not
answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do
you not hear how many accusations

they make against you?' But he gave
him no answer, not even to a single
charge, so that the governor was
greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was
accustomed to release a prisoner for
the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.
At that time they had a notorious
prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So
after they had gathered, Pilate said to
them, 'Whom do you want me to
release for you, Jesus Barabbas or
Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For
he realized that it was out of jealousy
that they had handed him over. While
he was sitting on the judgement seat,
his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing
to do with that innocent man, for today I
have suffered a great deal because of
a dream about him.' Now the chief
priests and the elders persuaded the
crowds to ask for Barabbas and to
have Jesus killed. The governor again
said to them, 'Which of the two do you
want me to release for you?' And they
said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them,
'Then what should I do with Jesus who
is called the Messiah?' All of them said,
'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked,
'Why, what evil has he done?' But they
shouted all the more, 'Let him be
crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do
nothing, but rather that a riot was
beginning, he took some water and
washed his hands before the crowd,
saying, 'I am innocent of this man's
blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the
people as a whole answered, 'His blood
be on us and on our children!' So he
released Barabbas for them; and after
flogging Jesus, he handed him over to
be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down

from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers of Intercession

For forgiveness for the many times
we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin
which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to
overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws,
interpret them, and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered
in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a
battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and
honesty
to work openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of
isolation,
that they may find support and
encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with
hardship, failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up
the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in
faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The Peace *is introduced*

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with
you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

*We may exchange a sign of peace,
with those around us*

Hymn

During which the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, quo-ni-am bo-nus.
Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia.

Preparation of the Table

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world
might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

All Amen.

The Priest takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and
resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowl-
edge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come
upon the world

and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our
cause,

exalting us there to join with angels
and archangels,

for ever praising you and singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your
Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his
death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our
redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this
cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St John the
Evangelist, St Peter, Mary the Mother of
God, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the Cross,
let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us:

**All 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei is said:
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.

Communion is received

Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia.

The image shows a musical score for two parts of a liturgical service. The first part is the Agnus Dei, with the lyrics 'Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, quo-ni-am bo-nus.' The second part is the Communion, with the lyrics 'Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia.' The score is written in G major and 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef staff with vocal lines and piano accompaniment.

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the Post Communion for the day:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the
form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross
for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

***All* Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

***All* Amen.**

Final hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross,
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Dismissal

The Lord be with you

***All* And also with you**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
***All* In the name of Christ, Amen.**

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