

Palm Sunday

05 April 2020

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the
human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 50.4-9a

The servant of the LORD said:

⁴The 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.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;
the who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

Psalm or Canticle

Psalm 118.1-2,19-29

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'

19 Open to me the gates of
righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the
Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you
have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders
rejected ♦
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has
made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.

♦
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord; ♦
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God; he has given us
light; ♦
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God and I will thank
you; ♦
you are my God and I will exalt you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading

Philippians 2.5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death
—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Matthew 21.1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and
had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of
Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just
say this, "The Lord needs them." And he
will send them immediately.' ⁴This took
place to fulfil what had been spoken
through the prophet, saying,
⁵'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.'
⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had
directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey
and the colt, and put their cloaks on them,
and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd
spread their cloaks on the road, and others
cut branches from the trees and spread
them on the road. ⁹The 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!'
¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole
city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'
¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the
prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Post Communion Prayer

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