Welcome to this house of prayer.

May you find peace.

PALM SUNDAY

A CHORAL CELEBRATION of the HOLY EUCHARIST with the LITURGY of the PALMS

April 2nd 2023 at 11 o' clock

Pandemic precautions remain in effect. You are encouraged to wear a mask while inside the church building.

Kindly silence your phones.
Children are welcome to be children.

The PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735 | J.S. Bach

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection, by way of the road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life. Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

(Saint Matthew 21. 1-11)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ, 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**.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All glory, laud, and honour | CP **181**

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honour to thee, redeemer King, to whom the lips of children with sweet hosannas ring.

Thou are the King of Israel, thou David's royal son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one. (*Refrain*)

The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (*Refrain*)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. (*Refrain*)

At the crossing, a minister leads in this collect prayer,

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
whose Son was crucified
yet entered into glory;
may we, walking in the way of the cross,
find it is for us the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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To thee before thy Passion They sang their hymns of praise; To thee now high exalted Our melody we raise. (*Refrain*)

Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious king. (Refrain)

The COLLECT of the DAY

Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God,
in tender love for all humanity,
you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross.
May we follow the example of his great humility,
and share in the glory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

A READING is given, from the Book of Isaiah 50. 4-9, after which the reader says The word of the Lord, and the congregation responds **Thanks be to God**.

The PSALM 118



1 GIVE THANKS to the Lord, for he **is** good; *

his mercy en-dures for ëv-ër.

2 Let Israel now **pro**-claim, * "His mercy en-dures for ëv-ër."

19 Open for me the gates of right-eous-ness; *

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lörd.

20 "This is the gate of **the** Lord; *

he who is right-eous may ën-tër."

25 Hosanna, Lord, ho-san-na! * Lord, send us nöw | succëss...

26 Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *

we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 God is the Lord; he has shined up-on us; *

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the äl-tär.

28 "You are my God, and I will **thank** you; *

you are my God, and I will ex-ält yöu."

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ëv-ër.

The GOSPEL of the PASSION according to Saint Matthew 27. 11-54

The **HOMILY**

The APOSTLES' CREED

Please rise as you are able.

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.

Please be seated.

An ANTHEM

Pueri Hebraeorum | Tomas Luis de Victoria

Pueri Hebraeorum vestimenta prosternebant in via et clamabant dicentes: Hosanna Filio David, benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

The children of the Hebrews spread their garments in the way, and cried out, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

The PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The OFFERTORY HYMN

My song is love unknown | CP 184

The PRAYER over the GIFTS

Gracious God,

the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, have drawn us to the foot of the cross. Accept, we pray, these gifts, and the whole of our lives, as fitting offerings to his love. We ask this for his Name's sake. Amen.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent Him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before He died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to His command,

We remember His death, we proclaim His resurrection, we await His coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in Him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The BREAKING of the BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The MOTET

Verily, verily I say unto you | Thomas Tallis

Verily, verily I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have not life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me, and I in him.

The PRAYER after COMMUNION

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

The BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you, now and always. **Amen**.

A HYMN

Ride on, ride on in majesty | CP **182**

The DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The POSTLUDE

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736 | J.S. Bach

Please rise as the Choir and liturgical ministers exit the church.



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