

Psalm 118:19–29

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

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; *

the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me *
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected *

has become the cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing; *

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; *

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O Lord! *

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God, *

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, *

up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; *

you are my God; I will extol you.

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

for his steadfast love endures forever!

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

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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Thanks be to God

EPISTLE: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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John 12:12-19

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

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Praise to You, O Christ