



## ***Palm Sunday*** ***April 5, 2020***

### **Announcements and Blessings**

#### **Opening Sentence**

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

***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***

#### **A reading from Egeria's diary**

*(Egeria, often called Sylvia, was a fourth century pilgrim from Spain, who traveled to the Holy Land, and wrote of her experience of Holy Week.)*

Accordingly at the seventh hour all the people go up to the Mount of Olives, and the bishop with them, to the church, where hymns and antiphons suitable to the day and to the place are said, and lessons in like manner. And when the ninth hour approaches they go up with hymns to the place where the Lord ascended into heaven, and there they sit down, for all the people are always bidden to sit when the bishop is present; the deacons alone always stand. Hymns and antiphons suitable to the day and to the place are said, interspersed with lections and prayers. And as the eleventh hour approaches, the passage from the Gospel is read, where the children, carrying branches and palms, met the Lord, saying; "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord," and the bishop immediately rises, and all the people with him, and they all go on foot from the top of the Mount of Olives, all the people going before him with hymns and antiphons, answering one to another: "Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord." And all the children in the neighborhood, even those who are too young to walk, are carried by their parents on their shoulders, all of them bearing branches, some of palms and some of olives, and thus the bishop is escorted in the same manner as the Lord was of old.

#### **A reading from Luke**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

## **The Blessing of the Palms**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give God 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 forever. *Amen.*

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

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Let us go forth in peace.

*In the name of Christ. Amen.*

## **The Palm Sunday Procession**

*Ride On, King Jesus*

Traditional Spiritual

## **Opening Prayer**

Let us pray. Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Passion of Jesus Christ**

## **The Homily**

## **Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all the holy people of God.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence.*

## **Confession of Sin and Peace**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The sign of Peace we offer to one another is no shallow symbol, no meaningless gesture. It is a reminder that the Peace which God offers to us has come at a great price... and with it also comes a great promise. For it is the "peace of God, which passes all understanding."

It is God's peace which is present among us today. It is God's peace which brings new hope from despair. It is God's peace which brings new life even from death. May you feel God's peace today, and then may you offer that peace to all the world.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

## **Offertory Anthem**

*Go By the Cross*

Donald Caldwell

## **Closing Prayer**

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.**

## **Closing Hymn**

*Were You There?*

Traditional Spiritual

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**