



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2021

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

—adapted from writings of Moira Laidlaw and Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy,

Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you today with shouts of "Hosanna! Save us!" and waving palm branches. It seems such a distance from this Palm Sunday to that day when you entered Jerusalem with the shouts of the crowd ringing in your ears. Welcomed as a king, yet riding on a lowly donkey. Greeted with cheers and acclamations which were so soon to turn to jeers and condemnation. From this side of resurrection, we confidently believe that we could never have been part of the jeering crowd—but would we, if we had been there?

(silent reflection)

Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives: **Forgive us.**

When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, kind of defect in our character: **Forgive us.**

When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, others, and for ourselves: **Forgive us.**

When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because we look forward to Easter as only a time to enjoy and have fun. **Forgive us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us; **remake us in your likeness;**
Empty us of all that hinders us from following you.

Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Hear the good news: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." *(Philippians 2:6, 7a, 8b)*

By the grace and mercy of the One who never stops seeking after this beloved Creation.

We are loved, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

PROCESSION OF PALMS (KIDS) & SONG – ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR (SING 2 X'S)

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR TO YOU, REDEEMER KING, TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING. YOU ARE THE KING OF ISRAEL AND DAVID'S ROYAL SON, NOW IN THE LORD'S NAME COMING, OUR KING AND BLESSED ONE.

PSALM 119:1-2, 19-29

Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.
Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.

I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me. My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times. You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed and who stray from your commands. Remove from me scorn and contempt, for I keep your statutes. Though princes sit together and slander me, your servant will meditate on your decrees. Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors. I am laid low in the dust; renew my life according to your word. I recounted my ways and you answered me; teach me your decrees. Let me understand the teaching of your precepts; then I will meditate on your wonders. My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law.

GOSPEL MARK 11:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethpage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

SERMON

MUSIC MINISTRY /OFFERING

There are 3 ways to give remotely: [Simply Giving](#) OR [Breeze](#) OR Mailing your offering check to OFLC:

APOSTLES' CREED (PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The LORD be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the LORD.

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer & Words of Institution

LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. AMEN

SENDING SONG

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Lamb of God *Your Only Son*



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**