

Palm Sunday
March 28th 2021



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Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also, with you.

Sentence

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Philippians 2.8–9

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race
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.

Reading

Isa. 50:4-9a;

Psalm 31: 9-16

Phil 2: 5-11

Mk 14: 1-15,47 or Mk 15: 1-39 (40-47)

Reflection Palm Sunday March 28, 2021

Hi everyone, well Holy Week is upon us and during this time we will experience again the whole story of the last days of Jesus. I will not be talking about the whole Passion narrative because you will have other opportunities this week to walk with Jesus through the whole story. Let's just start at the beginning and Jesus riding into Jerusalem, crowds cheering and throwing and waving palms hence Palm Sunday. To really get the significance of this story we need to understand that there were actually two processions into Jerusalem that week. Every year at the Passover, when people from all over the country gathered in Jerusalem, the Romans sent in Legions of Troops to "keep the peace". This Roman show of force was meant to intimidate and show clearly who was in charge and it worked very well. Long before the rows and rows of marching and riding troops reached the city, you could see the huge cloud of dust, see the sun glinting off the weapons and feel the earth shaking with the huge army approaching. The message was clear, Rome is all powerful, and Caesar is Lord.

In contrast to this Jesus has decided to make his own political statement. He has gathered his own band of followers outside the city, not thousands, like the Romans, but maybe a few hundred faithful. Riding on a donkey, in spectacular contrast to the Roman Leaders who always rode on fine stallions, Jesus makes a different statement. As Jesus approaches the city, he is greeted enthusiastically by people hungry for change, or who have heard of his fame as a healer and prophet. Will he be the one to deliver them from the bondage of Rome? Hoshana to the Prince of Peace! God is Lord!

So, we have two very different processions with different messages. The Roman message is clear, we rule through might and force. The powerful rule and the rest are no more than slaves to provide wealth and comfort to the few. Jesus' procession sends a different message. He comes not in strength and power, with thousands of trained killers, but meekly riding on a donkey, with a few faithful disciples. The people proclaim him as a Prince of Peace.

The question for us this Sunday and for every day is, "Which procession are you joining?" The one that says that this world is ruled for the benefit of the few by force and manipulation, or the procession that proclaims that true power is to serve, heal, and proclaim peace and justice for all people. I am very serious in asking this question because I believe we all vacillate daily in the choices we make about how we live and how we treat others. Sometime we side with Rome and self interest over loving our neighbours. Our culture encourages us to join with Rome, extreme capitalism, commercialism and fear lead us daily to endorse ideas that are unjust and selfish. However, the Good News is that we actually (through baptism) belong to the Procession of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, justice and love, and deep in our hearts we know that that is our true calling; when we have the courage to embrace it. The rest of the Good News is that we know how this Story ends. Rome's cruel and tragic NO to Jesus on Good Friday, is turned into God's amazing YES to Jesus on Easter Sunday..... but that is a story for another day!

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Palm Sunday prayers of the people for March 28, 2021 from Mary Field - jamarnov@gmail.com

Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and one another. By your Cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the whole world. Hosanna in the highest

You were acclaimed Son of David and Son of God by the pilgrims in Jerusalem. Fill your Church with faithfulness, boldness, and compassion.

You accepted the praises of the crowds who worshipped in Jerusalem. Fill this congregation with such love for you that we eagerly worship you, humbly do your will, and lovingly serve our neighbor in your name.

You were greeted with sweet Hosannas by little children. We pray for the wellbeing of our little ones, and for children throughout the world, that their mouths might be made perfect in praising your name

You entered Jerusalem as the Prince of Peace. Fill the leaders of the nations with a hunger for peace, a thirst for justice, and a love for the people entrusted to their care. Teach us all to do your will and to long for the day when you return in glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

You entered Jerusalem on a donkey, not a war horse. Fill all places of violence with your peace. Protect and bless those who stand in harm's way. Bring them safely home to their loved ones.

You were greeted with joy as you entered the Holy City. Fill with joy the hearts of all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Turn their sorrow into joy; their suffering into health; and their cries for help into shouts of praise.

You open the gates of the New Jerusalem for all who die trusting in you. Thank you for receiving them into that glorious city. Bring peace and hope to all who grieve. Fill us with imperishable hope, so that we gladly follow where you lead us – until you lead us safely home.

Accept our prayers, dear Jesus, and lay them at your Father's throne. Let all that pleases him be done, to your glory and the good of your people.

Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Amen

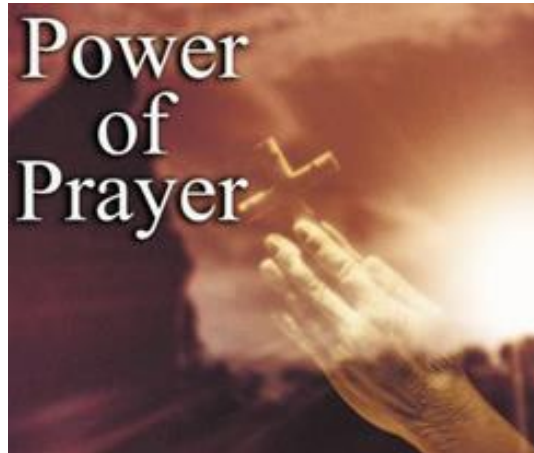
Praying the words of St. Frances as we face pandemic & other issues ahead; **"Lord, make us an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."** Amen

We pray for: - Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning Sunday March 28, 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Rosalyn Elm** and the people of the **Parish of the Six Nations**.

We pray for our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes. We especially remember: June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, David, John, Anna and Jack B.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Eric, Julie, Janice S., Barbara S., Ian M. and his family and anyone known to you. Amen.



It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@hotmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them during this pandemic, we will put on the prayer list for a month.

Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the ever-present threat of COVID-19 in our area. It has been decided to suspend all church services immediately, until further notice.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on, regarding the newsletter, please do not hesitate to let Rev Enrique or myself know.

Any birthdays in April – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in the birthday section please send me details.

Part Time Employment Opportunity:

We are looking for an Organist for Local Anglican Services- Our group enjoys singing a variety of styles of music. Organ is manual digital with full pedal board. Standard payroll. If you or anyone you know may be interested please send resume to enrique6921@hotmail.com

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Sing along to this morning's hymns

Hymn Texts – Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

181 – All Glory, Laud, and Honour

All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.
All glory...
2. The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.
All glory...
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.
All glory...
4. To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted our melody we raise.
All glory...
5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
All glory...

184 – My Song Is Love Unknown

1. My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
2. He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
But all made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know:
But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the day hosannas to their King;
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
4. Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.
5. They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

6. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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