

Morning Prayer

(Palm Sunday - Year B)



The Liturgy Letter

O God make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Opening Scripture

“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”
-John 12:15

Hymn - Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

(Tune: [The Church’s One Foundation](#))

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
And love and joy, like flowers, spring in His path to birth:
Before Him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To Him shall prayer unceasing, and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end:
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1821

Tune: Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Confession (from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor (kneel or stand during Lent).

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.

Silence

Blessed be the Lord who has heard the voice of our prayer.
In Christ we are forgiven.
Amen.

Psalm of the Week

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (NIV)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

2 Let Israel say:

“His love endures forever.”

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

22 The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

23 the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

25 Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.
27 The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Scripture Readings

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

(Stand)

[Mark 11:1-11](#)

(A short silence is kept after the reading of the gospel)

Profession of Faith (Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name

that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Prayers of the People

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.

God of all creation, full of love and abounding in mercy;

May the whole earth be filled with your glory.

Lord, bless and guide all ministers of your church;

Clothe them in righteousness and grant them wisdom.

Direct the leaders of our government;

That they may act in accordance with your kingdom.

Enlarge our own hearts, O Lord,

To love the things that you love

May we proclaim your light

In every place where there is darkness.

May we proclaim your Holy Name

In every aspect of our lives.

We pray for those in sickness, grief, persecution,

bondage, fear, or loneliness, and for all of our own needs;

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessions (A time of spontaneous prayers and intercessions. Say “out loud” the names and situations that you would like to bring before God.)

- We pray for the people of...(countries or regions)
- We pray for our sisters and brothers... (churches and other believers)
- We pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors...
- We pray for the day and its tasks, individuals in need, the world and its needs, and for the Church and her life...

To God be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**If praying with others, stand and hold hands. If praying individually, stand with hands open and outstretched in the [sign of the Orans](#).*

A Prayer for Palm Sunday

Sovereign God,
you have established your rule over the human heart,
not by force
But by the servant example of Jesus Christ,
move us by your Spirit,
to join the joyful procession
of those who confess Jesus with their tongues
and praise him with their lives. Amen

Benediction

Let us go in peace to serve the Lord and follow his son Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Trisagion Doxology

Glory to the Father
Son and Holy Spirit
Now and forever
And to the ages
Amen.