

**PALM SUNDAY
24 MARCH 2024
FIRST READING
FOR THE 8:00AM AND 9:30AM SERVICES**

**The First Reading is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah,
Chapter 50, verses 4 to 9a**

⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed
tongue,

to know the word that sustains the weary.
He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away.

⁶I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.

⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!

⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.

Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

PALM SUNDAY
24 MARCH 2024
PSALM
FOR THE 8:00AM AND 9:30AM SERVICES

Psalm 22:6-22

8:00AM, said by alternate verses

9:30AM, sung by the choir

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man:
the scorn of men and despised by the people.

**7 All those that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips at me and wag their heads, saying,**

8 “He trusted in the Lord, let him deliver him:
let him deliver him if he delights in him.”

**9 But you are he that took me out of the womb:
that brought me to lie at peace on my mother’s breast.**

10 On you have I been cast since my birth:
you are my God, even from my mother’s womb.

**11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:
and there is none to help.**

12 Many oxen surround me:
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

**13 They gape wide their mouths at me:
like lions that roar and rend.**

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14 I am poured out like water and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.

**15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd:
and my tongue clings to my gums.**

16 My hands and my feet are withered:
and you lay me in the dust of death.

**17 For many dogs are come about me:
and a band of evildoers hem me in.**

18 I can count all my bones:
they stand staring and gazing upon me.

**19 They part my garments among them:
and cast lots for my clothing.**

20 O Lord, do not stand far off:
you are my helper; hasten to my aid.

**21 Deliver my body from the sword:
my life from the power of the dogs.**

22 O save me from the lion's mouth:
and my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen.

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**PALM SUNDAY
24 MARCH 2024
EPISTLE
FOR THE 8:00AM AND 9:30AM SERVICES**

A reading from Philippians, Chapter 2, verses 5 to 11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something
to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

**PALM SUNDAY
24 MARCH 2024
GOSPEL
FOR THE 8:00AM AND 9:30AM SERVICES**

(8:00AM) The Holy Gospel is written according to St. John

Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

(9:30AM) Gospel Acclamation

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

(Philippians 2:8-9)

The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

Response: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Chapter 12, verses 1 to 19

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages. ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

⁹ Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹ for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

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

¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

(8:00AM) This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

(9:30AM) This is the Gospel of the Lord

OR For the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.