

Passion (Palm) Sunday

10 April 2022

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

THE PROCESSION:

Gospel Luke 19:28-40 (Year C)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany
at the place called the mount that is called Olivet,
he sent two of the disciples,

saying, 'Go into the village opposite,
whereon entering you will find a colt tied,
on which no one has ever yet sat;
untie it and bring it here.

If anyone asks you,

"Why are you untying it?" you shall say this,

"The Lord has need of it".

So those who were sent went away
and found it as he had told them.

And as they were untying the colt,
its owners said to them,

'Why are you untying the colt?'

And they said,

'The Lord has need of it'.

And they brought it to Jesus,
and throwing their garments on the colt
they set Jesus upon it.

And as he rode along,
they spread their garments on the road.

As he was now drawing near,
at the descent of the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples
began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice
for all the mighty works 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!
And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him,
'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.
He answered,
'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The servant of the Lord said:

"The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens-
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

"The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

"I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

"The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me mock at me.

They make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver;

Let him rescue the one in whom he delights!' **R.**

For dogs are all around me,
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;
I can count all of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothes among themselves,
And for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
In the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise Him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
Stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **R.**

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, 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 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 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Luke 22:14 - 23:56

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.

He said to them,

"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;
for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

"Take this and divide it among yourselves;

for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks,

he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

"This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table.

For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined,

but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

But Jesus said to them,

"The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.

But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest,
and the leader like one who serves.

For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves?

Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials;

and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom,

so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom,

and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat,

but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail;

and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

And Peter said to Jesus,

"Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day,

until you have denied three times that you know me."

Jesus said to them,

"When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

The apostles said, "No, not a thing."

Jesus said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag.

And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one.

For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me,

'And he was counted among the lawless';

and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

The apostles said, "Lord, look, here are two swords."

Jesus replied, "It is enough."

Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives;

and the disciples followed him.

When he reached the place, he said to his disciples,

"Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Then Jesus withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

Then an angel from heaven appeared to Jesus and gave him strength.

In his anguish he prayed more earnestly,

and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ~

When Jesus got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping?

Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them.

He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

When those who were around Jesus saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

Then one of the disciples struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

But Jesus said, "No more of this!"

And Jesus touched the slave's ear and healed him.

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit?

When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me.

But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house.

But Peter was following at a distance.

When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

Then a servant girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him."

But Peter denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them."

But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

"Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.

The Lord turned and looked at Peter.

Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,

"Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."

And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him;

they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

"Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"

They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council.

They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

Jesus replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe;

and if I question you, you will not answer.

But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

Jesus said to them, "You say that I am."

Then they said, "What further testimony do we need?

We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began to accuse him, saying,

"We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Then Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

He answered, "You say so."

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Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,
"I find no basis for an accusation against this man."
But they were insistent and said,
"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea,
from Galilee where he began even to this place."
When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.
And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction,
he sent him off to Herod,
who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad,
for he had been wanting to see him for a long time,
because he had heard about him
and was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign.
Herod questioned him at some length,
but Jesus gave him no answer.

The chief priests and the scribes stood by,
vehemently accusing him.
Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him;
then he put an elegant robe on him,
and sent him back to Pilate.
That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other;
before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people,
and said to them,
"You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people;
and here I have examined him in your presence
and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.
Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us.
Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.
I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Now Pilate was obliged to release someone for them at the festival.
Then they all shouted out together,
"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us."
(This was a man who had been put in prison
for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)
Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;
but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"
A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?
I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death;
I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts
that he should be crucified;
and their voices prevailed.
So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.
He released the man they asked for,
the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder,
and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene,
who was coming from the country,
and they laid the cross on him,
and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A great number of the people followed him,
and among them were women
who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

But Jesus turned to them and said,
"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me,
but weep for yourselves and for your children.
For the days are surely coming when they will say,
'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore,
and the breasts that never nursed.'
Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,'
and to the hills, 'Cover us.'
For if they do this when the wood is green,
what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals,
were led away to be put to death with Jesus.
When they came to the place that is called The Skull,
they crucified Jesus there with the criminals,
one on his right and one on his left.

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them;
for they do not know what they are doing."
And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching;
but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,
"He saved others;
let him save himself
if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine,
and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."
There was also an inscription over him,
"This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there
kept deriding him and saying,
"Are you not the Messiah?
Save yourself and us!"
But the other criminal rebuked the first, saying,
"Do you not fear God,
since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?
And we indeed have been condemned justly,
for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds,
but this man has done nothing wrong."
Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
Jesus replied,
"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon,
and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,,
while the sun's light failed;
and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."
Having said this, he breathed his last.

All may kneel for a period of silence.

When the centurion saw what had taken place,
he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."
And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle

saw what had taken place,
they returned home, beating their breasts.

But all his acquaintances,
including the women who had followed him from Galilee,
stood at a distance, watching these things. *

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph,
who, though a member of the council,
had not agreed to their plan and action.
He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea,
and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God.
This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth,
and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning.
The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed,
and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid.
Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.
On the sabbath these women rested according to the commandment