The Word of God



Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion) *March 21, 2027*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19

12The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming
to Jerusalem. 13So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying
out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of
Israel!" 14And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 15"Fear
not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 16His
disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then
they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to
him. 17The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and
raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18The reason why the crowd went
to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19So the Pharisees said to one
another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

9Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold,
your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and
mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10I will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and
he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the
River to the ends of the earth. 11As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant
with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. 12Return to your
stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 118:19-29

19Open for me the | gates of righteousness;*
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.
20"This is the gate | of the LORD;*
he who is | righteous may enter."
21I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me*
and have become | my salvation.
22The same stone which the build- | ers rejected*
has become the chief | cornerstone.
23This is | the LORD's doing,*
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.
24On this day the | LORD has acted;*
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.
25Hosannah, | LORD, hosannah!*
LORD, send us | now success.
26Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the LORD;*
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.
27God is the LORD; he has | shined upon us;*
form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.
28"You are my God, and | I will thank you;*
you are my God, and I | will exalt you."
29Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

5Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6who, though he
was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but
emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
8And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the
point of death, even death on a cross. 9Therefore God has highly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every
tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 (14:19-15:47 omitted here due to space constraints)

1It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And
the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest {Jesus} by stealth and kill
him, 2for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."
3And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining
at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly,
and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. 4There were some who said to
themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? 5For this ointment
could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor."
And they scolded her. 6But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her?
She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7For you always have the poor with you, and
whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me.
8She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial.
9And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what
she has done will be told in memory of her." 10Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of
the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. 11And when
they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an
opportunity to betray him. 12And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they
sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go
and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 13And he sent two of his disciples and said
to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow
him, 14and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says,
Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 15And he
will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." 16And
the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and
they prepared the Passover. 17And when it was evening, he came with the twelve.
18And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one
of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

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