

Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR C)

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

The congregation gather with the servers and Fr John Peter in the hall. They will enter through the main door and mass will begin at the back of the Church

The Palms are blessed and then the Gospel is read.



The Entrance Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (19:28-40)

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on 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 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.**

The first hymn is now sung

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

The Lord God has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,

to listen like a disciple.
The Lord God has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint,
I know I shall not be ashamed. **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons. **R.**

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SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)*

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation (Ph 2:8-9)

R. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
death on a cross. But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
R. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

THE PASSION GOSPEL: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (22:14-23:56)

Please sit during the reading of the first part of today's passion reading until the narrator asks you to stand just as Jesus is being led away to be crucified.

We will all kneel for a short time after the words 'With these words he breathed his last'

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,**

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord

(All Bow until Mary)

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**