

READINGS

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm 24

Philippians 2:5-11

Year A: Matthew 21:1-11

Year B: Mark 11:1-11

Year C: Luke 19:28-40

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Jesus our Saviour,
on this day you were given a hero's welcome
as one who was going the way of the crowd;
but you had chosen the way of the cross,
and the praise was short-lived.
Keep before us the vision of our calling,
that we may never be diverted from your way,
but follow in your footsteps,
our crucified and risen Saviour
to whom be all glory, laud and honour,
this day and for ever more.

Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God,
the earthly journey of your Son
led him from the way of the crowds to the way of the cross.
Through this offering,
strengthen us to follow him who died,
but who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,
we praise you for the acts of love

by which you have redeemed us
through your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour.
The people of Jerusalem acclaimed Jesus as King
with palm branches in their hands,
crying, "Hosanna in the highest!"
May we also, carrying these emblems,
go forth to meet Christ
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

A Reading from the Book of Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Look! Your Ruler comes to you,
victorious and triumphant,
yet humble, riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Your Ruler shall cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow shall be banished.

Your Ruler shall proclaim peace to the nations;
whose dominion shall be from sea to sea,
from the river to the ends of the earth.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

The earth is God's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.

**For it is God who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

Who can ascend the hill of our God?
Who can stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a lie.**

They shall receive a blessing from God
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek God,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;

**lift them high, O everlasting doors,
and our Glorious Saviour shall come in.**

Who is this "Glorious Saviour"?

**Our God, strong and mighty,
our God, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;

**lift them high, O everlasting doors,
and our Glorious Saviour shall come in.**

Who is this "Glorious Saviour"?

**Our God, the God of hosts,
this is our Glorious Saviour.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
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 shall bend,
in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue shall confess
that Jesus Christ reigns,
to the glory of God Almighty.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11 (Year A)

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

*The Holy Gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

God be with you.

And also with you.

*The Good News
of Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'Our Teacher needs them.' And they will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your ruler is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he mounted and rode toward the city.

A very large crowd gathered. Some spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees to spread on the road. The crowd, both those ahead of him and those following behind, shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-11 (*Year B*)

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

*The Holy Gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

God be with you.

And also with you.

*The Good News
of Jesus Christ
according to Mark.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the disciples were approaching Jerusalem by way of Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' simply say, 'The Rabbi needs it and will send it back immediately.'"

They went and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat upon it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then the crowd, both those who went ahead and those who followed behind, began shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had seen everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:29-40 (*Year C*)

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

*The Holy Gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

God be with you.

And also with you.

*The Good News
of Jesus Christ
according to Luke.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this: 'The Rabbi needs it'." So they departed and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Rabbi needs it."

Then they brought the colt to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus upon it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying:

"Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of Our God!
Peace in the heavenly places, and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." But he answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would shout out."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.