

Church of the Holy Trinity Trinity Square, Toronto

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

10:30 AM April 5, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

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Feasting on the Word,
while fasting from the Eucharist

Nothing is more difficult than simplicity.

Locate the Zoom Chat Box button on your device, so you will be able to see service texts, as well as type in intercessions.

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Gathering Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honour

Tune: ST THEODULPH
Words: Gloria, laus et honor
St Theodulph of Orleans †821
tr. John Mason Neale 1818–1866
adapted William and Nancy Whitla 1991
New verses (4 and 5) added March 2015

Refrain All glory, laud and honour
to you, redeeming One,
to whom the children's voices
raise our hosanna song.

1 O holy One of Israel,
Of David's royal line,
who in our God's name's coming,
the ruler all divine.

Refrain All glory, laud and honour
to you, redeeming One,
to whom the children's voices
raise our hosanna song.

3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.
All glory, laud and honour
to you, redeeming One,
to whom the children's voices
raise our hosanna song.

4 Not as a Roman conqueror
You shake the power of thrones,
But as a loving healer
You bind up all our wounds.
All glory, laud and honour
to you, redeeming One,

to whom the children's voices
raise our hosanna song.

5 You ride to end oppression,
To make bad systems cease,
And on a donkey lead us
To learn the gifts of peace.
All glory, laud and honour
to you, redeeming One,
to whom the children's voices
raise our hosanna song.

The Collect of the Day

Holy One,
**your love is broken open
among cheering crowds and traitor's coins,
deserting friends and hands washed clean,
the mockery of power and the baying mob:
as we follow your way of passion,
give us the faith to bring our weak and divided hearts
to the foot of the cross and the door of the guarded tomb
that they might be opened, astonished and healed;
through Jesus Christ, who carries the weight of the world.
Amen.**

The Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Vivian Harrower

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

God Most High has given me a well-schooled tongue, so I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning God sharpens my hearing, wakens my ear, so I can listen like an attentive pupil. God Most High has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn back. I offered my back to the scourge, and my cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

God Most High is helping me, therefore I have not been disgraced; so I have set my face like flint, for I know that I shall not be put to shame; the one who clears my name is close beside me. Who will bring a case against me? – Let us encounter face to face. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the most high God who helps me; who, then, is going to find me guilty?

Reader: Hear what the Spirit says to God's people

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

21:1-11

Matthew

Kevin Bezanson

Reader The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

When Jesus and his disciples 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, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, And 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 sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Lector The Gospel of Christ
All **Praise to Christ our Saviour**

Reflection

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

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1. Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn,
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

2. Seed that dies to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you,
if we learn to live your story
we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.

3. We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word,
every person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew,
We may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.

5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be,
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

The Prayers of the People

Joanna Manning

As we gather in different places on the globe, we give thanks for all those on the front lines battling the COVID-19 virus: medical personnel and researchers, paramedics and caregivers, public health officials and political leaders; God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are suffering because of the virus: families and friends of those who have died; those who have tested positive and those who are showing symptoms, and for those who are living with and surviving, let us pray; God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those suffering financially during the pandemic, and we pray that governments and lending institutions will find compassionate ways to help the most economically vulnerable through this unique moment; God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

On this day, when we remember the challenge to Empire that was launched by Jesus' entry to Jerusalem, we acknowledge the continuing challenges of colonialism in our world and pray for those advocating for Indigenous People, for women and girls, for refugees, and for the LGBTQ community; God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

I invite your intercessions and thanksgiving, either in the Chat Box, or silently and anonymously.

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God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gathering all of our prayers, we say the prayer Jesus taught us:

Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
Source of all that is and shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The Hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your Justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom sustain our hope and come on earth!
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

We Sing New Songs of Hope and Expectation

Words: Sherman Hesselgrave ©2017
Tune: Londonderry Air
Metre: 11.10.11.10.11.10.11.12

1. We sing new songs of hope and expectation:
Abiding Spirit, give our eyes new sight.
Abundant life you offer every seeker,
and Holy Presence through the darkest night.
We sing of hope, a gift of God's own Spirit;
we sing of hope that heals a soul's despair.
We sing of hope, for Christ has gone before us,
and from the future calls us to the life we share.
2. We sing new songs of love and liberation:
for God has freed us, graced us with new life.
Let us tear down the barriers that divide us,
cast out the fear that causes hate and strife.
We sing of love that calls from deep within us;
we sing of love that bids us risk our all.
We sing of love that binds us to the Saviour,
and in whose steps we walk, whatever may befall.

3. We sing new songs of faith and transformation:
Creating still, God shapes us for shalom.
Equipped for service through our work and mission,
we seek God's reign, no matter what may come.
We sing of faith that still moves mighty mountains;
we walk by faith, God ever at our side.
We live through faith in One who came among us,
and in whose life and love we day by day abide.

**Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine;
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church
and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements.

May the peace of Christ be always with you:
And also with you.

Invite people to stay for online coffee hour.

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