

Antiphon**Matthew 21:9**

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the king of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

Palm Gospel**Matthew 21:1-11***'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

Glory ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village in front 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, you shall say, "The Lord needs them", and he will send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility
for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour
to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed
his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading**Isaiah 50:4-7***'I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.'*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24***My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

**My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?**

*All who see me de-ride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he de-lights.'* **R**

*For dogs have sur-rounded me;
a band of the wick-ed besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones.* **R**

*They divide my cloth-ing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.
But you, O Lord, do not stay a-far off;
my strength, make haste to help me!*

**My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?**

*I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the a-ssembly;
'You who fear the Lord, give him praise; /
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descend-ants of Israel.' R*

Second reading **Philippians 2:6-11**
*'He humbled himself,
therefore God has highly exalted him.'*

A reading from the Letter
of St Paul to the Philippians.

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

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
**Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!**
*Christ became for us obedient
to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him
the name that is above every name.*
**Praise to you, O Christ . . .
king of eternal glory!**

***The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Matthew
(see pages 3 & 4)***

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion
of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
may our reconciliation
with you be near at hand,
so that, though we do not merit it
by our own deeds,
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,
we may feel already the effects of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon **Mt 26:42**

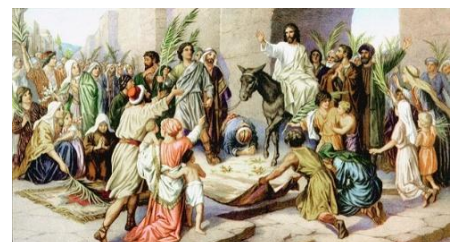
Father, if this chalice cannot pass
without my drinking it,
your will be done.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope
for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the People

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered
into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.



Matthew 27:11-54
(shorter form)

Key: N. Narrator. ✠ Christ.

S. Speakers other than Christ.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew. (no response is made)

- N.** At that time: Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,
- S.** Are you the King of the Jews?
- N.** Jesus said,
- ✠ You have said so.
- N.** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him,
- S.** Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?
- N.** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,
- S.** Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?
- N.** For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him,
- S.** Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.
- N.** Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,
- S.** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?
- N.** And they said,
- S.** Barabbas.
- N.** Pilate said to them,

- S.** Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?
- N.** They all said,
- S.** Let him be crucified!
- N.** And he said,
- S.** Why? What evil has he done?
- N.** But they shouted all the more,
- S.** Let him be crucified!
- N.** So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,
- S.** I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.
- N.** And all the people answered,
- S.** His blood be on us and on our children!
- N.** Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,
- S.** Hail, King of the Jews!
- N.** And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus,

the King of the Jews. Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, **S.** You who would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

N. So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

S. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'

N. And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

✠ Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

N. that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

S. This man is calling Elijah.

N. And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

S. Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

N. And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

All kneel for a period of silence.

N. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming

out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

S. Truly this was the Son of God!

N. There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

S. Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead', and the last fraud will be worse than the first.

N. Pilate said to them,

S. You have a guard of soldiers.

Go, make it as secure as you can.

N. So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

The Passion of the Lord

(no response is made)

