

HERRAN RATSASTUS JERUSALEMIIN



*"Let us go together to meet Christ ...
Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion"
-St. Andrew of Crete*

PALM SUNDAY

A Liturgy of the Word for Families

On Palm Sunday, gather as a family to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Create a space for prayer. You will need a candle, crucifix, and palms or other types of branches. An entrance hymn is provided. If the hymn is unfamiliar, you may use the YouTube link to sing along or use another appropriate hymn. Assign parts between family members to ensure everyone's participation. Set up a table as an altar with a red cloth, candles and branches.

ENTRANCE HYMN: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

As the hymn is being sung or played, branches are held high and waved as a sign of praise to God. A procession around the house may be organized.

<https://aleteia.org/2018/03/25/hymn-of-the-week-all-glory-laud-and-honor/> (YouTube link)

All glory, laud and honor to you Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring
You are the king of Israel and David's royal son
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One

All glory and honor to you Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children make sweet hosannas ring
The company of angels are praising you on high
And we with all creation, in chorus make reply.

All glory laud and honor to you Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children make sweet hosannas ring
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went
Our praise and prayers and anthems before you we present

All glory laud and honor to you Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children make sweet hosannas ring

INTRODUCTION

Leader: (All make the Sign of the Cross together)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and home with peace.

Blessed be God for ever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Since the beginning of Lent,
we have prepared our hearts and home
through prayer, fasting, and charitable works.

We gather together in unity with the whole Church at the beginning of this Holy Week,
remembering our Lord's Paschal Mystery, of his passion and Resurrection.
With all faith and devotion, in a special way this week,
we remember the Lord's entry into Jerusalem.

Following his footsteps, we join our hearts, so that as partakers of the Cross, we may
have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

Leader: Lord, we pray, that as we hold up our branches remembering your entrance into
Jerusalem, our faith will increase in our home and in the world. May we bear
fruit for you through good works.
In your name, we pray.

All: Amen

GOSPEL READING (A member of the family other than the leader may read this)

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem
and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

“Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately you will find an ass tethered,
and a colt with her.
Untie them and bring them here to me.
And if anyone should say anything to you, reply,
‘The master has need of them.’
Then he will send them at once.”

This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

Say to daughter Zion,
“Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them.
They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them.

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,
while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road.
The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest.”

And when he entered Jerusalem
the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?”
And the crowds replied,
“This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(May be sung along with the following link or spoken by the reader)

http://archive.ccwatershed.org/media/audio/12/03/24/12-31-16_o.mp3

Reader: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reader:

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him."

All: My God, my
God, why have you abandoned me?

Reader:

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reader:

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reader:

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL

Reader: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him,
"Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "You say so."

And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders,
he made no answer.

Then Pilate said to him,

"Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"

But he did not answer him one word,
so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast
the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd
one prisoner whom they wished.

And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

"Which one do you want me to release to you,

Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"

For he knew that it was out of envy
that they had handed him over.

While he was still seated on the bench,
his wife sent him a message,
“Have nothing to do with that righteous man.
I suffered much in a dream today because of him.”
The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds
to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus.
The governor said to them in reply,
“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”
They answered, A Barabbas!”
Pilate said to them,
“Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?”
They all said,
“Let him be crucified!”
But he said,
“Why? What evil has he done?”
They only shouted the louder,
“Let him be crucified!”
When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all,
but that a riot was breaking out instead,
he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd,
saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood.
Look to it yourselves.”
And the whole people said in reply,
“His blood be upon us and upon our children.”
Then he released Barabbas to them,
but after he had Jesus scourged,
he handed him over to be crucified.
Then the soldiers of the governor
took Jesus inside the praetorium
and gathered the whole cohort around him.
They stripped off his clothes
and threw a scarlet military cloak about him.
Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head,
and a reed in his right hand.
And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,
“Hail, King of the Jews!”
They spat upon him and took the reed
and kept striking him on the head.
And when they had mocked him,
they stripped him of the cloak,
dressed him in his own clothes,
and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met
a Cyrenian named Simon;
this man they pressed into service
to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha
— which means Place of the Skull —,
they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall.
But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink.

After they had crucified him,
they divided his garments by casting lots;
then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

And they placed over his head the written charge against him:
This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Two revolutionaries were crucified with him,
one on his right and the other on his left.

Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,
“You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,
save yourself, if you are the Son of God,
and come down from the cross!”

Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,
“He saved others; he cannot save himself.

So he is the king of Israel!

Let him come down from the cross now,
and we will believe in him.

He trusted in God;

let him deliver him now if he wants him.

For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

The revolutionaries who were crucified with him
also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.

And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

“This one is calling for Elijah.”

Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge;
he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed,
gave it to him to drink.

But the rest said,

“Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him.”

But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice,
and gave up his spirit.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary
was torn in two from top to bottom.
The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened,
and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised.
And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection,
they entered the holy city and appeared to many.
The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake
and all that was happening, and they said,
“Truly, this was the Son of God!”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: In these difficult moments of life, we know that Jesus is King and is always with us. We place our prayers before him.

Reader:

That Church leaders will continue to lead with wisdom spreading the good news of the crucified and risen Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: / *Lord, hear our prayer*

Reader:

That all world leaders will strive to find ways of seeking peace and justice especially where there is unrest. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: / *Lord, hear our prayer*

Reader:

That those who are suffering illness, especially due to the Coronavirus, will be strengthened in their struggle by the love and care of family, friends, and caregivers. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: / *Lord, hear our prayer*

Reader:

That our own family will continue to show compassion toward one another and open our hearts during this Holy Week to those who are in need. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: / *Lord, hear our prayer*

Reader: For all the intentions we hold in our hearts **[Add intentions]**; Let us pray to the Lord.

R: / *Lord, hear our prayer*

OUR FATHER

Leader:

We pray now as a family, as Jesus himself taught us.

All:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

PRAYER of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Leader:

During this time although we are not able to receive Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, we can be spiritually in communion with Christ. He promised to be with us until the end of the age, and we acknowledge that he is with us today. Let us unite our hearts with Christ through our prayer of spiritual communion:

All:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

CONCLUSION

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty, ever-living God,
Just as through the death of your Son,
You have given us the most perfect model of humility and love,
Help us to live in obedience to your will
bearing witness with our lives of his suffering;
by accepting our own suffering and
make us worthy to share in his resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord bless, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen. **(All make the Sign of the Cross together)**

CONCLUDING HYMN: WERE YOU THERE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLM1rF52ziI>

Were you there when they crucified my Lord
were you there when they crucified my Lord
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they nailed him to the cross
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb

Spend some time as a family reflecting on the gospel reading as a family. Discuss how you will practice piety and devotion throughout this week and prepare your hearts for the Paschal Triduum.