

**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY**  
**April 2, 2023**

**PROCESSIONAL SERVICE**

- \*Greeting p. 256  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.** *(repeat 3 times)*
- \*Processional Gospel (Insert) Matthew 21:1-11  
*response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.*  
*response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.*
- \*Blessing of Palms  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**
- \*Procession  
Let us go forth in peace,  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**
- \*Hymn *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* (Insert or ) No. 344
- \*Prayer of the Day Insert  
First Reading- **Anne Sebastian** Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16 (read responsively) Insert  
Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11
- THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**
- \*Hymn *"Were You There"* No. 353
- \*The Nicene Creed back of hymnal  
Anthem *"One Thousand Hosannas"* **Choir**
- \*Blessing of Offerings
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# Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

## Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"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."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had

directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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 highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

## Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled  
out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been  
disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to  
shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

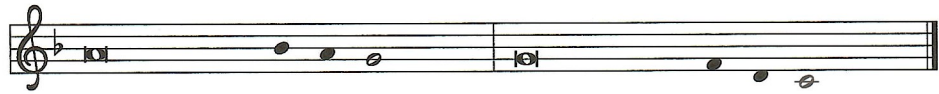
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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**Psalm****Psalm 31:9-16; tone 2**

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Have mercy on me, O LORD,  
for I <sup>1</sup> am in trouble;  
    my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
    and also my throat <sup>1</sup> and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my <sup>1</sup> years with sighing;  
    my strength fails me  
    because of affliction,  
    and my bones <sup>1</sup> are consumed.  
<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of my enemies,  
a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to <sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;  
    when they see me in the street  
    <sup>1</sup> they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten,  
<sup>1</sup> out of mind;  
    I am as useless as a <sup>1</sup> broken pot.

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard  
the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is <sup>1</sup> all around;  
    they put their heads together  
    against me;  
    they plot to <sup>1</sup> take my life.  
<sup>14</sup>But as for me,  
I have trusted in <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.  
    I have said, “You <sup>1</sup> are my God.  
<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;  
    rescue me  
    from the hand of my enemies,  
    and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine  
up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant;  
    save me in your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.”

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**Second Reading****Philippians 2:5-11**

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Let the same mind be in you that was in  
Christ Jesus,  
    <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of  
    God,  
    did not regard equality with God  
    as something to be exploited,  
    <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
    taking the form of a slave,  
    being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
    <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
    and became obedient to the point  
    of death—

    even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted  
    him  
    and gave him the name  
    that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
    every knee should bend,  
    in heaven and on earth and  
    under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
    that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
    to the glory of God the Father.

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**Gospel****Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]**

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