

Today's Readings

**2nd April 2023
Palm Sunday**

THE COLLECT

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as
Messiah:
grant us the faith to know
you and love you,
that we may be found
beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21.1-11
**Jesus' Triumphal Entry
into Jerusalem**

21 When they had come
near Jerusalem and had
reached Bethphage, at the
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent
two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone
says anything to you, just

say this, "The Lord needs
them." And he will send
them immediately.' ⁴ This
took place to fulfil what had
been spoken through the
prophet, saying,
⁵ '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.'

⁶ The disciples went and
did as Jesus had directed
them; ⁷ they brought the
donkey and the colt, and
put their cloaks on them,
and he sat on them. ⁸ A
very large crowd spread
their cloaks on the road,
and others cut branches
from the trees and spread
them on the road. ⁹ 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!'

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

PSALM

Psalm 118.1-2,19-29
A Song of Victory

¹ O give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his steadfast love
endures for ever!
² Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love
endures for ever.'
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of
righteousness,
that I may enter through
them
and give thanks to
the Lord.
²⁰ This is the gate of
the Lord;
the righteous shall enter
through it.
²¹ I thank you that you have
answered me
and have become my
salvation.
²² The stone that the

builders rejected
has become the chief
cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our
eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that
the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad
in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech
you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you,
give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of
the Lord.

We bless you from the
house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has given us
light.

Bind the festal procession
with branches,
up to the horns of the
altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I
will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will
extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to
the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love
endures for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in
taking the form of a
servant,
and in obedience died on
the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow
you
and to proclaim you as
Lord and King,
to the glory of God the
Father.

