Today's Readings 24th March 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.

Liturgy of the Palms:

FIRST READING

John 12.12-16 The next day the

great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ So. they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him. shouting. 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 15 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is

coming,

sitting on a donkey's colt!'

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

PSALM

118.1-2,19-24

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.

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.