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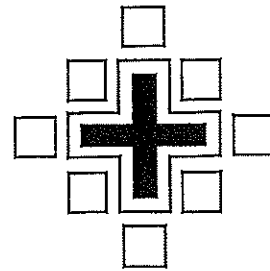
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Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

April 13, 2025



INTROIT *Ps. 24:7-10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,*
thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,*

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.

He sent redemption to his | people;*

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

DAILY READINGS

April 13: Ex. 8:1-32; Heb. 1:1-14; 14: Ex. 9:1-28; Heb. 2:1-18; 15: Ex. 9:29-10:20; Heb. 3:1-19;
16: Ex. 10:21-11:10; Heb. 4:1-16; 17: Ex. 12:1-28; Heb. 5:1-14; 18: Ex. 12:29-32; 13:1-16; Heb. 6:1-20;
19: Ex. 13:17-14:9; Heb. 7:1-22.

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Old Testament Reading:
Deuteronomy 32:36-39

³⁶The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.
³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!
³⁹"See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in
Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did
not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but
made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being
born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human
form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the
point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has
highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is
above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the
earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:1-56

¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought
him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying,
"We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding
us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is
Christ, a king." ³And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King
of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so."
⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find
no guilt in this man." ⁵But they were urgent, saying, "He
stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from
Galilee even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man
was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged
to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who
was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw
Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him,
because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see
some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some
length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the
scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod
with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked
him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him
back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends
with each other that very day, for before this they had been
at enmity with each other.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the
rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me
this man as one who was misleading the people. And after
examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man
guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did
Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving
death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and
release him."

¹⁸But they all cried out together, "Away with this
man, and release to us Barabbas"—^{19a}a man who had
been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in
the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once
more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting,
"Crucify, crucify him!" ²²A third time he said to them,
"Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt
deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him."
²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he
should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate
decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released
the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection
and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus
over to their will.

²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of
Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid
on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there
followed him a great multitude of the people and of
women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But
turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do
not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your
children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they
will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never
bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will
begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills,
'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is
green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be
put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place
that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the
criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus
said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they
do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the
people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him,
saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is
the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also
mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and
saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King
of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him,
saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"
⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God,
since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?
⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due
reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."
⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into
your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness
over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's
light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father,
into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said
this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw
what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly
this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had
assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had
taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all
his acquaintances and the women who had followed him
from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. . . .