

APRIL 5, 2020 PALM SUNDAY

GOD CALLS US

Call to Worship

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

99 The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

☩ VERSICLE

☩ Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

⌞ RESPONSE

⌞ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Salutation

PHILIPPIANS 1

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

ALL HYMNS
SELECTED FROM
THE TRINITY
PSALTER HYMNAL

#325 ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

THIS LITURGY IS SUITABLE FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS AND SMALL GATHERINGS. IF GATHERED TOGETHER, ONE OFFICIANT SHOULD BE DESIGNATED TO READ ALL NON-EMBOLDENED TEXT (SUCH AS SCRIPTURE PASSAGES) AND TO TAKE THE ROLE OF THE VERSICLE, DESIGNATED BY THE ☩ SYMBOL. SECTIONS LABELED WITH THE ⌞ SYMBOL ARE INTENDED TO BE READ ALOUD BY ALL. ALL OTHER READINGS IN BOLD FONT SHOULD BE READ IN UNISON AS NOTED.

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Confession of Sin

☩ **VERSICLE** ☩ We, poor sinners confess to you Almighty God and Merciful Father that we
☩ **RESPONSE** have sinned against you and your commandments in many ways.

☩ **Lord have mercy upon us.**

☩ We confess that we have not believed in you our God and Father, but have put our trust in creatures more than in you our God and Creator, because we have feared them more than you and for their benefit and pleasure we have done and left undone many things in disobedience to you and your commandments.

☩ **Christ have mercy upon us.**

☩ We confess that we have taken your holy name in vain. We have not always professed it or kept it holy, as we ought, but even more we have slandered it often and grossly with our life, words, and deeds.

☩ **Lord have mercy upon us.**

☩ We confess that we have not kept your Sabbath holy, that we have not heard your holy word with earnestness, nor lived according to the same. Moreover, we have not yielded ourselves fully to your divine hand nor rejoiced in your work done in us and in others, but have often grumbled against it and have been impatient.

☩ **Christ have mercy upon us.**

☩ We confess that we have not honored our fathers and mothers, that we have been disobedient to all who we justly owe obedience, such as father and mother, our superiors, and all who have tried to guide and teach us faithfully.

☩ **Lord have mercy upon us.**

☩ We confess that we have taken life, that we have offended our neighbor often and grossly by word and deed, caused him harm, grown angry over him, borne hatred and envy toward him and deprived him of the honor due him.

☩ **Christ have mercy upon us.**

☩ We confess that we have been unchaste. We acknowledge all our sins of the flesh and confess all our excess in eating and drinking, as well as our intemperance in seeing, hearing and speaking.

☩ **Lord have mercy upon us.**

☩ We confess that we have stolen, we acknowledge our greed. We admit that in the use of our worldly goods that we have set ourselves against you and your holy laws. Greedily, and against charity, have we grasped our possessions and scarcely if at all have we given them to those in need.

☩ **Christ have mercy upon us.**

☩ We confess that we have borne false witness, that we have been untrue and unfaithful toward our neighbors, we have lied to them, we have told lies about them, we have failed to defend their honor and reputation as our own.

☩ **Lord have mercy upon us.**

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☩ **VERSICLE** ☩ We confess that we have coveted the possessions and spouses of others;
☩ **RESPONSE** We acknowledge in summary that our whole life has been filled with sin and transgression against your holy commandments.

☩ **Christ have mercy upon us.**

☩ Therefore, we beseech you heavenly Father, that you would graciously forgive us these and all our sins. Keep and preserve us henceforth that we may walk only in your way and live according to your will. All of this through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Savior, we pray.

☩ **Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy and incline our hearts to keep your law, for in Christ name we pray. Amen.**

Words of Comfort

PSALM 130

- ³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
- ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.
- ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
- ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
- ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
- ⁸ And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Hymn of Assurance

#351 HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

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Old Testament Reading

ZECHARIAH 9

- ⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.
- ¹³ For I have bent Judah as my bow;
I have made Ephraim its arrow.
I will stir up your sons, O Zion,
against your sons, O Greece,
and wield you like a warrior's sword.

☩ VERSICLE ☩ The Word of the Lord!

☩ RESPONSE ☩ Thanks be to God!

Psalm of Preparation

#118A (VERSES 1-4)

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New Testament Reading

LUKE 19:28-40

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called

Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat.

Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.' " ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its

owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks

on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount

of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed

is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very

stones would cry out."

℣ VERSICLE

℣ The Word of the Lord!

℟ RESPONSE

℟ Thanks be to God!

THIS WEEK'S

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SERMONAUDIO

(AUDIO ONLY).

Homily

REV. JESSE PIRSCHHEL

Hymn of Response

#379 ALLELUIA AMEN

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Confession of Faith

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

∞ We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

∞ That it may please thee to illumine all ministers, elders, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

∞ That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

∞ That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

∞ That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

∞ That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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℣ That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

℣ VERSICLE

℞ RESPONSE

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

℣ That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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Ÿ That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Ÿ That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Ÿ That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

℞ We beesech thee to hear us, good Lord, praying now even as Christ has taught us

IN UNISON

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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Departing Words of Comfort

2 THESSALONIANS 3

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. the Lord be with all of you.



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