

Readings for 5th April 2020 – Palm Sunday

A reading from Isaiah chapter 50 beginning at verse 3 [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.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
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.

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;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 118.1-2,19-29

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.
2. **Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.**
19. Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
20. **This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.**
21. I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.
22. **The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.**

23. This is the Lord's doing:
and 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. O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.
26. **Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.**
27. The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.
28. **You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.**
29. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [21.1-11]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When they had come near Jerusalem
and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, 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.
If anyone says anything to you, just say this,
"The Lord needs them."
And he will send them immediately.'

This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
'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.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;
they brought the donkey and the colt,
and put their cloaks on them,
and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,
and others cut branches from the trees
and spread them on the road.

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!'

When he entered Jerusalem,
the whole city was in turmoil, asking,
'Who is this?'

The crowds were saying,
'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.