

Readings for 28th March 2021 – PALM SUNDAY

A reading from Isaiah chapter 50 beginning at verse 4. [50.4-9a]

⁴ 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.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹ 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 to 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.

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians chapter 2 beginning at verse 5. [2.5-11]

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark chapter 11 beginning at verse 1. [11.1-11]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

1 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples
²and said to them,
'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it,
you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden;
untie it and bring it.
³If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this,
"The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." '
⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.
As they were untying it,
⁵some of the bystanders said to them,
'What are you doing, untying the colt?'
⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.
⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it;
and he sat on it.
⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.
⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'
¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple;
and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late,
he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.