

### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the  
human race sent your Son our Saviour  
Jesus Christ

to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example

of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his  
resurrection;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### LITURGY OF THE PALMS

#### GOSPEL

Either **Mark 11:1-11**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.*

When Jesus and his disciples were  
approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage  
and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,  
Jesus sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says  
to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say  
this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back  
here immediately.'" They went away and  
found a colt tied near a door, outside in the  
street. As they were untying it, some of the  
bystanders said to them, "What are you  
doing, untying the colt?" They told them  
what Jesus had said; and they allowed  
them to take it. Then they brought the  
colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it;  
and he sat on it. Many people spread their  
cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy  
branches that they had cut in the fields.  
Then those who went ahead and those who  
followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed  
is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of  
our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest  
heaven!" 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.

Or **John 12:12-16**

**PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 19-end**  
(or **118:19-end**)

**R** *This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it. **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you have  
answered me  
and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.  
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R**

The Lord is God; he has given us light;  
link the pilgrims with cords  
right to the horns of the altar.  
You are my God and I will thank you;  
you are my God and I will exalt you.  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

### LITURGY OF THE PASSION

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

*A reading from the book of the prophet  
Isaiah.*

The servant of the LORD said: 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?

#### PSALM Psalm 31:9-16 (or 31:9-18)

**R** *Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord  
God of truth.*

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
my soul and my body also.  
For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of my affliction,  
and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my  
enemies  
and even to my neighbours,

an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street they flee  
from me. **R**

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of  
mind;

I have become like a broken vessel.  
For I have heard the whispering of the  
crowd;

fear is on every side;  
they scheme together against me,  
and plot to take my life. **R**

But my trust is in you, O Lord.  
I have said, "You are my God.  
My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.  
Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and save me from your mercy's sake." **R**

Lord, let me not be confounded  
for I have called upon you;  
but let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them be silent in the grave.  
Let the lying lips be put to silence  
that speak against the righteous  
with arrogance, disdain and contempt. **R**

#### SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Philippians.*

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

#### PASSION

Either **Mark 14:1 – end of 15**

Or **Mark 15:1-39 [40-end]**

#### POST COMMUNION

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.

