

## **Readings for March 24, 2024**

### **Palm Sunday**

#### **Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>The disciples told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming dominion of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus 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.

## First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>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 the Lord GOD wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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;  
<sup>8</sup>the one who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

## Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

*Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I <sup>l</sup> am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat <sup>l</sup> and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my <sup>l</sup> years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones <sup>l</sup> are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to <sup>l</sup> my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street <sup>l</sup> they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>l</sup> out of mind;  
I am as useless as a <sup>l</sup> broken pot. R**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>l</sup> all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>l</sup> take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>l</sup> you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You <sup>l</sup> are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>l</sup> in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>l</sup> persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- <sup>l</sup> on your servant;  
save me in your <sup>l</sup> steadfast love." R**

## **Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, although being in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but relinquished it all,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God, the Father.