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Liturgy of the Palms

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“Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.” ~ Joel 2:13

Welcome to St. James! “Every person is welcome at God’s Table”—this is what we say every Sunday morning, and we truly mean it. It guides our lives and our ministries here at St. James, Kent. Whoever you are—whatever your story, your circumstances, your hopes, and your gifts—you are truly and completely welcome with us.

Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This / The Love of God
Arr. Halberg

James Jelasic, Piano

Opening Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus



Opening

Presider: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Confitemini Domino

The Celebrant and People read responsively

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

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

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

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

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

23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.



Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples 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 fulfill 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."

The Celebrant then says the following blessing:

Celebrant : The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

The Palm branches are now blessed by the Celebrant:

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Processional Hymn

The King of Glory

Chorus:

The King of Glory comes! The nation rejoices!
Open the gates before Him! Lift up your voices!

Verse 1:

Who is the King of Glory? How shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel. The promised of ages.

Verse 2:

In all of Galilee in city or village
He goes among the people curing their illness.

We pause and proclaim:

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen!

Verse 4:

Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and Brother.
In all of Galilee was never another.

Chorus:

The King of Glory comes! The nation rejoices!
Open the gates before Him! Lift up your voices!

Stop for the final blessing:

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.**





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