

SAINT MARTIN'S CHURCH
THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS
APRIL 5, 2020

Welcome to this service of the worship of God. This is an abbreviated liturgy in this time when we are not able to worship in person on account of care for the health of one another in this time of Covid-19. Please do not hesitate to contact us at stmartinschurchnj@gmail.com or rectorstmartinsnj@gmail.com

Music as We Gather

Tolling of the Bell 33 Times

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
People *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

Officiant Let us pray together.

All *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.*

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. 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 forever. *Amen.*

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 154, All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring..

Stanza 1: Thou art the king of Israel, thou David's royal Son.
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

Stanza 5: Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

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.*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

2 Let Israel now pro/claim, *
"His mercy endures for/ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my /song,*
and he has become my sal/vation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and /victory*

- in the tents of the /righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the Lord has /triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has /triumphed!
- 17 I shall not die, but /live, *
and declare the works of the /Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me /sorely, *
But he did not hand me over to /death.
- 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 sal/vation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders re/jected *
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.

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Homily

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops: Justin of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop and Chip our diocesan; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. During this time of global illness, we especially pray for those who have this virus and all those who care for them in any way and for the anxiety of society. May we care for one another even as Jesus cared for all. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Please offer your own intercessions for others at this time.

Silence

Please offer your thanksgivings at this time, counting your many blessings, naming them one by one.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, giving thanks for this parish of St. Martin's and our fellowship within it. We pray for the day we may all be reunited to share the Holy Eucharist together and that we remain steadfast in faith and prayer until that day. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Officiant adds a concluding collect.

Lord, even when we are separated from one another physically, we give thanks that we are one body with you in prayer. Receive the

prayers we have offered on this day and grant us the gift of your Spirit as we move into this holy week in your name. *Amen.*

During this unusual time, we refrain from offering the Sacrament of the Eucharist as a way of caring for the world.

The Peace

Officiant The Peace of God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Blessing

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. The blessing of God be upon you + and go with you with. *Amen.*

Hymn 156, *Ride on! ride on in majesty!*

Stanza 1: Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Stanza 5: Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Dismissal

Officiant Into this new week we go as Christ's Body!

People *Thanks be to God.*