

PALM SUNDAY

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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4-9a

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 awakens—
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?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 21

Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me:
they curl their lips, they toss their heads.
"He trusted in the Lord, let him save him:
let him release him if this is his friend." R.
2. Many dogs have surrounded me:
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet:
I can count every one of my bones. R.

3. They divide my clothing among them:
they cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone:
my strength, make haste to help me! R.
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled:
"You who fear the Lord give him praise.
All sons of Jacob, give him glory:
revere him, Israel's sons." R.

SECOND READING Philippians 2.5-11

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory.
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death;
death on a cross.
But God raised him high;
and gave him a name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory.*

GOSPEL Matthew 26.14-27.66

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.

