

SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY 2020

For use at home during the Coronavirus pandemic

The 'Reader' may be the most senior person present – e.g. a parent or grandparent, according to the situation – or simply the most confident reader or singer. The parts marked for the 'Choir' can be read or sung by everyone together, or by one person alone. Music for some parts may be found on the website: www.orthodoxcommunityrugby.com/choir/ If no one present is a confident singer, the service can be chanted on one note, or simply read. You may prefer to use parts of the service in your own language. If so, please make sure that the prayers are read from an Orthodox prayer book or service book.

Before the Service

If possible, the Service should be said in front of the household icons – e.g. in the family icon corner. If practical, and if they are available, a Cross and a Book of the Gospels (or a copy of New Testament, or a Bible) should be placed on a table in front of the icons. A lamp or candle, and incense, if available, should be lit before the Service begins.

Reader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

FIRST ANTIPHON

Choir: I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!
Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!
I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Choir: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

SECOND ANTIPHON

Choir: I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."
O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!
What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me?
O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!
I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord.
O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.
O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THIRD ANTIPHON

Reader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

The Choir sings the Troparion of Palm Sunday [Music on website]

Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:
"Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

Reader: Let the House of Israel say: For He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Choir: Troparion "By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion ..."

Reader: Let the house of Aaron say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Choir: Troparion “By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion ...”

Reader: Let all those who fear the Lord say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Choir: Troparion “By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion ...”

ENTRANCE HYMN

Reader: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

Choir: O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, seated on an ass’s foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

Troparion of Palm Sunday in Tone 1 (as before) [Music on website]

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion ...

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Second Troparion of Palm Sunday in Tone 4 [Music on website]

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection.

Now we praise Thee and sing:

“Hosanna in the highest!//

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of Palm Sunday in Tone 6 [Music on website]

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God!

Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing://

“Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!”

Reader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

THE TRISAGION

Choir: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x 3)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

PROKEIMENON

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone.

Reader: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

Choir: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

Reader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Choir: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

Reader: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Choir: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

EPISTLE

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians [Philippians 4:4-9]

Ye Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

ALLELUIA

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvellous things!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

All stand for the reading of the Gospel. In these exceptional circumstances, the Gospel may be read by the most senior person present – e.g. a parent or grandparent – according to the situation.

Reader: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John [12:1-18]

Choir: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Reader: Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at

first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Choir: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Instead of the AUGMENTED LITANY, the Choir sings:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER TO THE LORD OF HOSTS

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. *(All make a deep reverence)*

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. *(Reverence)*

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. *(Reverence)*

The heavenly choir sings to Thee, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Come unto Him and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir sings to Thee, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The choir of holy Angels and Archangels, with all the Powers of heaven, sing Thy praises and do cry: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE CREED (SYMBOL OF FAITH)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

In One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Reader: O God, remit, pardon and forgive our sins, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether by words or deeds, whether in knowledge or ignorance, whether by day or night, whether in mind or thought; forgive us all these, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Reader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

All-holy Trinity, Mighty one in essence, Kingdom undivided, origin of all good things, be graciously inclined also to me, a sinner. Establish me; give understanding to my heart, and purge away all my vileness. Enlighten my mind, that I may glorify, sing praises, and adore Thee, and say:

Choir: One is Holy,/ One is the Lord, Jesus Christ,/ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Choir: Blessed be the Name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore.

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Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PSALM 33

Reader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to Him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in Him! O fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What

man is there who desires life, and covets many days, that he may enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and his ears toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He kept all his bones; not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

THE ZADOSTOYNIK

Choir:

God is the Lord and hath appeared to us; [Music on website]
let us keep the feast together.
Come, and with great rejoicing
let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, and let us cry aloud:
“Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord our Saviour!”

THE DISMISSAL

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Bless, O Lord.

Reader: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Who deigned to sit upon the foal of an ass for our salvation, through the intercessions of Thy most pure Mother; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honourable bodiless powers of heaven; at the supplications of our Holy, Venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of our Father among the Saints, Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Patron and Protector of this Community, and of all Thy saints, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

All kiss the Gospel Book (or New Testament, or Bible) and the Cross placed on the table. When all have done so, the reader or choir sings slowly:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.