

**THE PROCESSION OR SOLEMN ENTRANCE**

**ANTIPHON**

*Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
the King of Israel.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

**ANTIPHON** as the procession enters the church

*As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.*

*When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him. Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.*

**THE SIMPLE ENTRANCE**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him;  
in their hands they carried palm branches  
and with a loud voice cried out:  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!  
O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!  
Who is this king of glory?  
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow  
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,  
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering  
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** 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 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**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 the name which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.*

**GOSPEL** Mark 14:1 – 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,  
may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,  
so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,  
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,  
we may feel already the effects of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, just as through the death of your Son  
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,  
so by his Resurrection  
you may lead us to where you call.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**