

Palm Sunday March 24 2024 Zoom LICCF 10 AM MDT

CCL Notes: The Comprehensive Catholic Lectionary (CCL) elects to preserve the narrative order of the events of Holy Week. As a result, the reading of the Passion is reserved for Good Friday.

The First Reading from 1 Kings illustrates the importance of Bathsheba in the Messianic line. It also captures the ancient ritual of anointing a new ruler (hence the word, Messiah, which means anointed one in Hebrew) including the joyful procession through the streets to the Temple. The CCL follows the canonical Second Reading. The passage in Paul's letter to the Philippians was a psalm, a hymn, of the early church describing in what way Jesus is the anointed one. The Gospel describes Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, depicting it in words and images borrowed from Psalm 118.

I Kings 1:28-30, 32-35, 38-40; Psalm 25 (seasonal); Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 11:1-11

WELCOME & NOTES

We invite you to unmute for spoken responses; to sing, but stay muted while singing.

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Oki. Welcome. This is Palm Sunday which marks Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, *Village of Peace* and the start of Holy Week. Please have a palm, branch, bit of green with you or pussy willows and a shallow bowl of water.

Following the CCL notes, we save the reading of the passion for Good Friday. The NT translation is the *FNV*.

We invite your prayers in the chat.

V1 TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BLESSING OF PALMS

V2: All Loving God, the Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and Royalty with palm branches in their hands, crying "Hosanna in the highest". Bless these branches and make them holy. (*dip your branch into the water*). May we also, who carry them forth on this day singing "Hosanna in the Highest" and "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God/de", acclaim Jesus as Chosen One and follow in the way of the gospel that leads ourselves and others to healing and justice. Amen.

OPENING SONG We wave our palms (with an option to get up and move).

"Holy Hosanna! A Sanctus" Richard Bruxwoort Colligan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFR5opb0f2k>

GREETING

P: We light a candle to welcome Christ in our midst aware of our own light within.

Sign of the Cross: In the Name of Creator, of Jesus the Christ and of the Holy Spirit who dwells in our midst. **Amen.**

May God/de's Love be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS jan.richardson.com

V3: This blessing / can be heard coming / from a long way off.

This blessing / is making / its steady way / up the road / toward you.

ALL: This blessing cannot be turned back.

This blessing / blooms in the throats of women, / spring from the hearts of men, / tumbles out of the mouths of children.

ALL: This blessing cannot be turned back.

This blessing / is stitched into / the seams / of the cloaks
that line the road, / etched into / the branches / that trace the path, / echoes in
the breathing / of the willing colt, / the click / of the donkey's hoof
against the stones.

ALL: This blessing cannot be turned back. Hosanna!

QUIET MEDITATION “In this Quiet Place” The Many
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm5f02Th-ho>

OPENING PRAYER jan.richardson.com

P: Something is rising / beneath this blessing. / Something will try / to drown it out.
But this blessing / cannot be turned back, / cannot be made / to still its voice, cannot cease / to
sing its praise / of the One who comes / along the way / it makes.

May we open to this blessing of heartfelt hosannas this day.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING (I Kings 1:28-30, 32-35, 38-40)

V4: A Reading from the First Book of Kings

David, the King of Israel, called for Bathsheba, his wife. David had killed Bathsheba's husband so that he could take her as his own wife. Bathsheba came to David and stood before him. David swore an oath before her, saying, “As God lives, [Godde] Who has saved my life from every adversity, and as I swore to *you* by the Holy One of Israel, your son Solomon shall succeed me as ruler. He shall sit on my throne in my place. This, I will do today.”

David then said, “Summon to me the priest and the prophet, Nathan....” When they came, David said: “Take with you some of my servants. Have Bathsheba's son, Solomon, ride on my own mule to the river. Let the priest and the prophet anoint him ruler of Israel. Blow the trumpet, and say, ‘Long live Solomon!’ Then, follow him up to the city. Let him enter and sit on my throne. He shall rule in my place. I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.”

So, the priest, the prophet, and the dignitaries had Solomon ride on David's mule and led him to the river. There the priest took oil and anointed Solomon. They blew the trumpet, and all the people cried, “Long live Solomon!” All the people went up to the city following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

The Word of an Ancient Historian.

ALL: Thanks be to God/de.

PSALM 25 “I Lay Open” in *Trust* text and music by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
<https://www.psalmmersion.com/psalm-25>

I lay open my whole life to you,
trusting you, O Holy One. Oh-oh. Oh, oh, oh.

We lay open our whole lives to you,

trusting you, O Holy One. Oh-oh. Oh, oh, oh.

SECOND READING (Philippians 2:5-11)

V5: A Reading from *Small Man* Paul's letter to the Philippians, *Village of Horses, First Nations Version*

Think about yourselves in the same way Jesus, *Creator Sets Free*, the Chosen One, thought about himself.

Even though *Creator Sets Free* has always been the same as the Great Spirit and shared everything equally with [the Divine One], he did not even think of holding on to this in a selfish way.

Instead, he emptied himself, became nothing, and gave up all he had. Then, having been born as a human being, he took on himself the lowly form of a servant.

As a True Human Being, he lowered himself even more by following the guidance of the Great Spirit, even when death was waiting for him at the end of the trail, death on a tree-pole—the cross!

Because *Creator Sets Free* did this, the Great Spirit gave him an honoured place above all others and bestowed on him a name greater than all other names, so that all who live in the spirit-world above, on the earth below, and underneath the earth will bow their knee to *Creator Sets Free* in honour of his name. Then everyone, in their native language, will shout out loud that *Creator Sets Free*, the Chosen One, is Grand Chief *over all the earth*. This will bring honour and praise to the Holy One, the Great Spirit.

A Hymn of the Early Church quoted by *Small Man*, Paul.

ALL: Thanks be to God/de.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Glory to you, Word of God/de, Adonai Jesus Christ.** The Chosen One became obedient for us to death, even death **on** a Cross. Therefore, Creator exalted him and gave him the name above every name. **Glory to you, Word of God/de, Adonai Jesus Christ.** Dan Schutte “Mass of Christ the Saviour”

GOSPEL (Mark 11:1-11)

V6: May God's love be with you.

All: And also with you.

A Reading from the Good Story attributed to Mark, *War Club (or Hammer), First Nations Version*

+ Glory to You, O Godde.

Creator Sets Free (Jesus) and his followers came to the foot of the Mount of Olives at *House of Figs*, Bethany, and *House of Unripe Figs*, Bethphage, near Jerusalem. From there he sent out two of his followers.

“Go on into the village just ahead of us,” he instructed them. “Right when you enter the village, you will see a donkey colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say to them, ‘Our Wisdomkeeper is in need of this donkey and will soon return it.’”

His followers went where they were told, found a colt tied by a gate near the village pathway, and untied it. Some of the people standing nearby said to them, “What are you doing untying that colt?”

They answered them just as their Wisdomkeeper had instructed, so they were permitted to go. They brought the young donkey to *Creator Sets Free* and laid their deer skins and Pendleton blankets on the colt, and then he sat down upon it.

A crowd gathered around, and some of them laid their buffalo robes on the road, while others spread out branches with large leaves they had cut from the fields. The people encircled him, front and back.

“Hosanna! Set us free!” they shouted. “Blessed is the one who comes representing the Great Spirit! The good road of our ancestor David, *Much Loved One*, has arrived! Hosanna to the *One Above Us All!*”

Creator Sets Free rode into Jerusalem until he came to the sacred lodge. He went into the lodge and looked around at everything—then he left. It was time for the sun to set, so he returned to *House of Figs* along with his twelve followers, to the place where they were staying.

The Good Story of Creator.

ALL: Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.

Homily / Breakout Rooms Q: What struck you in today’s readings, songs, images? OR When have you been asked to or chosen to prepare a way for someone or for a special event? How was that experience for you? OR Any significant moments during your Lenten preparation for Easter thus far or proposed for this week?

Meditation / We Experience; We Believe

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Let us open our hearts to the needs of the world, to the welcoming voice of Christ, and to humbly walk the road of compassion.

V6: Our Response is **Christ in whom we trust, journey with us.**

ALL: Christ in whom we trust, journey with us.

That we respond in generous ways to those in need of food, water, shelter and friendship, we pray,

ALL: Christ in whom we trust, journey with us.

For all Indigenous peoples whose welcome was exploited, that their wisdom be listened to and their relationship with the earth and earth’s creatures be respected and embraced, we pray,

ALL: Christ in whom we trust, journey with us.

For upcoming elections and for governments in power, that those elected will honour the earth, and be open to equality with LGBTQ2+, people of colour, and newcomers to their respective countries, we pray, **ALL: Christ in whom we trust, journey with us.**

For the sick, those who have less than adequate care, those who are wounded in war and those living with uncertainty about their illness, with a special mention for Pat Lenon, founding member of LICCF, we pray,

ALL: Christ in whom we trust, journey with us.

For the celebration of Easter this year to go beyond needing “to be right” as Christians, that we more and more open our hearts to the Cosmic Christ alive in everyone and all Creation, we pray,

ALL: Christ in whom we trust, journey with us.

We lift the prayers of our hearts and those in the chat in silence (*pause and count to 20*), we pray,

ALL: Christ in whom we trust, journey with us.

P: When our journey is unclear or difficult, show us the path of humility and celebration that transformation may take place in hearts hardened by pain, loneliness, and destructive ideologies.
Amen.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

P: We bring our gifts of bread and wine before you, O Holy One. (*Lifting the bread and wine*)
Fruit of the earth and work of human hands, may they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus, one who bears a name greater than all names.

ALL: Blessed be God/de forever.

INVITATION TO EUCHARIST

P: May the Love of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

P: We lift up our hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to Christ Jesus.

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Holy One.

ALL: It is right and just to praise Creator along life’s path.

V7: It is truly right and just to act with love as we journey with you into Holy Week. In these coming days marked by sacred ritual of remembering with palms, words, water, fire, and Eucharist, may we come to understand more deeply our mission for love of others and justice for the earth, wildlife, plants, and water.

V8: Teach us ways of restoration with mother earth and in relationships with all creatures, including people whose cultures and ways of thinking are different from our own, so that with all Creation—mountains, rivers, trees and moss, buffalo and porcupine, chickadee, housefly, trout and turtle, and all who have gone before us—ancestors, angels and saints—we can open our hearts to acclaim your unfailing love as we sing this ancient hymn of praise:

HOLY, Hosanna! A Sanctus Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFR5opb0f2k>

V9: “Where we are betwixt and between the familiar and the completely unknown, there alone is our old world left behind, while we are not yet sure of the new existence. That is a good space, [a liminal space] where genuine newness can begin. ... The threshold is God’s waiting room. Here, we are taught openness and patience as we come to expect an appointment with the Divine [Healer],” an encounter of love and acceptance at the holy table of communion. ~ quote: Richard Rohr (adapted)

P: (*Extend hands over the gifts*) Pour out your Spirit anew upon the gifts of our table, and upon us, as we surrender ourselves to become, like these gifts, ever more truly the presence + of Christ in our world.

(*Lift bread together*)

ALL: After his entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus of Nazareth gathered at table with friends and followers.

He took bread, blessed, and broke it and said to them all:

Take and eat. This is my body. Do this and remember me.

(*Reverent pause*)

(*Lift cup together*)

ALL: After the meal, Jesus poured a cup of wine and shared it with his friends, saying:

This is the cup of the covenant of my love.

As often as you drink of it, remember me.

(*Reverent Pause and Bow*)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: (sung while muted) **When we eat this bread and drink this cup**

We proclaim your death O God, until you come again.

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V10: God of carefully chosen words, / God of unfinished truth telling:

be with us / as we do the work of talking with ourselves.

Before we go out / to address a conflict / or offer peace, or seek reconciliation, may we engage / in an inner conversation / of challenge and honesty,

deep in a private humanity / we discover we share. (Pádraig Ó Tuama, *What Were You Arguing About Along the Way?*)

P: We remember with your promise of new life in the resurrection, those who have died, especially (*remember names of those who have died*) _____.

ALL: (Sung together while muted):

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, Abwoon D’Bwashmaya* in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, forever and ever. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

P: (*Please remain muted as*) We join with one voice in the Prayer Jesus taught us:

PRAYER OF JESUS (Juleta Severson-Baker in *Every Word Spoken: "The Lord's Prayer Revised"*)

V11: In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
And what is broken in our lives be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days / may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and always will be,
our source,
our end, our souls' delight.

ALL: Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

P: Christ's message to his followers was "peace be with you."
Let us exchange words and gestures of peace with one another.
(*Unmute to Exchange Signs and Words of Peace*)

LAMB OF GOD

(*During the Breaking of Bread sung muted*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flJp0Y2na6c>

TECH: Play just to 1:45 minutes.

P: Christ Sophia, you call us to the abundance of peace, justice, and hope for all.
Blessed are we to be called to this table.

**ALL: Christ Jesus, you make us worthy to receive you
and by your word, we are healed.**

P: Be who you are.

ALL: Amen.

(*We eat and drink together*)

COMMUNION HYMN:

"Come as You Are" The Many

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLQsfto8LyE>

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Circle of Grace* www.janrichardson.com "Blessed is the One"

V12 Blessed is the One / who comes to us / by the way of love / poured out with abandon.
Blessed is the One / who walks toward us / by the way of grace / that holds us fast.
Blessed is the One / who calls us to follow / in the way of blessing, / in the path of joy.

ALL: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tomorrow night AGM 7 pm Mountain <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87824757603> **JOIN US!**

Triduum with MMICC Request **ZOOM links & worship aids** from mmiccRegina@gmail.com
Holy Thursday 6 PM CST (Regina, SK); Good Friday 2 PM CST; Holy Saturday 6 PM CST

Easter Sunday St. Brigid (Calgary stbyyc@gmail.com) 10 AM MDT

Easter Sunday LICCF in person option: Sunrise service and breakfast at Martha Retreat Centre

7:15 AM \$25 Please register to attend Martha Centre: <https://www.martharetreatcentre.ca/event-details/easter-sunrise-service-and-breakfast-3>

LICCF **April 7** Zoom 10 AM Easter Octave Celebration

CLOSING PRAYER

V13: “When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.”

Jesus, / You sometimes left / so that people could face themselves.

May we face our selves, / in the wilderness and the world,

and recognize the forces that drive us, / so that they do not always drive / us. (Pádraig Ó Tuama)

FINAL BLESSING

P: (Blessing) Prayer for Unity *by Br. David Steindl-Rast*

You, the one

From whom on different paths

All of us have come.

To whom on different paths

All of us are going.

Make strong in our hearts what unites us.

Build bridges across all that divides us;

United make us rejoice in our diversity.

At one in our witness to your peace,

A rainbow of your glory.

Bless us in your name, Eternal Word, one with the Source of all Being and the Holy Spirit for all ages that we may walk this week in humility & loving kindness, awake to injustice. Amen.

CLOSING SONG “Two Processions Entering Jerusalem” *Amanda Udis-Kessler*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qp51womEqRE&t=87s>

VISITING TIME