

# Readings for Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*(from New International Version bible)*

## Psalm 118:1,2,19-29

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; <sup>23</sup> the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. <sup>25</sup> Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. <sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. <sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

## A reading from Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# A reading from the Gospel of Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" <sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."