

**April 1st 2023**

## **First reading**

### **Zechariah 9.9-11**

**9** Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**10** I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**11** As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

### **Psalm**

### **Psalm 118.19-29**

**19** Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

**20** This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

**21** I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

**22** The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

**23** the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**24** The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

**25** LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

**26** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.

**27** 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.

**28** You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**29** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

## **Second reading**

### **Philippians 2.5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **Gospel**

## **Matthew 21.1-11**

**1** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,

**2** saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.

**3** If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

**4** This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

**5** “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

**6** The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.

**7** They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.

**8** A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

**9** The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

**10** When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

**11** The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”