

Blessing of Palm

Sunday April 1st, 2007

9:15 am

with the

***Canton Community of
Christian Congregations***



***St. Brigid Catholic Church
St. Casimir Catholic Church
Messiah Lutheran Church
St. Sebastian Community
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O'Donnell Square, 2007

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indicates worship leader

indicates voice of the people

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (repeated 3x)

*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.*

*For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.*

*"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD
and who can stand in his holy place?"*

*"Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being,*

nor do they pledge by what is false.

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD

and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him,

of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethpage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it."

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along,

people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

*"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"*

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Lord be with you: and also with you. Let us pray:

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the whole world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches of palm along his way. Bless these branches and all who lift them in praise of Christ. Give us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection we may enter fully into life with you. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives with you and the Spirit, our God forever. Amen

*Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.*

"Who is this King of glory?"

**"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!"**

*Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.*

"Who is this King of glory?"

"Truly the LORD of hosts is the King of glory."

Let us go forth in peace; in the name of Christ. Amen.

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