

Narrative Lectionary
March 25, 2018
Palm/Passion Sunday

John 12: 12-27

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD— the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸ It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹ The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say -- 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour."

John 19: 16b-22

¹⁶ So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."



Psalm 24

*Entrance into the Temple of David.
A Psalm.*

¹ *The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;*

² *For he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.*

³ *Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?*

⁴ *Those who have clean hands and
pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what
is false,*

⁵ *They will receive blessings from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of our
salvation.*

⁶ *Such is the company of those who
seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.*

⁷ *Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.*

⁸ *Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, Mighty in battle.*

⁹ *Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.*

¹⁰ *Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.*

