

**Readings for The Path, Chapter 19**  
**Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020**

*These lessons and collects are in the order in which they are read during the service of Morning Prayer*

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**Psalm 118:19-29**

- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
    I will enter them;  
    I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
20 “This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
    he who is righteous may enter.”  
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
    and have become my salvation.  
22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
    has become the chief cornerstone.  
23 This is the Lord’s doing, \*  
    and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
    we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
    Lord, send us now success.  
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
    we bless you from the house of the Lord.  
27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
    form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.  
28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
    you are my God, and I will exalt you.”  
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
    his mercy endures for ever.

**Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled

himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Collect for the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

—*The Book of Common Prayer, p.219*