

BIBLE READINGS - April 2, 2023
Revised Standard Version

Psalm 118:1-2

A Song of Victory

118 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank thee that thou hast answered me and hast become my salvation.

²² The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech thee, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech thee, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed be he who enters in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee; thou art my God, I will extol thee.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever!

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."