

BRIEF ORDER FOR WORSHIP
APRIL 5, 2020
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD—PALM SUNDAY

Gathering

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, in Your endless love, you sent Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to suffer death on a cross. In Your mercy, enable us to share in His obedience to Your Will, and in the victory of His glorious resurrection. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word [Read from your Bible at home]

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16 [see below]; Philippians 2:5-11, and Matthew 27:11-54

Psalm 31:9-16

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. ¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹² I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many-- terror on every side!-- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! ¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

A REFLECTION ON THE SEVEN WORDS OF CHRIST. [see attached file]

The Prayers of the Church for April 5, 2020. [see attached file]

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer is prayed by all.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.