

## A Scripture Reading for Three Voices

*Palm Sunday 2014 Lectionary Readings:*

*Matthew 21:1-11 (Reader 1)*

*Philippians 2:5-11 (Reader 2)*

*Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 (Reader 3)*

Reader 1: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

**Reader 2: Let the same mind be in you**

Reader 1: "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her;

**Reader 2: 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,**

Reader 3: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Reader 1: The donkey. The colt. Untie them and bring them to me.

Reader 3: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**Reader 2: but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,**

Reader 1: If anyone says anything to you, just say this,

**Reader 2: the form of a slave**

Reader 3: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and

Reader 1: "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately."

**Reader 2: being born in human likeness.**

Reader 3: give thanks to the LORD.

Reader 1: This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look,

**Reader 2: And being found in human form, he humbled himself and**

Reader 3: This is the gate of the LORD;

Reader 1: your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Reader 3: the righteous shall enter through it.

Reader 1: The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;

**Reader 2: he humbled himself**

Reader 1: they did as Jesus had directed them

**Reader 2: became obedient to the point of death**

Reader 1: they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and

Reader 3: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Reader 1: he sat on them.

Reader 3: The stone that the builders rejected

**Reader 2: — even death on a cross.**

Reader 3: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Reader 1: he sat on them.

Reader 3: This is the Lord's doing;

**Reader 2: — even death on a cross.**

Reader 3: it is marvelous in our eyes.

*(pause)*

Reader 1: A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Reader 3: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Reader 1: The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**Reader 2: Therefore God also highly exalted him**

Reader 1: "Hosanna to the Son of David!

Reader 3: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**Reader 2: and gave him the name that is above every name,**

Reader 1: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Reader 3: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**Reader 2: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

Reader 3: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

Reader 1: Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

**Reader 2: and every tongue should confess**

Reader 3: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

Reader 1: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

**Reader 2: every tongue should confess**

Reader 3: you are my God, I will extol you.

Reader 1: Who is this?

**Reader 2: that Jesus Christ is Lord,**

Reader 3: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

Reader 1: The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**Reader 2: to the glory of God the Father.**

Reader 3: for his steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Reader 1: This is the word of the Lord.