

## Scripture Readings for April 2, 2023

### THE PSALM READING

**Psalm 118:1-2; 19-24 -- New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

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

2 Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

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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 you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.[a]

### THE GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 21:1-11-- New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”[a] 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

5 “Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,

humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

### **THE EPISTLE READING**

#### **Philippians 2:5-11 -- New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

5 Let the same mind be in you that was[a] in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,  
7 but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,  
8 he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,  
10 so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.