



St. John's Episcopal Church

March 24th, 2024

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday with Holy Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Palms

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Blessing of the Palms

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Entrance Hymn

#154 ~ All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.
(Refrain)

The company of angels are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
(Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.
(Refrain)

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
(Refrain)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
(Refrain)

Liturgy of the Word

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living 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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The 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?

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 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.

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient to the point of death.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him

The name which is above every name.

Praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

The Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Prayers of the People

<i>Leader</i>	With all our heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”
<i>Leader</i>	For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For the peace of the world and particularly for Ukraine and the Middle East, the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For our Bishops, Michael, Alan, and Carol; our Regional Canon Martha, and our priest John, the wardens, vestry, and delegates.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For Joe our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority; for Saugus, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list: Elin Babin, David Bell, Ron, Paul Brophy, Maureen Burke, Norma Cahill, Marie Connors, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Allison Gray, Patti Greene-Botticeli, Will Hare, Carolyn Hashem, Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Doris Kelly, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Rachel Lesch, Robert Long, Melissa McSheffery, Matt, Lori, Mary & Dante, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Kathy Pothier, Sandy St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Dom Tello, Kathy Webber, Nancy White, Marjorie Beach, Dave LeBaron, Walter, Baby Viviana, and Rachel, and those we name silently and aloud (people offer prayers), let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have departed in the hope of the resurrection, especially Ralph Selvitella, Helen LeGallo, Warren LeGallo, Mary Scarpone, The Rev. P. & N. Anthes, Preston Lobbregt, Esther Schaffner, Robert & Ruth Collins, and Carl & Marjorie Nelson, and most recently, Margaret Parziale, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader In the communion of John, Luke, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our Lord.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Despite all that God has taught us, we still act foolishly; we are still weak. In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace. We confess our sins, trusting in God's wisdom and strength rather than our own.

Confession and Absolution

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Invitation

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor.

Doxology

1982 Hymnal #380 vs. 3 only

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant The Lord is here.
People **His spirit is with us.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Officiant Almighty God, Creator of us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

Sanctus

1982 Hymnal S 129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Officiant Creator of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

Officiant This is his story.
People **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Officiant The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

Officiant This is his story.
People **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Officiant Jesus blessed you, Abba, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Officiant This is our story.
People **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Officiant Therefore, Father and Mother, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

Officiant This is our story.
People **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Officiant Send your Spirit on us now and on these gifts so that we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit:
People **Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. AMEN.**

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Officiant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's table and everyone is welcome here.

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Officiant Behold the true Light of the world, the Beloved of God, anointed by the Spirit.
Blessed are those called to the banquet of the Lamb.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Anthem during Communion Contemplation

Prayer after Communion

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this Eucharistic food, strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever.

Officiant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn

1982 Hymnal #156 ~ *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!*

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Dismissal

<i>Officiant</i>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements/Reminders

Holy Week Schedule

Evening Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and (Good) Friday ~ 7pm

Maundy Thursday, March 28th ~ Agape meal at 6pm and worship at 7pm

Good Friday, March 29th ~ Holy Eucharist at Noon

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Sunrise service in our Memorial Garden (weather permitting) ~ 6am

Holy Eucharist ~ 10am

Office Closed - April 4th & 5th

The parish office will be closed **Thursday and Friday, April 4th & 5th**.

However, email and voicemail will be monitored both days for urgent messages during regular business hours.

Counting

As Holy Week falls at the end of March, we will not be counting this month. Our next count is planned for **Sunday, April 7th** - please forward any memorial gifts, pledges, etc. beforehand. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Participants in today's service:

The Rev. John Beach, Priest-in-Charge

Stephen Sikorski, Music Director

John Rogalski, Worship Leader

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