

**The Sunday of the Passion:  
Palm Sunday  
March 28, 2021  
10:30 a.m.**

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**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**

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Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,  
we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

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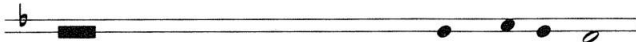
*The order of service can also be followed beginning on page 270 in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*


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**Welcome and announcements**

## The Liturgy of the Palms

BCP 270

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

People   
*Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.*

Presider Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.


Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Blessing of the Branches

*Presider*    *People*  
  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider*  
  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


*People*  
  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.


*The People raise their palm branches as the Presider says the blessing:*


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.**

*The Presider asperges the palm branches.*

Presider

  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People*  
  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Deacon  
  
 Let us go forth in peace.

People  
  
*In the name of Christ. A - men.*

## The Procession of Palms

*The liturgy continues as the people return to the Queen's Courtyard.*

## The Entrance

*Following the tolling of the bell, the people and ministers enter the church during the singing of the hymn.*

### At the Entrance, Hymn 154

*(The choir sings the first refrain. The congregation joins at verse one as the people and ministers enter the cathedral).*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## The Collect

BCP 272

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Word of God

Officiant Christ for our sake became obedient unto death,  
People **even the death of the Cross.**

### The Collect of the Day

BCP 272

Officiant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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 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?

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

**The Gradual** (video from March 25, 2018)

**Gradual Psalm 31:9-16** (*Choir*)

*In te, Domine, speravi*

BCP 623

chant: Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and  
even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

**The Second Lesson**

Philippians 2:5-11

*The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

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,  
but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

## **The Passion Gospel**

Mark 15:1-47

*The traditional responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

### **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back,

**People (shouted) “Crucify him!”**

Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

**People (shouted) “Crucify him!”**

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

§ *A moment of silence follows the conclusion of the Passion Gospel.*



**Motet** (*choir*)

*Christus factus est*  
Felice Anerio (1560-1614)

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.  
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ was made obedient for us unto death, wherefore God hath exalted him, and hath given a name unto him which is above all names.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Andy Shamel

*Silence*

**The Prayers**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray

*Officiant and People*

**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 Prayers of the People**

*Deacon*

As we journey this week with Christ, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

For the holy catholic Church throughout the world, we pray.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, clergy, and all whose lives are closely linked with ours, we pray.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for our community, we pray.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For justice, wisdom, mercy, and peace, we pray.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the environment, and for the proper use of our natural resources, especially in this critical time of climate change, we pray.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the unsheltered, for those who are suffering, oppressed, afflicted, or in need, especially [names],

*The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.*

...we pray.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead, for their care-takers, and those who mourn, especially [names],

*The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.*

...we pray.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all the blessings of this life, especially for those to be baptized, confirmed, received, and reaffirmed at the Easter Vigil, and on this Vietnam Veterans Sunday for all who have served during the Vietnam War era, we pray.

**Lord, have mercy.**

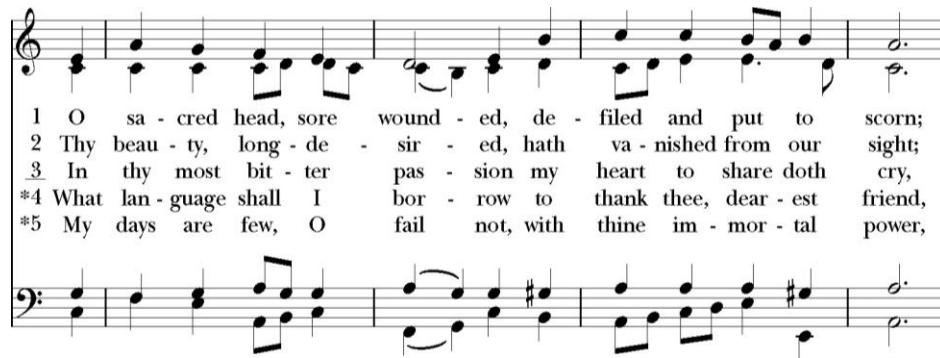
Officiant and People

**O God, by the cross and passion of your Son Jesus Christ  
you saved and delivered humanity:  
grant that by steadfast faith  
in the merits of that holy sacrifice  
we may find help and salvation,  
and may triumph in the power of His victory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

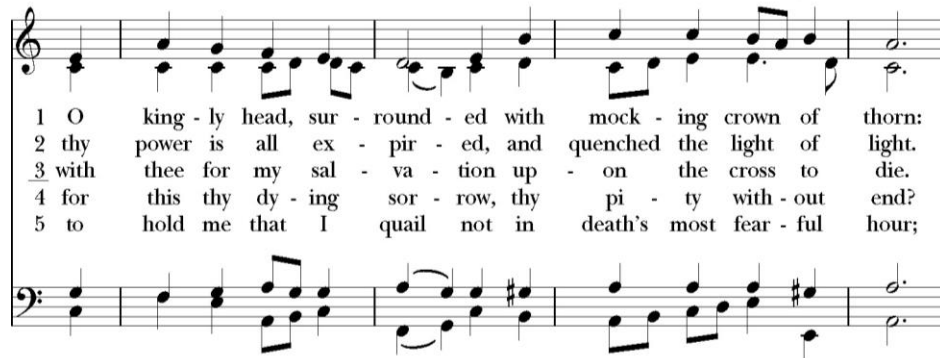
*The Officiant says*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Hymn 168




1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
 \*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 \*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676);

sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.

Music *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*The choir and altar ministers depart in silence.  
Holy Week is considered to be a single liturgy; therefore there is no dismissal.*

**Organ Voluntary**

*Præludium in B-flat minor, BWV 867  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

§ *Join our 11:30 am Virtual Coffee Hour!*

[Join the Zoom Meeting HERE](#)

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**Ministers of the Liturgy**

*Officiant & Dean:* The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

*Homilist:* The Rev. Dr. Andy Shamel

*Deacon:* The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason

*Readers:* Bill Eadie, Robert Heylmun

*Director of Music:* Cn. Martin Green

*Sub-organist & Assistant Choirmaster:* Gabriel Arregui

*Audio/ Visual Technicians:* Alex Kajokeji, Jim Langston, Liam Semple, Mike Thornburgh,  
Jim Wright, Kelsey Young, Paul Young

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The building is closed but we are still the church! Our staff is still hard at work facilitating the ministry of the church in this challenging time. Your continued financial support as we move through this crisis helps us pay our staff and other expenses of the church which do not stop. A few notes about giving in this time:

1. Even though the office is closed, you may continue to mail donations. Mail them to 2728 Sixth Ave, San Diego, CA 92103. Staff will continue to process mail donations.
  2. We encourage you to consider moving to online giving at <https://stpaulcathedral.org/give/>. There you may schedule automatic donations that do not require the staff to handle postal mail, allowing staff to focus on other tasks and reducing contact with paper.  
Thank you!
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