



March 28, 2021

8:00 a.m.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

BCP page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). A period of silence is held after each reading and the sermon. The order of service can also be followed beginning on BCP page 270.

The Welcome

The Liturgy of the Palms

BCP 270

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

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Officiant 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.**

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

The Officiant then says the following blessing

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 our thanks and praise.**

The People raise their palm branches as the Officiant 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.**

Officiant	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People	Hosanna in the highest.

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 *Confitemini Domino (led by the Lector)* BCP 760

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| 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 | Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! *
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.**

The Officiant then says the Collect

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

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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 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?

The Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

Gradual Psalm 31:9-16 *(led by the Lector)*

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- 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.

Deacon 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.*

Musical meditation

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Andy Shamel

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 during 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.**

Ministers of the Liturgy

Officiant: The Rev. Cn. Jeff Martinhawk

Homilist: The Rev. Dr. Andy Shamel

Dean: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

Deacons: The Rev. Cn. Anne Chisham, The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason

Readers: Dan Love, Jane Batarseh

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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!

On the cover: *Engraving after Albrecht Dürer; print made by Marcantonio. British Museum, acquired 1866. Dürer shows Jesus Christ riding on a colt as he enters an arched city gate in Jerusalem. As he is greeted by various people, an elderly man spreads out his cloak on the road, and another holds a palm.*

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