



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms & The Holy Eucharist

March 24, 2024
8:00 a.m.

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.

As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land. - *Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023*

Kneelers are available in the back of the church: please bring one to your seat if you wish to kneel during the service.

§ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.*

The Liturgy of the Palms

BCP 270

The Presider says

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

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

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

The Presider then says the following blessing

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also 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.**

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

The Presider asperges the palm branches during the following Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Confitemini Domino (said by all)

BCP 760

- 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.

The Presider 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.**

§ *Please remain standing as you are able.*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

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

The Collect of the Day

BCP 272

The Presider says to the people

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider says to the people

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.**

§ *Please be seated.*

The Lessons

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 Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi* *(said by all)*

BCP 623

- 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 is read, the Reader first saying
A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Philippians 2:5-11

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 Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

The Congregation remains seated for the announcement of the Gospel. At the verse concerning the arrival at the place called Golgotha, all stand as able.

The traditional responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Please join with the Crowd in shouting the responses at the appropriate time

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.

Please stand as able.

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.

Silence.

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.

§ *Please be seated when the Presider sits. Silent meditation follows the conclusion of the Passion Gospel.*

§ *After a moment of silence, please stand as able for the Prayers.*

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon bids the prayers:

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.

Intercessor:

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those to be baptized, confirmed, received, and reaffirmed at the Easter Vigil:

The Intercessor reads the names of the candidates.

...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 good earth and our willingness to conserve it, we pray.

Lord, have mercy.

For the unsheltered, refugees, and 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 caregivers, and those who mourn, especially [names],

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

...we pray.

Lord have mercy.

The Presider says the concluding Collect

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, whose Son humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

§ *The People offer each other a sign of the Peace.*

§ *Please be seated.*

Welcome and announcements

You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:



or text stpaulcathedral to 73256 using your cell phone.

Thank you!

The Holy Communion

§ *Please stand as able for the offering to be brought forward and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving.*

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*Presider and People*)

**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.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (*Presider 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 Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

Presider O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
People **have mercy upon us.**
 O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 grant us your peace.

The Invitation

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

▪ *The Iona Community Worship Book*

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations at the Crossing. Please take your purse or valuables with you.

At Communion time we will offer the Host with the option to have it partially intincted (dipped) by the Eucharistic Minister into the wine and placed in the communicant's hand. For the time being we will not offer the option of drinking from the Common Cup. You may choose to receive only the dry Host or to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament.

As you come forward, please use one of these three gestures to indicate your preference:

- ❖ *To receive the host with wine, extend both your hands, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive only the host, extend one hand, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive a blessing, cross your hands at your shoulders*

If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left.

§ *After a moment of silence following the distribution of communion, please stand as you are able for the following prayer*

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **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 Solemn Prayer over the People

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

The people bow and the Presider says

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider & Dean: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

Preacher: The Rev. Cn. Richard Hogue, Jr.

Deacon: The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason

Lector: Steve Mater

The Passion Gospel Readers: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges, The Rev. Cn. Richard Hogue, Jr.,
The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason, Danni Arregui, Susan Forsburg, Steve Mater

Head Verger: Cn. Lisa Churchill

Altar Server: Danni Arregui

Altar Guild: Martha Duque, Ellen Hargus, Craig Monsell, Mary Rathbun, Mary Tranbarger

Usher-in-charge: Rich Davis

Ushers: Christie Batten, Norm Friesen, Carl Mattina, Mary Rathbun

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers and remain as quiet and calm as possible. Please locate an exit nearest you.

The exit doors are:

- *South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- *North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- *South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- *Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- *West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*

HOLY WEEK and EASTER services at St Paul's

Palm Sunday, March 24

8 am – Liturgy of the Palms, Passion, and Eucharist in the Cathedral.

9:45 am – Procession, Liturgy of the Palms, Passion, and Holy Eucharist.

5 pm – Choral meditation on the Passion.

Holy Wednesday, March 27

7 pm – Choral Tenebrae in the Cathedral

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7 pm – Liturgy of the Day and Eucharist in the Cathedral.

8:30 pm – Vigil in the Chapel of the Holy Family.

Good Friday, March 29

12 pm – Choral Music and Meditations on the Passion in the Cathedral.

7 pm – Good Friday liturgy.

Holy Saturday, March 30

9 am – Holy Saturday liturgy in the Chapel of the Holy Family.

7:15 pm – Great Vigil of Easter, Bishop Susan will preside and preach in the Cathedral.

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION, EASTER DAY

Sunday March 31

8 am – Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral with the Dean preaching.

10:30 am – Festival Choral Eucharist with the Bishop presiding and the Dean preaching in the Cathedral.

The cathedral offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, April 1st & 2nd.
