



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms & The Holy Eucharist

April 13, 2025
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.

For the link to the webpage with the announcements and bulletins, use this QR code:



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we would like to hear from you: <http://stpaulcathedral.org/im-new/>

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.

Parents with young children are invited to worship with their children in the Prayground area of the Nave, where age-appropriate activities are available.

§ *The People gather with their palm branches in the Fifth Avenue Queen's Courtyard.*

The Liturgy of the Palms

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Following the tolling of the bell, 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.

People **Amen.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

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

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

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If

anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider asperges the palm branches.

The People and Ministers enter the church while saying the following Psalm together.

Confitemini Domino

- 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.

People **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

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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.

People **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)

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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 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 Passion Gospel

Luke 22:14-23:56

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 Luke.

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together,

***People (shouted)* "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

***People (shouted)* "Crucify, crucify him!"**

A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of

Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

Please stand as able.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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

Sermon

The Very Reverend Penny Bridges

§ *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 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.

People **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

The Offertory

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!

§ *Please stand as able for the offering to be brought forward and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving. The ushers present the money offering to the deacon and the presider may bless the offering*

The Presider may say

All things come of thee, O Lord,

The People may say

and of thine own have we given thee. (2 Chronicles 29:14)

The Holy Communion

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 Lay Eucharistic Visitor(s) may be sent forth with a prayer.

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.

People **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: The Rev. Cn. Richard Hogue, Jr.

Preacher & Dean: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

Deacon: The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason

Lector: Kris Hatch

The Passion Gospel Readers: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges, The Rev. Cn. Richard Hogue, Jr.,
The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason, Cn. Konnie Dadmun, Jerry Coughlan, Kris Hatch,
Jairus Kleinert, Mark Lester

Head Verger: Cn. Lisa Churchill

Altar Servers: Jerry Coughlan, Jairus Kleinert

Altar Guild: Cn. Konnie Dadmun, Kris Hatch, Wayne Hatch, Roxanne Perfect-Knight,
Wanda Porrata, Susan Williams

Usher-in-charge: Rich Davis

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

Cathedral audio: Lorenzo Nericcio

Holy Week at St Paul's Cathedral

Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday, April 13

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

9:45 am – Procession, Liturgy of the Palms, Passion, and Eucharist in the Cathedral or worship online.

5 pm – Choral meditation on the Passion in the Cathedral or worship online.

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7 pm – Choral Tenebrae in the Cathedral or worship online.

Maundy Thursday, April 17

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

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

Good Friday, April 18

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

7 pm – Good Friday liturgy in the Cathedral or worship online.

Holy Saturday, April 19

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

7:30 pm – The Great Vigil of Easter, Dean Penny will preach, and Bishop Susan will preside. In the Cathedral or worship online.

Easter Day, Sunday, April 20

8 am – Holy Eucharist with hymns.

10:30 am – Festival Eucharist with the Bishop preaching and presiding. Worship online.
A special reception follows the 10:30 service.

The Cathedral offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, April 21st and 22nd, for Easter holiday.

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.*