



The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday- March 24, 2024

10 am Holy Communion with Rev Tom Moehl
Dramatic Reading of the Passion Narrative

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest

~~~ The Liturgy of the Palms ~~~

*in the parish hall*

*Presider* 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.**

**Deacon reads Mark 11:1-11**

Deacon

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.

*The Presider then says the following blessing to bless the palm fronds and crosses*

*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 God thanks and praise.**

**People hold palm branches high.**

## **The Presider continues**

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.***

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* ***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

## **~~~ The Procession into the Church ~~~**

*The Cross and acolytes will lead us in procession into the church.*

*Please wave your palm branches and join in the call and response.*

*As we enter the church, we sing*

**Processional Hymn #154** *“All glory, laud, and honor”*

**The Collect for Today -** *(let us pray together)*

***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, for ever and ever. Amen..***

## **~~~ Liturgy of the Scriptures ~~~**

**A Reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**Lector**

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?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 31:9-16** *In te, Domine, speravi* (Said responsively, break at the “\*”) Lector

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*

***my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.***

<sup>10</sup> For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*

***my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.***

<sup>11</sup> 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.***

<sup>12</sup> I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*

***I am as useless as a broken pot.***

<sup>13</sup> 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.***

<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*

***I have said, "You are my God.***

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; \*

***rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.***

<sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

***and in your loving-kindness save me."***

**A reading from Philippians 2:5-11**

**Lector**

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,

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People

***Thanks be to God.***

**~~~ PASSION GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK ~~~**

***See the Passion Narrative Booklet in the pew.***

*As you follow the Passion Narrative, read the parts said by the CROWD.*

*The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.*

***At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.***

*At the end of the Dramatic Reading, leave Silence for reflection*

**Prayers of the People "Palm Sunday - Prayers of the People - 2024" POTP Leader**

Reader: Gathered in the name of Jesus and united by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, let us bring our cares and concerns to God.

Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself and lived among us as the servant of all, we pray for the Church and all its people and ministers. Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Lord Jesus, born in human likeness, we pray for the whole human family—for all the nations of the earth, and especially for all who live in the midst of natural disasters, wars, famines, and oppression.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Lord Jesus, your love for us was so broad and so deep that it cost you your life. We pray that our minds may be so transformed that our love, too, can be as broad and deep as yours. Help us to understand that the way of the cross is truly the way of life and peace.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Lord Jesus, you were given the name that is above all names. We pray in your name for those who are suffering—especially the homeless, the destitute, the unemployed, the hungry, the mentally ill, and those who, through addiction, have lost their health and freedom.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Lord Jesus, your healing presence brought wholeness and peace to everyone whose lives you touched. We pray for those who are ill, and for those whose earthly life is drawing to a close, that your healing grace may be upon them.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Presider: To you, O Lord, we bend our knee with those above and those below, to the glory of God the Father, and in union with the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## The Peace

- The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
- **And with thy Spirit.**

## ~~~ Liturgy of the Holy Communion - Eucharistic Prayer A ~~~ BCP p. 361

*Presider* The Lord be with You

**People** **And also with you..**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

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:

*Presider and People (say together)*

***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 people stand or kneel as able, as the Celebrant 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:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

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 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:

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **Invitation:**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Hymn**

**Instrumental – (From music of Taise)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says, Let us pray together*

### **Celebrant and People pray in Unison**

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.***

***To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

### **Blessing**

Celebrant

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** (front cover of the red prayer book)

Celebrant

**Traveling Mercies**

**Announcements**

### **Closing Hymn #474**

*“When I Survey the Wonderous Cross”*

### **Dismissal**

Deacon

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

***Note: Alleluias are traditionally omitted until Easter***

