

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday-April 13, 2025

The Liturgy of the Palms

The branches of palm to be carried in the procession are distributed to the people before the service, after the prayer of blessing.

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.*

The Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

Presider: 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."

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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 him thanks and praise.**

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 palm branches are now sprinkled with holy water.

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

The Procession into the Church

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

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

Processional Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Valet will ich dir geben

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 - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

50:4-9a

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?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16 (*Sung by all*)

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)



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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**." **O Lord** 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."

A Reading from the Letter to the 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

Presider: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn:

#435 At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

The Gospel

Designated readers assemble in front of altar. See pamphlet for congregational responses.

Presider: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Prayers of the People

Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you have been humble. We are often too quick to speak and slow to love. Look upon us in mercy; **And with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord, especially those who are threatened by your message of love and mercy. Forgive us for our silence and complicity. Look upon us in mercy; **And with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on those who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Teach us to love what you have called good. Look upon us in mercy; **And with compassion remember us.**

Have mercies on our enemies, O Lord, and on those who persecute us. Teach us the love of Jesus, who from the cross prayed, "Father, forgive them." Look upon us in mercy; **And with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen the afflicted. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants. Today we pray for **Justin, Kaitlyn, Taylor, Marilyn, Mollie, Abby, Larry, Amanda, Roger, Eva Mae, Troy, Alan, Jan, Cecelia, Roger, Damon, Sonia, Jon, Jane, Kevin, Papa Ed, Judy, Mark, Ian, Katy, Keith, Margaret, Denise, Doris, Mazie, Eric, Allie, Raelynd, Sylvia, Kaylen, Lester, Cheryl and Dorothy.** *(Please add your own prayers in silence or by naming aloud those for whom you wish to pray).* Look upon us in mercy; **And with compassion remember us.**

Merciful Lord, you became obedient to death, even death upon a cross. Even as you have shared our mortality, mercifully grant us to share in your resurrection. *(Please add your own prayers in silence or by naming aloud those for whom you wish to pray).* Look upon us in mercy; **And with compassion remember us.**

Merciful Lord, we pray for the priest You are preparing to be our rector, and for the work of the Discernment Committee. **Lord, we ask for your guidance.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: O Sacred Head Sore Wounded

David Hurd

(flute duet - Donna Olsen and Denise Estelle)

Presentation Hymn: 380, stanza 3, *Old 100th*

As the Ushers are passing the Collection Plate, please come forward with your gift for our Food Pantry donation and place it at the foot of the altar.

After the Presentation Hymn

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

All things come of thee oh Lord; **and of thine own have we given thee.**

Let us pray:

You are our Bread of Life that sustains us as we strive to be your disciples and build up Your kingdom on earth. As we are fed by You, may we feed those who are hungry for bread, for justice, for understanding, and for compassion. May we share your mercy and grace with all we meet. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him 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:

Sanctus *(Sung by all)*

S-124

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 kneel or sit. Then 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 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:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei:

Sung by all

S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: #158 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

This table is for everyone. All who seek God are invited to share in Holy Communion. If you wish to participate, but prefer not to receive Holy Communion, please join everyone coming forward. Cross your arms over your chest and we will be glad to offer you a blessing. If you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your seat, or if you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let one of the Ushers know.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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.

Solemn Prayer

In Holy Week, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows:

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel or bow.

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.**

Closing Hymn: #172 Were You There? (*vs. 1 and 2*)

Dismissal

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All depart in silence.

If you wish to donate an Easter Lily, please fill out the Easter offering envelope and leave in the office.

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