

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

The Liturgy of the Palms

Prelude: *Choral mit Partiten 'O Sacred Head'*
Hymn Tune: Herzlich tut mich verlangen
Johann Pachelbel

Celebrant Blessed is the King
who comes in the name of the Lord:
People ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***
Celebrant 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 might acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gospel Reading - *Mark 11:1-11*

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
People ***It is right to give God 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.*

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People ***Hosanna in the highest.***
Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People ***In the name of Christ, Amen.***





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 Kind 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 fe - 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 crea - 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.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt; harm. Wiliam Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Children's Chat - Robert Freeman

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

People ***Hosanna in the highest!***

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect

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.***

First Reading (*Please be seated*)

Reader A Reading from Isaiah:

Introduction to the First Reading

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Early Christians associated this servant with Jesus Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

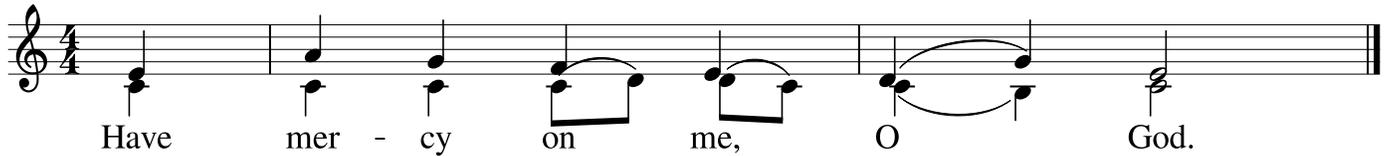
The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck 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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 31:9-16



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
 my eye is consumed with sorrow,
 and also my throat and my belly.
 For my life is wasted with grief,
 and my years with sighing;
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones are consumed.

[ANT.]

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.
 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
 I am as useless as a broken pot.

[ANT.]

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.
 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
 I have said, "You are my God."

[ANT.]

My times are in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.
 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
 and in your loving-kindness save me."

[ANT.]

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Second Reading *Eric Valentine*

Reader A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians:

Introduction to the Second Reading

Today's reading is considered an early hymn to Christ that Paul has adopted to make his own point. The hymn contains an outline of Christ's saving work: divine preexistence, incarnation, death, celestial exaltation, heavenly adoration, and Jesus' new title.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*Please stand as able*) - See Page 7

#474 | "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

The Passion of Jesus Christ According To Saint Mark

Mark 14:1-15:47

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed (*Please stand as able*)

*We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ,

And lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead each member of your church in humility as we walk together. Guide our bishops and priests and deacons so that your glory may be revealed through them in your word and sacraments.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead the authorities of every country in the way of justice for all of their citizens and peace between neighbors and nations.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead us to reach out our hands and hearts in love where there is suffering and anxiety, sickness and grief.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead us to lead lives that please you as we walk this earth so that with those who have died we may join you in our eternal home.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

(The congregation may add their own petitions either silently or aloud after the prayer list is read.)

Silence

(The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect, or a Doxology.)

The Peace *(Please stand as able)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.

*Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to:
 The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR
 Securely online through our website - <https://www.stjohnthebaptistmilton.org/give.html>*

Offertory Sentence & Interlude

Doxology *(The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung.)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all crea- tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

Offertory Hymn

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#341 | "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our 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.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and mi - ght, Hol - ly, ho - ly,
11 ho - ly Lord, God of power and mi - ght, heav - en and earth are fu -
20 ll, fu - ll of your glor - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
31 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes - . in the name of the Lo - rd. Ho -
41 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may kneel as able, or be seated. The Celebrant continues.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***Amen.***

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God

New Plainsong

The image shows the musical notation for the Fraction Anthem 'O Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world grant — us peace.'

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and my soul. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you, my Lord and my God! Amen.

Distribution Anthem - The Palms - "Les Rameaux" Words: J. Faure & Music Arranged: Mark Andrews
Vocalist: Robert Freeman Accompanist: Scott Kresge

Post Communion Prayer (Please kneel or be seated)

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your presence, that as we lament our separation from one another, we may continually show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn (Please stand as able) Please see page 9

"My Song is Love Unknown"

The Dismissal

Celebrant Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Partita 6 - 'O Sacred Head' Johann Pachelbel

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Jesus Christ our Lord

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Another harmonization, 321.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780;
harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)♩ = 100
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Offertory Hymn

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

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Holy Eucharist

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Words: Louis F. Benson (1855-1930), alt.

Music: *Omni die*, melody from *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631;
harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895)

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Recessional Hymn

"My Song is Love Unknown"

1. My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me,
 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow,
 3. Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing,
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
 5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way;
 6. In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
 7. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine:

1. love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be.
 2. but men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know.
 3. re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 4. He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
 5. a mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
 6. in death no friend - ly tomb but what a stran - ger gave.
 7. nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine.

1. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 2. But O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 3. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
 4. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and
 5. Yet stead - fast he to suf - ferings goes, that he his foes from
 6. What may I say? Heaven was his home; but mine the tomb where -
 7. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could

1. flesh, and die? My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2. life did spend. Who at my need his life did spend.
 3. thirst and cry. And for his death they thirst and cry.
 4. 'gainst him rise. Them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5. thence might free. That he his foes from thence might free.
 6. in he lay. But mine the tomb where - in he lay.
 7. glad - ly spend. I all my days could glad - ly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.
 Music: *Rhosymedre*, John Edwards (1806-1885)