

Grace Episcopal Church

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022



The Liturgy of the Palms *(begins in parish hall)*

Introit

The Choir

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

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 mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Luke 19:29-40

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."

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

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| | The Lord be with you. |
| <i>People</i> | And also with you. |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| <i>People</i> | 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 following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

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.

The Procession *All Glory, Laud and Honor (On insert)* H 154

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor" is sung. In the church, the following Collect is said.

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.**

The Collect of the Day *(standing)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

The First Lesson *(seated)*

Reader: A reading from the Prophet 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? (50:4-9a)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Psalm 31:9-16 (*said in unison*)

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.

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.

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.

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."

The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

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. (2:5-11)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence (standing) *Go to dark Gethsemane* *H 171*

The Holy Gospel

(the people are seated for the first part of the Passion. Customary responses are omitted)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The Sermon (seated)

(silence follows the sermon)

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Peggy, Mark, James, Steve, Gladys, Rob, Nancy, Lucie, Karen, Alyssa, Susan, Ed, Carolyn, Sally, Carly, Billie, Thomas, Frances, Barb, Lonnie, Allen, Rachel, C.J., Zachary, Lauren and Shary, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Patty, Michelle, Dennis, Gordon, D.J., Edgar and Gloria, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

The peace is an ancient ritual that used to be done with a kiss. By passing the peace, we are showing that we are at peace with each person and that we will come to the altar in a spirit of love and unity with those around us. An appropriate response is- "Peace be with you."

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory *Glory be to Jesus* (Friedrich Filitz) **H 479**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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 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:

The Sanctus

***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)

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,

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

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us your peace. *Hymnal S-164*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

The Holy Eucharist is offered to all baptized Christians. Children are allowed to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, regardless of age. We believe that in the Eucharist, Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us in the bread and wine— the Body and Blood of our Lord— which feeds our souls. If you are a baptized Christian, we invite you to join with us in receiving the bread and wine. If you prefer not to receive communion, or if you prefer your child not take communion but to receive a blessing from the priest, simply cross your/ their arms over the chest. The sanctuary party will communicate first, followed by the choir. As the choir comes to the altar rail, persons in the first pews are invited to come and fill in the open spaces, followed by the subsequent pews.

The Communion Hymn - Lord Jesus, think on me

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;

from harmful passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, with care and woe oppressed;

Let me thy loving servant be, and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;

Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,

I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last. (Hymn 641)

The Post Communion Prayer Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer over the People

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**

The Dismissal

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, "If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me." He said to his disciples, "How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinful men. Come, let us go." Christ was obedient unto death. Go in peace.

The Procession

*(The altar party and choir process out in silence
to observe the solemn beginning of Holy Week)*

Holy Week

From early times Christians have observed the week before Easter as a time of special devotion. As the pilgrim Egeria recorded in the late fourth century, Jerusalem contained many sacred places that were sites for devotion and liturgy. Numerous pilgrims to the holy city followed the path of Jesus in his last days. They formed processions, worshipped where Christ suffered and died, and venerated relics. From this beginning evolved the rites we observe today on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These services provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection. The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) provides special liturgies for each of these days.

The eucharistic lectionary also provides proper readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week. We celebrate the Eucharist at 12:10 on the first three days of the week. In many dioceses, the diocesan clergy will make a reaffirmation of ordination vows in the context of a eucharist during Holy Week, usually before Maundy Thursday. The three holy days, or Triduum, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are at the heart of the Holy Week observance. In many Episcopal parishes, the liturgical color for Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday is red. Holy Week ends at sundown on the Saturday before Easter, or with the celebration of the Easter Vigil.



Holy Week Services

Monday, April 11th— 12:10 Eucharist

Tuesday, April 12th—12:10 Eucharist

Wednesday, April 13th - 12:10 Eucharist

Thursday, April 14th - **Maundy Thursday** – Seder Meal at 5:30 and
service at 7PM

(Prayer vigil at the altar of repose begins after this service -
Please sign up to pray)

April 15th - **Good Friday**— Noon and 7PM

April 16th Holy Saturday Cleanup 9:30 -12:00 & Lunch
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April 16th - **The Great Vigil of Easter** at 7PM followed
by reception

April 17th - **Easter Sunday 10AM**

The Right Reverend Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia

The Reverend Kit H. Brinson, Rector

Mr. Mike Taylor, Musician and Choir Master

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