



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 • 10:30 AM

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. BCP, p. 270

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

Reading

Luke 19:28-40

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:

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 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 Word of God

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 219

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 Reading

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?

The Second Reading

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.

Hymn # 170

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord

The Third Tune

The Passion Narrative

Luke 22:14-23:56

The congregation remains seated and is invited to participate in the reading where indicated.

- Narrator** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke
- When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,
- Jesus** I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.
- Narrator** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,
- Jesus** Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.
- Narrator** Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
- Jesus** This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
- Narrator** And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,
- Jesus** This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!
- Narrator** Then the apostles began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among the apostles as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them,
- Jesus** The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.
- Narrator** And Peter said to Jesus,
- Peter** Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

Narrator Jesus said to his apostles,

Jesus When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

Narrator They said,

Disciple No, not a thing.

Narrator Jesus said to them,

Jesus But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, “And he was counted among the lawless”; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

Narrator They said,

Disciple Lord, look, here are two swords.

Narrator He replied,

Jesus It is enough.

Narrator Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down and prayed,

Jesus Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

Narrator Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Narrator When those who were around Jesus saw that was coming, they asked,

Disciple Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Narrator Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus No more of this!

Narrator And he touched the slave's ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priest, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

Narrator Then the crowd seized Jesus and led him away. The crowd brought Jesus into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing Peter in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant 1 This man also was with him.

Narrator But Peter denied it, saying,

Peter Woman, I do not know him.

Narrator A little later someone else, on seeing Peter, said,

Servant 2 You also are one of them.

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter Man, I am not!

Narrator Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Servant 3 Surely this man also was with the prisoner; for he is a Galilean.

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator At that moment, while Peter was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how Jesus had said to him,

Jesus Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.

Narrator And Peter went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldier 1 Prophecy!

Soldier 2 Who is it that struck you?

Narrator They kept heaping many other insults on Jesus. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council. They said,

Elder 1 If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Narrator Jesus replied,

Jesus If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Narrator All of them asked,

Elder 2 Are you, then, the Son of God?

Narrator Jesus said to them,

Jesus You say that I am

Narrator Then they said,

Elder 1 What further testimony do we need?

Elder 2 We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

Narrator Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus saying,

Congregation 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.

Narrator Then Pilate asked Jesus,

Pilate Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus You say so.

Narrator Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator But they were insistent and said,

Congregation He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Narrator When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, Pilate sent Jesus 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 Jesus and was hoping to see him perform some sign. Herod 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 Jesus with contempt and mocked him; then Herod put an elegant robe on Jesus, 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,

Pilate 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, this man has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator Then the elders all shouted out together,

Congregation Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

Narrator (Barabbas 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,

Congregation Crucify, crucify him!

Narrator A third time Pilate said to them,

Pilate 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.

Narrator But the Elders kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that

their demand should be granted. Pilate 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 Jesus 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 they were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus 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?

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

(The congregation stands.)

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,

Jesus Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Narrator And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Congregation He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Narrator The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Congregation If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Narrator There was also an inscription over Jesus that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying,

Criminal 1 Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us?

Narrator But the other criminal rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2 Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of

condemnation?

Narrator Then he said,

Criminal 2 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator Jesus replied,

Jesus Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator 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,

Jesus Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence may be kept.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion Certainly this man was innocent.

Narrator 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 Jesus' acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Joseph took the body down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Sermon

The Rev. Webster Gibson

Prayers of the People (Congregation response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*)

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

The Holy Communion

The Offertory
Choir Anthem

O Saviour of the world

John Goss

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

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Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth
are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, flowing line with many slurs, indicating a continuous, breathless phrase. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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Fraction Anthem: Whoever eats this bread

Mason Martens

The Invitation

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The Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

To receive the wine:

- To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.
- To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 158

Ah, holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

Post Communion Prayer

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Prayer over the People

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

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.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn # 168

O sacred head, sore wounded

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

* “S” Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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