

**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**We welcome you to St. Catherine's!**

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.  
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion,  
and gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE THE SERVICE.**

**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY**

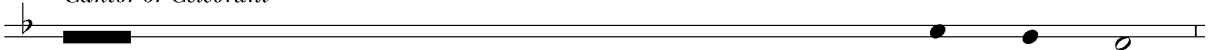
**MARCH 24, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

# THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

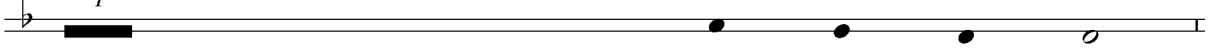
*All who are able gather at the Oak Grove Altar in the north lot.*

*Cantor or Celebrant*



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

*People*



Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

*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.*

## 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!

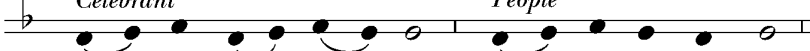
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

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.

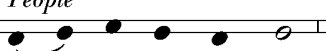
## THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*Celebrant*



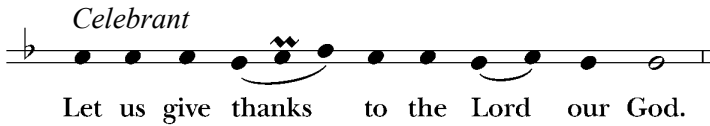
The Lord be with you.

*People*



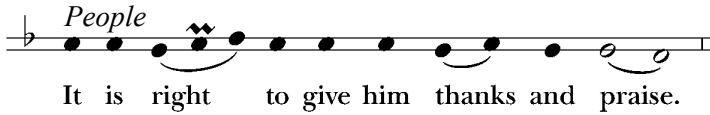
And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

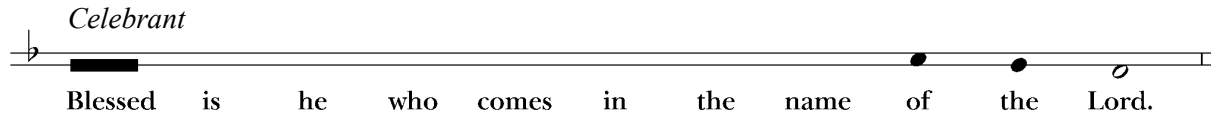
*People*



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

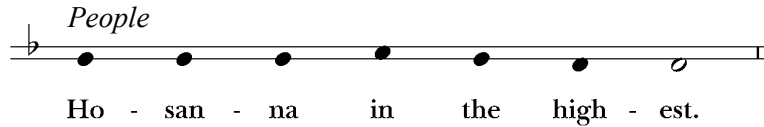
It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. 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.*

*Celebrant*



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

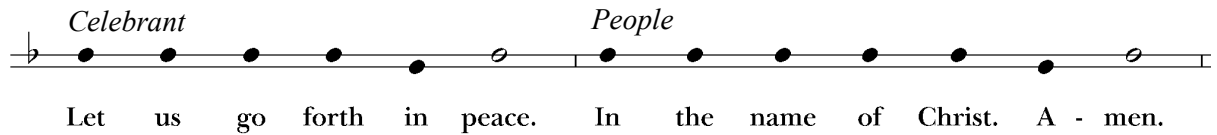
*People*



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



*Celebrant* *People*



Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

## THE PROCESSION

*The procession is led by the cross and the choir.*

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands and follow the choir into the church, where our singing will begin.*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*All glory, laud, and honor*

**Hymnal 154**

*All stand.*

### **Refrain:**

*All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessed One.

### **Refrain**

2. The company of angels  
is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.

### **Refrain**

3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems  
before thee we present.

### **Refrain**

4. To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

### **Refrain**

5. Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

### **Refrain**

*The Celebrant prays the following Collect.*

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

*(prayed by the Celebrant)*

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

### THE FIRST READING

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

A reading from the Book of 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?

*Silence may follow.*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

**Psalm 31:9-16 (BCP p. 623)**

*The Psalm is chanted by the Choir.*

## THE EPISTLE

**Philippians 2:5-11**

A reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

*Silence may follow.*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 15:1-47

*The people sit. The Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator.*

NARRATOR: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered him,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

PILATE: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted back,

**CROWD: "Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

**CROWD: "Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)*

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDERS: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: which means,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDERS: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

BYSTANDERS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

NARRATOR: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

## **THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho**

*Silence may follow.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant:*

As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all people everywhere.



*Intercessor:*

For the church throughout the world, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; James, our Rector, and all clergy and laity, including our own lay leaders, that they may proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For catechumens and all who seek baptism at Easter, that they may enter the joy of the Lord,

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of our country and leaders throughout the world, remembering especially Joseph, our President, Ron, our Governor, Andy, our Mayor and all local leaders, that they may find strength to lead us in ways of love and service.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For justice, mercy and peace in all the world.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For those suffering illness, distress, sorrow, or any adversity, especially those we name now [*silent pause*] that they may feel the savior's love.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For all who serve in our armed forces, especially those we name now [*pause*], and for all who serve and protect us.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For the dying and the dead, especially those we name now [*silent pause*], that they may rest in the Lord and that those who grieve them may know the healing presence of the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant:*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place, and as we near the holy mountain, grant us strength on our journey. Glory to you forever. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

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

*People*          And also with you.

## **BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O Sacred Head Sore Wounded*

J. S. Bach

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (verse 3)

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*All stand.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer A)

BCP p. 361

## SANCTUS

Hymnal S-114

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Priest:*

Let us pro-claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

*All:*

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

## THE GREAT AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men!

A - men, a - men, a - men!

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP p. 364**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

**Hymnal S-161**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Ah, holy Jesus*

**Hymnal 158**

**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP p. 365**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

**SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Bow down before the Lord.

*People kneel and the Celebrant says*

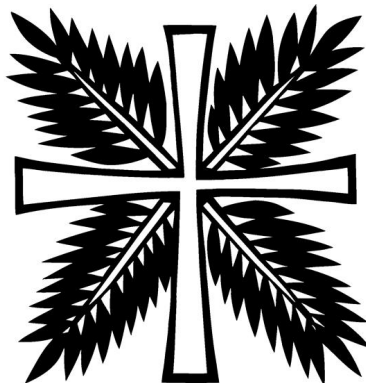
Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE CLOSING HYMN**

*Let thy blood in mercy poured*

**Hymnal 313**

**THE DISMISSAL**



**This Week's Worship Services**

**Wednesday**

Noonday Prayer 12:10 PM

**HOLY WEEK**

**Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist** (with choir)

March 28, 7:00 PM

**Good Friday Liturgy**

March 29, 12:00 PM and 7 PM (with choir)

Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 29, 1:00 PM

**Holy Saturday Service**

March 30, 10 AM, in the Chapel

**The Great Vigil of Easter** (incense; choir)

March 30, 8:00 PM

**The First Sunday of Easter: Easter Day**

March 31, 8:00 AM (incense) and 10 AM (choir),

with festive breakfast at 9:00

*\*those services in **bold** are part of the Great Three Days (Triduum)*

***The mission of St. Catherine's is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to share the Good News with all.***