

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
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10:00AM

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(The people gather in the parish hall so that all may proceed into the church)

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

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Amen.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

People: In the name of Christ.

Hymn 154

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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 Old Testament: 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.**

The Response: Psalm 31:9-16

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.

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."

The Epistle: 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: *O Sacred head, sore wounded* Hymn 168, v.1-3

The Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (Booklet)

Glory to you Lord Christ

The Homily

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us pray to God in the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name, saying: Hear our prayer, O God.

For the Church, and especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Liz our Priest, that we may be strengthened to take up our cross, follow in his way, and share in his redeeming work. **Hear our prayer, O God.**

For this parish family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we who are called to be the community of the crucified One, may empty ourselves as Christ did, serving with unselfish love. **Hear our prayer, O God.**

For peace in all the world and an end to war and violence, that those in positions of leadership may respond to all who cry out for food, justice, dignity, and peace. **Hear our prayer, O God.**

For all who must bear the cross each day: for those far from home, those who endure shame or threat, and for the weary, the sick, and all who suffer, remembering especially those we name now either silently or aloud that they may find strength and hope in the God of life. **Hear our prayer, O God.**

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. **Hear our prayer, O God.**

For those who have died, remembering especially that they may rest in Christ and be raised into his glory. **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Hear the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: *At the name of Jesus* Hymn 435, v. 1-3

The Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* Hymn 380, v3

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 Eucharistic Prayer A BCP page 361

The Sanctus 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 Lord's Prayer

***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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Fraction Anthem

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.

The Communion

All Baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.

Communion Meditation

The Post Communion Prayer

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**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 Prayer Over the People

The Parting Hymn

My Song is Love Unknown

Hymn 458, v. 1-3

The Dismissal

The Postlude

Our Ministers Today:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Pianist: Penny Jaggars

Altar Guild: Nancy Dooling & Barbara Undercoffler

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