

# PALM SUNDAY

## The Triumphal Entry



**March 24, 2024**

**10:30AM**

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# WELCOME

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Palm Sunday 2024

Dear Beloved in Christ,

Today we enter into the celebration with crowds and shouts of Hosanna! We listen to the story of the adoration of Jesus by throngs of people greeting his arrival to Jerusalem, knowing that his arrival in to Jerusalem is also met with violence and death.

This year we will reserve the reading of the Passion to Good Friday only. We will instead read of Mary's anointing of Jesus for burial, and the ways in which Jesus is loved and supported for this final journey to Jerusalem. We will also acknowledge the role the Church has played in antisemitism over its history by blaming the Jewish people for the death of Jesus. The passion narrative has been a strong contributor to that history.

I invite you to enter fully into Holy Week this year. By creating space to participate in the week's services in body, mind and soul we have an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we, too, live with disappointment, hardship and violence in the world. Holy Week offers us a chance to see our humanity through the eyes of Jesus and to hear God's reassuring voice that we are not alone. Our inclination is to skip over Holy Week and make our way to Easter as soon as possible, however we miss hearing God's invitation to live a life of love amidst even the most difficult of circumstances. By participating fully, we may find balm in the liturgy which guides us through difficulties rather than around them, showing us God's never-failing love even amidst the worst that can happen.

A schedule for Holy Week services is at the end of this bulletin. I hope to see you as we walk the week together.

Blessings,  
Liz+

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## The Liturgy of the Palms

*When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.*

**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.*

### **John 12:12-16**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

*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 God thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** 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 be sung or said.*

**Celebrant:** Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** *Hosanna in the highest.*

### The Procession

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in peace.

**People:** *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

During the Procession, the congregation waves palm branches and sings *All glory, laud, and honor*, repeating the hymn as necessary until the congregation reaches the front doors of the church.

*Refrain*

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 King 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 be - 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 cre - 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 - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

### At the door of the church

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: 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 Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## The Word of God

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *God's mercy endures for ever.*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Trisagion** (sung three times)

Hymn S-102

*(Hymns beginning with "S-" are in the service music portion in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982)*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

**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: 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 Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

## 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."

## 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.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*What wondrous love is this*

Hymnal, 439

## The Gospel: John 12:1-8

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' 'He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Sermon

*A period of silence is observed*

The Rev. Liz Schellingerhoudt

## **The Prayers of the People**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Rob, our bishop; for Liz, our priest; for the Church in Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, and Israel; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust especially Joe, our president; Brian, our governor; Jim, our mayor; and Lamar, our commissioner, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who live and work in this community we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, war and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees; for prisoners; and for all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; give them courage and hope as we say their names responsively: Mrs. Kim, Andy, Nanda, the Day Family, the Heldman family, John, Belinda, Maggie, Ray, Peter, George, Jim, Jenna, Jerry, Alice, Keith, Sharon, Renea, Carolyn, MaryAnn, Jane, Mary, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan; for those who travel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating birthdays this week, including Whitner Schellingerhoudt, Kay Waldrip, Don Pilcher, Michelle Wilson, Haley Dyer, and Diana Guimond; and for those celebrating anniversaries, including Sherry and Steve Wilson, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, including Rubye Day, Norma, Guillermo Aquas-Bahena, all who have died in the war between Russia and Ukraine, and all who have died in the war in the Middle East, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Clare and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Celebrant*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Peace** *(standing)*

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

People: *And also with you.*

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Anthem

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Gilbert M. Martin

Presentation Hymn

*Take my life and let it be*

Hymnal, 707

**Eucharistic Prayer A** *(all standing)*

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. 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**

Hymn S-114



*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

**Agnus Dei**

Hymn S-157

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Communion Hymns**

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
Oh sacred head, sore wounded*

Hymnal, 158  
Hymnal, 168

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

*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.*

**Processional Hymn**

*My song is love unknown*

Hymnal, 458

*The congregation leaves in silence as we enter Holy Week. We will not gather for fellowship today.*

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## **Those Who Serve Today**

Sunday, March 24, 2023

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Lector 2 – BJ Foster

Eucharistic Minister – Lynnae Boudreau

Ushers – Lynne Joynes & Jerome Laux

Greeter – Michelle Wilson

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# Holy Week Schedule

## Wednesday, March 27th

11:30 AM Centering Prayer  
12:15 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

## Maundy Thursday, March 28th

5:15 PM Agape Meal in the Parish Hall (Sign up requested)  
6:00 PM, Maundy Thursday Service with foot washing  
7:00 PM – Good Friday 11:00AM, "Wait with me one hour" vigil with reserved sacrament (Sign up requested)

## Good Friday, March 29th

Noon and 6:00 PM Good Friday Services  
5:15 PM, Stations of the Cross in the church

## Holy Saturday, March 30th

10:00 AM, Decorate the church for Easter  
Noon, Holy Saturday service in the Assisi Chapel

## Easter Day, Sunday, March 31st

6:00 AM, Easter Vigil beginning in Memorial Gardens, followed by breakfast  
10:30 AM, Easter Day Service with followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Feast (Sign up requested for Easter Feast)

## Easter Monday, April 1st

Office closed



## Announcements

**Envelopes for Easter flower donations** are available in the pews. Please include your donation (and In Honor of/ Memory Of information) in the offering plate or drop it off in the office by tomorrow, March 25th. Money given will be used to beautify our altar and gardens.

**Wait With Me One Hour** is an overnight vigil held between the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday service and the start of our Noon Good Friday service. Please use the link provided in the eClare to sign up to sit with the blessed sacrament, remembering Jesus' plea to his disciples to stay awake with him "one hour" while he prayed.

**Our Thursday Book Study Group** is reading [Zero at the Bone: Fifty Entries Against Despair](#) by Christian Wiman. Please use the Zoom link in the eClare to join us at 4:00 PM each Thursday.

**The church will hold a fire drill on Sunday, April 14th, during the 10:30 AM service.** This drill has been scheduled as part of the Vestry's work on our emergency management procedures.



### **2024 Vestry**

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