



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 5, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

The Book of Common Prayer, page 270

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Officiant 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.*

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Officiant

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.*

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

Officiant Let us go forth in peace;

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Officiant

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.*

As we sing our hymn, "All glory, laud and honor," we invite you to process around your home or garden, or to relive the memory of past palm processions with the photographs we have collected in the slide show we are about to air.

Hymn 154: *Valet will ich dir geben*, "All glory, laud and honor"

Refrain All glory, laud and honor to you, 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 cometh, the King and Blessed One. *Ref*

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

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

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

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

The Invitatory and Psalter
The Book of Common Prayer, page 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Venite (*said by all*)

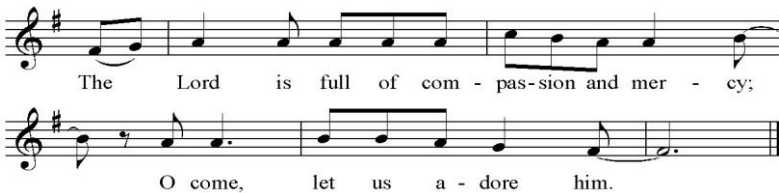
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Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 31:9-16

setting: Mark Whitmire

Antiphon, sung by all.



Cantor

- 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. *Antiphon*
- 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." *Antiphon*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. *Antiphon*

The Lessons

First Lesson: 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.

Hymn: *Kingsfold*, "When Jesus left his Father's throne"

People When Jesus left his Father's throne, he chose an humble birth;
like us, unhonored and unknown, he came to dwell on earth.
Like him may we be found below, in wisdom's path of peace;
like him in grace and knowledge grow as years and strength increase.

Choir A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky;
the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine;
a barn shall harbor heaven, a stall became a shrine.

People Sweet were his words and kind his look,
when mothers round him pressed;
their infants in his arms he took, and on his bosom blessed.
Safe from the world's alluring harms, beneath his watchful eye,
thus in the circle of his arms may we for ever lie.

Choir This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by;
the palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull, and dumb,
and lie within the roadway, to pave his kingdom come.

People When Jesus into Zion rode, the children sang around;
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed
their garments on the ground.
Hosanna our glad voices raise, hosanna to our King!
Should we forget our Savior's praise,
the stones themselves would sing.

Choir Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die;
the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, for stony hearts of men:
God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.

Passion Gospel: Matthew 26:36-27:66

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The People sit. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Matthew 27:33) all stand.

Song: In all of these things

Isaac Gill

Hated and despised
like the Stone that the builders rejected,
like a wet leaf that goes undetected by the wind.

Beginning and the End,
I have dared to call you my friend,
I have chased you and yet I have found that I'm your prey.

Refrain: In all of these things I have found
that I'm just a breath and I'm just a sound.
In all of the words I waste each day,
may the ones that count,
be the words I pray.

Lion and the Lamb
You have called yourself the "I AM"
You have welcomed sinners like me to the front of your line.

Sermon: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Officiant and People together, all standing as able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
He was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling as able.

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.

Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

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.*

Other Collects**Prayers for the Parish**

Officiant: Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

Officiant and People

Cheri Harrell Anthony, Elizabeth Austin, Jon Barton, Loryn Brazier,
Matt Curtis, Mark Dalton, Mabrey Deane, Susan Early, Cameron Flippen,
Susan Goff, Tom Griffin, Randy Holmes, Bernadette Howard,
Palmer Johnson, Frances Jones, Emily King, Barbara Kolcum,
Rosalyn McCard, Eve McCray, Eddie Meade, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore,
Sue and Robbie Morris, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds,
Bill Royall, Geoff Sisk, Bradford Smith, Betty Stallings, JEB Stuart,
Carol Valentine, David Wilkinson, Jennifer and Woody

The Officiant continues.

Prayer for Mission

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Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those that do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

Kyrie S95

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

Greeting and Announcements

Anthem: Arise, my Love, my fair one

Joel Martinson

Refrain Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come. *Ref.*

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;

For love is strong as death, jealousy is cruel as the grave.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. *Ref.*

General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Versicle and Response

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 168: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*, “O sacred head, sore wounded”

v. 1 – Soloist

v. 2-5 – All

- 1 O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head surrounded with mocking crown of thorns.
What sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore.
- 2 Thy beauty, long desired, hath vanished from our sight:
Thy pow’r is all expired, and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace:
Show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.
- 3 In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry.
With thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.
- 4 What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for thee.
- 5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine immortal pow’r,
To hold me that I quail not in death’s most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended, and see in my last strife
To me thine arms extended upon the cross of life.

Closing Sentences

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Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Postlude: *Vexilla Regis (The standards of the King)*

Marcel Dupré

Forth come the standards of the King,
Here shines the mystery of the Cross
On which Life has suffered death,
And, through death, has begotten Life.

*The greens at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Arthur Sumner Brinkley, Jr., Joanne Raines Brinkley,
William Giles Raines, Grace Mosey Raines and
Mary Ayres Daniel Moncure*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Officiant: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Assisting Priests: The Reverend Dr. Mark Cooper

The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

The Reverend Laura Inscoc

The Reverend Dr. Vienna Cobb-Anderson

Passion Readers:

Narrator: Lisa Niemeier

Jesus: Brewster Rawls

Judas: Dale Mann

Pilate: Cary Milley

Peter: Sarah Hubbard

Priest: Pierce Rucker

Bystander: Charol Shakeshaft

Witness: Carrie Rose Pace

Musicians: Youth Choir

Psalmist: Liza Hopper

Small Ensemble on "Arise my love": Liza Hopper, James McCoy,

Lillibet Woodward

Soloists on "In all of these things": Liza Hopper, Hadley Turton,

Lillibet Woodward

Soloist on "O sacred head": Lillibet Woodward

Kyrie: Elisabeth Eckstein

Organist/Choir Director: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For the sick and in need: especially Cheri Harrell Anthony, Elizabeth Austin, Jon Barton, Loryn Brazier, Matt Curtis, Mark Dalton, Mabrey Deane, Susan Early, Cameron Flippen, Susan Goff, Tom Griffin, Randy Holmes, Bernadette Howard, Palmer Johnson, Frances Jones, Emily King, Barbara Kolcum, Rosalyn McCard, Eve McCray, Eddie Meade, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore, Sue and Robbie Morris, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Bill Royall, Geoff Sisk, Bradford Smith, Betty Stallings, JEB Stuart, Carol Valentine, David Wilkinson, Jennifer and Woody

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially Robert Crutcher, Duke Hopper, Clare and Beirne Hutcheson, John Nance and Wilson Nance

For the recently married: especially Claiborne Scott Mason and Harry Hathaway Warner, Jr. who were married here yesterday

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Tray Adams III, Sarah Beck, Cameron Flippen, Whit Galeski, Nancy Hartwell, Anne Heffner, Julia Henley, Carrie Pace, Ann Rawls, Geoff Sisk and P.J. Turner who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Susan Braden, Lulee Holt and William Clarke (Brother) Scott