



The Sunday of the Passion

**The Liturgy of the Palms &
The Holy Eucharist**

10 o'clock in the morning

March 29, 2026

The Liturgy of the Palms

The Acclamation

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

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The Collect

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.*

The Holy Gospel

The Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

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

The Blessing of the Palms

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 branched of palm along his way. Let these branches be 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: *Hosanna in the highest.*

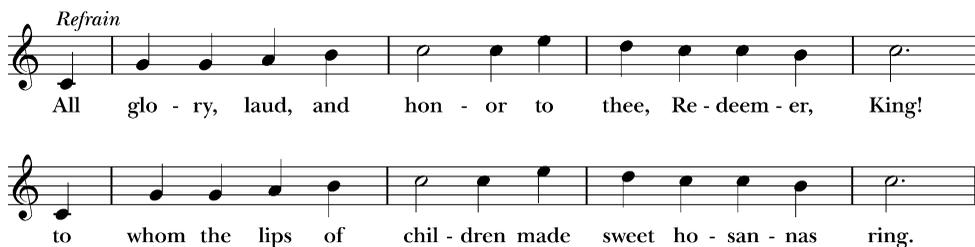
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Palms are distributed by members of the vestry

Hymn 154 (v.1-4)

Valet will ich dir geben

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.

The Word of the Lord

Salutation

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 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?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 31:9-16 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

People: *For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; **

*my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.*

Leader: 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.

People: *I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.*

Leader: 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.

People: *But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.*

Leader: My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

People: *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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Matthew 26:14- 27:66

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

*The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.
At the verse which indicates the arrival at the place of The Skull, all stand.*

Evangelist - Peter Ulisse
Jesus - Ginnie Glassman
Congregation – Congregation
Pilate – Howie Meehan

High Priest – Carol Meehan
Servant 1 – Sheila Anderson
Servant 2 – Sheila Anderson
Peter – Diane Foster
Judas – Danny Zelibor
Centurion – Mother Kathleen

Reflection

The Rev. Kathleen Liles

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: In the name of Christ, let us pray to the God whose care embraces every person in need.

Leader: That the church, your household, O God, may reflect your compassion and hurry to welcome everyone with an embrace of love and a place at the table. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all who suffer and grieve may know comfort, justice, peace, and restoration. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all who are alienated from their families may find the understanding they seek, and the care they need for healing. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That those burdened by hurtful memories or past guilt may come to know your forgiveness is unconditional and freely given. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For peace in nations torn by violence and an increase in toleration and understanding among all people. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our own needs and those of others, especially those for whom we have been asked to pray, especially Andrea, Stephen, Debbie, Justin, Sue, Wendy, Jake, Sophia, Robyn, John, Beverly, Maryanne, Jason, Jacob, Ellie, and Ron. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That we, whose sins have been forgiven, may extend forgiveness to others.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: For all the departed; that they may know peace in the risen life of Christ.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Good and gracious God, rich in mercy and pardon, hear the prayers we offer; at your altar give us a foretaste of the joy you have prepared for us in the paschal banquet of your Son, Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Offertory Hymn 439

Wonderous Love



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



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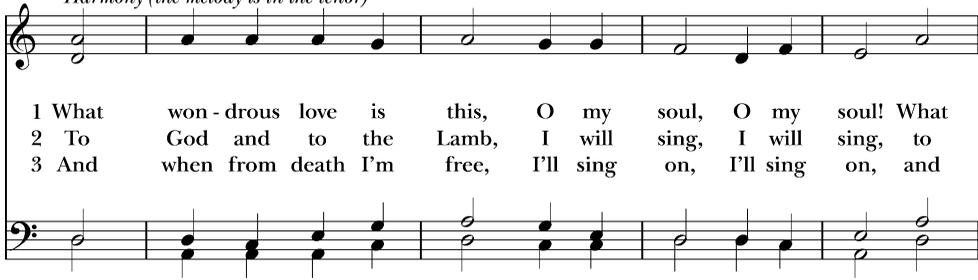


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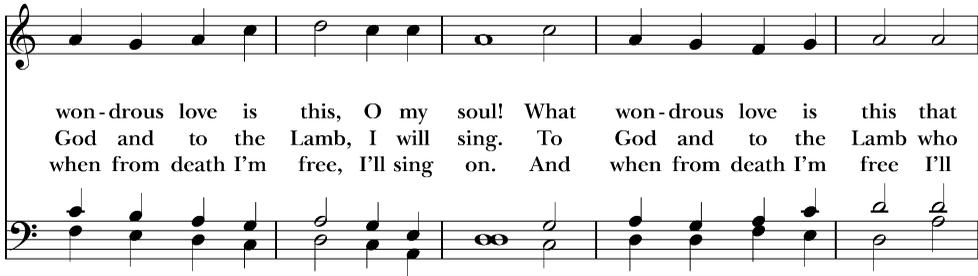


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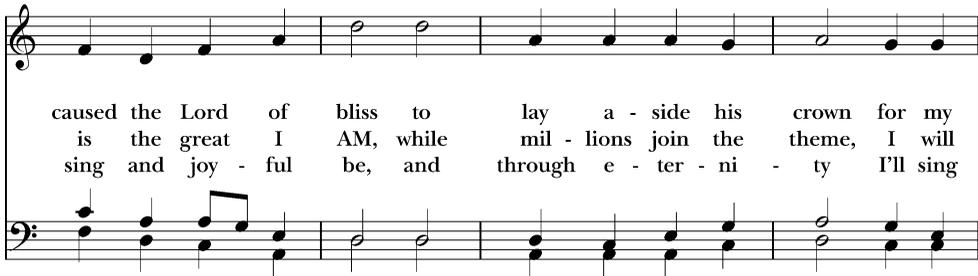
Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)



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All are invited to the Lord's Table

In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons, including those from other Christian Churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him 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; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

Celebrant and People

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 people stand or kneel. Then 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:

Celebrant and People

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,

All: 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Pascha Nostrum

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People: Have mercy on us.

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People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People: Grant us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 168

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

The Post Communion Prayer (*Celebrant and People*)

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

Closing Hymn 160

Cross of Jesus

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in
 3 O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a -
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the

blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on
 light ere worlds could be, robed in mor - tal
 ban - don - ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God him -
 blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on

thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!
 flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
 self is bear - ing all the suf - fer - ings of time!
 thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.



Parish Announcements

Holy Week Services:

Good Friday (April 3) – 6pm The Liturgy of the Day (Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.)

Easter Day (April 5) – One Service at 9:30 am followed by festive Coffee Hour.
 Please bring an item to share!

Spirituality Monday:

Our Meditation Group meets virtually the first and third Monday of each month. Our Prayer Group meets virtually on the second and fourth Monday of the month. All are welcome to join. Please see the weekly eNews for the zoom link.



Serving at Today's Liturgy

Celebrant: The Rev. L. Kathleen Liles
The Rev. Deacon Lee Forshaw
Lector: Ginnie Glassman
The Passion Readers

UPCOMING SERVICES

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