

Liturgy of the Palms & Liturgy of the Passion



The Triumphal Entry

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, Year A

April 5, 2020 • 11:00am

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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, YEAR A – APRIL 5, 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD & LITURGY OF THE PASSION – 11:00AM
The liturgy may be found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) or in this service leaflet.

The Prelude

Musical Voluntary

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

All gather in their homes with branches cut from plants outside in celebration of the day. Once all is ready, the liturgy begins,

Bishop Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Bishop Let us pray. *Silence*

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.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon then reads the Palm Sunday Gospel from 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."

Concluding Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

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.

People **Amen.**

A Word from the Bishop – The Right Reverend Mark D.W. Edington, Bishop in Charge

Following, all hold up their branches.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

Bishop 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.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Bishop Let us go forth in peace.

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

The Procession

While holding up their branches, all then sing,

Images of Palm Sunday in prior years in the Convocation

“All glory, laud and honor”

Hymn 154, stanzas 1, 2 and 5

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 stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

The Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop 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.

People **Amen.**

The First Lesson

The People sit for the Lessons and the Psalm. Your branches should be set on or in your sacred space in your own home.

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet 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 Gradual Hymn - "Ride on, King Jesus"

Sung by Emmanuel Church musicians, Geneva, Switzerland

Refrain: Ride on, King Jesus,

No man can-a hinder me.

Ride on King Jesus ride on no man can-a hinder me

1. King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, No man works like Him,
De river Jord'n He did cross no man works like Him. Oh

Refrain

2. I know that my redeemer lives, No man works like Him,
And of His blessing freely gives, no man works like Him. Oh

Refrain

The Passion Gospel

The People are seated for the beginning of the Passion Gospel.

Evangelist The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to them,

Jesus "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Evangelist He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

Evangelist And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Evangelist Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Evangelist Again Jesus went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Evangelist Again Jesus came and found the disciples sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Evangelist While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given the crowd a sign, saying,

Judas "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

Evangelist At once Judas came up to Jesus and said,

Judas "Greetings, Rabbi!"

Evangelist and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Friend, do what you are here to do."

Evangelist Then the crowd came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

Evangelist At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Evangelist Then all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, Peter sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

False Witness "This fellow said, `I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

Evangelist The high priest stood up and said to Jesus,

High Priest "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

Evangelist But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to Jesus,

High Priest "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Evangelist Jesus said to him,

Jesus "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Evangelist Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

Evangelist The scribes and elders answered,

Scribes "He deserves death."

Evangelist Then they spat in Jesus' face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Elders "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Evangelist Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,
Servant "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."
Evangelist But Peter denied it before all of them, saying,
Peter "I do not know what you are talking about."
Evangelist When Peter went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,
Servant "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."
Evangelist Again Peter denied it with an oath,
Peter "I do not know the man."
Evangelist After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,
Bystanders "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."
Evangelist Then Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,
Peter "I do not know the man!"
Evangelist At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:
Jesus "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."
Evangelist And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. Judas said,
Judas "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."
Evangelist But the chief priests and elders said,
Chief Priest "What is that to us? See to it yourself."
Evangelist Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, Judas departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,
Chief Priests "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."
Evangelist After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah,
Prophet "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."
Evangelist Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,
Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"
Evangelist Jesus said,
Jesus "You say so."
Evangelist But when Jesus was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,
Pilate "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"
Evangelist But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to the crowd,
Pilate "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Evangelist For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and elders had handed Jesus over. While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Evangelist Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Evangelist And the crowd said,

Crowd "**Barabbas.**"

Evangelist Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Evangelist All of them said,

Crowd "**Let him be crucified!**" (*in multiple languages of the convocation*)

Evangelist Then Pilate asked,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done?"

Evangelist But the crowd shouted all the more,

Crowd "**Let him be crucified!**" (*in multiple languages of the convocation*)

Evangelist So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Evangelist Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd "**His blood be on us and on our children!**" (*in multiple languages of the convocation*)

Evangelist So Pilate released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped Jesus and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Evangelist They spat on Jesus, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, the soldiers came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross.

All stand.

Evangelist And when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over Jesus' head they put the charge against him, which read,

Soldiers "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Evangelist Then two bandits were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Passersby "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Evangelist In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Jesus, saying,

Chief Priests "He saved others; he cannot save himself."

Scribes He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.

Elders He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said, 'I am God's Son.'"

Evangelist The bandits who were crucified with Jesus also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Evangelist that is,

Jesus "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Evangelist When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders "This man is calling for Elijah."

Evangelist At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystanders "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Evangelist Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Evangelist Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. Joseph went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. Joseph then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priests "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive."

Pharisee "He said `After three days I will rise again.'"

Chief Priests "Therefore, command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise Jesus' disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people,"

Pharisees ""He has been raised from the dead,""

Chief Priests "And the last deception would be worse than the first."

Evangelist Pilate said to them,

Pilate "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

Evangelist So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

There is a moment for silent reflection.

The Prayers of the People

In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop and for Mark our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____ . I ask your thanksgiving for _____ .

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Then, the Bishop says a Concluding Collect.

*The People respond, **Amen***

The Passion Hymn

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

Hymn 172, Stanzas 1,2,4 & 5

African American Spiritual

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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5. Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
 Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
 Oh, sometimes I feel like shouting 'Glory, glory, glory!'
 Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

Bishop And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Then all 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 Solemn Prayer

BOS 26

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Bishop 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.

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Then the Deacon dismisses the People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Musical Voluntary

Theme from Schindler's List by J. Williams

Soloist: Andrew Close.
Emmanuel Church, Geneva

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