

# The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 9th, 2017, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

## The Liturgy of the Palms

Choral Introit

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

Barbara Semmann

Welcome

† 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.**

The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

† Deacon A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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."

Blessing over the Palm Branches and Crosses

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.**

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper.*

*It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.*



**Celebrant:** The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

**Deacon:** The Rev. Peter Huang

*All raise their palm branches for the Blessing of the Palms.*

**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 Procession of the Palms

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

**People** **Hosanna in the highest!**

**Deacon** Let us go forth in peace.

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

*Please pick up a palm branch from an usher if you don't have one yet,  
and join the procession into the Church waving your branch and singing as we go!  
(Please make way for the procession and follow the processional cross through the main doors.)*

### Processional Hymn

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn #154

*Refrain:*

*All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, 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 comest,  
the King and Blessed One. Refrain**

**2. The company of angels  
are praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation  
In chorus make reply. Refrain**

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

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

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

*Please remain standing,*

**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.

**People** **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*All remain STANDING for*

### The Collect of the Day

**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.**

## Sending Forth the Children

Children are always welcome to stay in the Church with you, or at this point in the service you may choose to accept this invitation for children to follow the teachers to their Godly Play classrooms. If you need any guidance, please just ask one of the Ushers or teachers.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a

1<sup>st</sup> Reader A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

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?

1<sup>st</sup> Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anglican chant is a treasured tradition in the Episcopal Church, which we have used throughout the season of Lent.

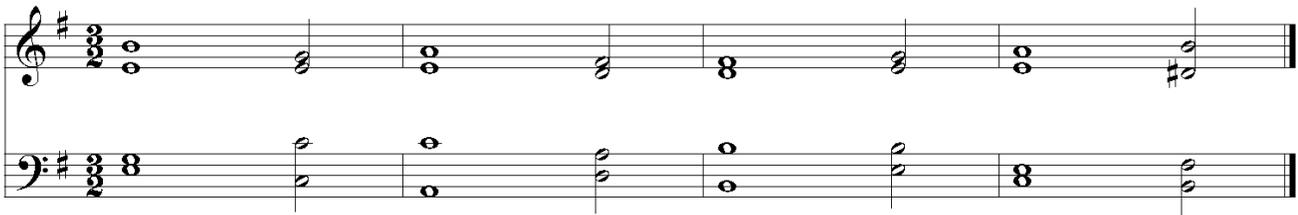
We sing the words of the Psalm on one note until the accent (á), which indicates to move to the next note.

Remaining seated, please sing (or read silently) along.

The Response

Psalm 31

Hal Hopson



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Be gracious, Lord, for I, in ánguish, your heartfelt mercy now implóre;  
The very heart within me plánted can bear its grief alone no móre.

My eyes have wasted all their crýing, my life with sorrow melts awáy;  
The loving thoughts of those aróund me in scorn and mem'ry fast decáy.

Amid the pain of their deníal, I come, O Lord, to you for gráce;  
My trust is in your steadfast mércy, I glory in your smiling fáce.

The Second Lesson                  Philippians 2:5-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader    A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader    The Word of the Lord.

**People        Thanks be to God.**



Anthem

*O Come and Mourn*

*Early American Folk Tune*

*O come and mourn with me awhile; all ye now come to the Savior's side; come see the One who frees us all;  
the Lord of Life is crucified.*

*Have we no tears to shed for him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride? Upon the cross he bears the pain;  
the Lord of Life is crucified.*

*Seven times he speaks, seven words of love; his silence, too, cries out to all. His words of love our hearts receive.  
The Lord of Life is crucified.*

*O Love of God, now shown to all. In this dread hour true strength is found; it is with love we triumph still.  
The Lord of Life is crucified.*

*O come and mourn with me a while; the Lord of Life is crucified.*



HEAR THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO MATTHEW—27:11-54.

*Please remain seated for the Passion reading.*

*Narrator* Now Jesus stood before the governor;  
and the governor asked him,

*Pontius Pilate* Are you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* Jesus said,

*Jesus* You say so.

*Narrator* But when he was accused by the chief  
priests and elders, he did not answer.  
Then Pilate said to him,

*Pontius Pilate* Do you not hear how many accusations  
they make against you?

*Narrator* But he 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 pris-  
oner 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 them,

*Pontius Pilate* Whom do you want me to release for you,  
Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the  
Messiah?

*Narrator* for he realized that it was out of jealousy  
that they had handed him over. While he  
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.

*Narrator* Now the chief priests and the elders per-  
suaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and  
to have Jesus killed. The governor again  
said to them,

*Pontius Pilate* Which of the two do you want me to re-  
lease for you?

*Narrator* And they said,

The congregation shouts:  
**"Barabbas"**

*Narrator* Pilate said to them,

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

*Narrator* All of them said,

The congregation shouts:  
**"Let him be crucified!"**

*Narrator* Then he asked,

*Pontius Pilate* Why, what evil has he done?

*Narrator* But they shouted all the more,

The congregation shouts:  
**"Let him be crucified!"**

*Narrator* So when Pilate saw that he could do noth-  
ing, but rather that a riot was beginning,  
he took some water and washed his hands  
before the crowd, saying,

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

*Narrator* Then the people as a whole answered,

The congregation shouts:  
**"His blood be on us and on our children!"**

*Narrator* So he 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 headquar-  
ters, and they gathered the whole cohort  
around him. They stripped him 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,



The congregation shouts:  
**"Hail, King of the Jews!"**

*Narrator* They spat on him, 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, they came up on a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his

clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

The congregation shouts:

**"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."**

*Narrator* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying

The congregation shouts:

**"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, I am God's Son."**

*Narrator* The bandits who were crucified with him 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?

*Narrator* that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

The congregation shouts:

**This man is calling for Elijah.**

*Narrator* 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,

*Crowd* **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

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

*All stand or kneel, and silence is kept.*

*Narrator* 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,

The congregation says:

**Truly this man was God's Son!**

*There will be a long SILENCE following the reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ.*

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Stuart Townend

*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
the Father turns his face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders; ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.*

*Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,*

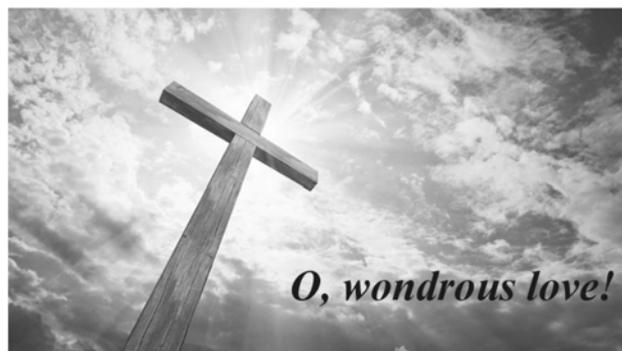
Offertory Hymn

**What wondrous love**

**WONDRIOUS LOVE**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.

American Folk Hymn, Hymn #439 The Hymnal 1982





*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel.  
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Remember, O Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic church. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all bishops, clergy, and laity who minister in your church. Inspire and equip us to love and serve as you have served.

Remember all who serve in the armed and foreign services of our country, and their families, especially Kelly Hall, Gavin Larson, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman, and Steve.

Remember all who live in the midst of conflict and who long for freedom and peace.

God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your confirmands ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence. We pray for youth confirmands: Aidan, Chloe, Cole, Grace, Hannah, Joe, Lauren, Maxwell, Sidney and Sofia; and for adults who will be confirmed, received or reaffirmed in their baptismal vows: Liz and Dick, Donna and Richard, Mark and Doug, Michele, Beth, and Billy and Magee. Bless their leaders—Holly, Kristina and Paula+ with a sensitive ear to their particular questions and needs, and may you lovingly guide them as they guide others in their spiritual journeys.

Remember those in our parish who are ill, especially: Andrea, Lynne, Ceri Falk, Dato Family (Kelly Lynch's sister), Rob and Pam Fitting, Mama Hill, Elizabeth Hodgson, Gail Joerger, Chong-Kyun Kim, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith, Chris Snapp and Hayward and Phyllis Thomas ...*(Please add your prayers silently or aloud.)*

May their spirits be sustained and their bodies renewed.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially all those we name to you now...  
*(Please add your prayers silently or aloud).* Sustain them in eternal joy and light.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

Celebrant 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.**

Fraction Anthem

O Lamb of God

ST FLAVIAN

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

1, 2

O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, Have

6 3rd time

mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy on us. world,

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grant us thy peace, Grant us thy peace.

Tune ST FLAVIAN from Day's Psalter, 1562.

The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion at one of the Communion Stations at the front of the Church, approaching by the center aisle and returning to your seat by the side aisle. Each person receives the Bread in the palm of the hand, eats, and then takes a sip of the Wine from the chalice. If you are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward for a blessing at the time of Communion. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. Please inform one of the ushers if you wish to be served in the pew.

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will also be available to pray with you, or you may just choose to light a candle.

\*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

Please join in singing,  
Communion Music

Jesus, Remember Me

Taizé

(The choir will be sitting in the congregation during the singing of the Communion hymn)



*Please stand or kneel as able for*  
The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** **Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and gave yourself to die on the cross for our salvation: Give us that same humility, and that same spirit of self-giving love, so we may faithfully follow you and proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

An Invitation to the Pilgrimage of Holy Week

The Blessing

Celebrant May the crucified Christ draw you to himself this Holy Week, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand as able for*

The Recessional Hymn

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**Hymn #474**

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude: Lamm Gottes, unschuldig (O Lamb of God, most stainless)*

*Max Reger*

*Please refrain from applause following the organ Voluntary during Holy Week.*

# Holy Week and Easter - Let's Walk Together

## You Are Invited to the Pilgrimage of Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil are three days in the church year when we physically walk with Jesus from the table, to the cross, and to the tomb.

On Easter morning, we go with Mary Magdalene and witness with her, Jesus rise from the dead. The three days before explain why we even need to gather on Easter. One does not make sense without the other.

Though it might be hard to make it to church three times in a row, coming to these services are a great reminder of why we gather on Sunday mornings in the first place!

Of course, the best way to learn more about these Three Days is to experience them first-hand!

## Maundy Thursday – April 13 - Light Dinner/ Communion, 6:30pm.

A solemn sharing of worship over a Middle Eastern meal in our Parish Hall.

## Good Friday – April 14

### Stations of the Cross, 12:10pm Church

We walk our beautiful stained glass panels, hand-made by members of our congregation from broken glass from our windows, retrieved after the Northridge earthquake.

### NEW this year – Service of Light and Darkness, 7pm Chapel

On Ash Wednesday we received ashes as we began our Lenten journey as a symbol of “repentance”.

New this Good Friday, in the midst of a service that will include scripture readings, candles and music, we will offer an anointing with holy oil as a symbol of our baptismal covenant, followers of Jesus, hearing the words,

*“Remember you are buried with Christ to rise with Christ.”*

## The Great Vigil of Easter – Saturday April 15, 7pm Chapel

The new fire of Easter is started, outside on our chapel patio, from which the great Easter candle is lit.

The dark sanctuary gives way to the lighting of candles, and ringing of bells, with Holy Eucharist, as the service celebrates the first Easters of the early Christians, when new Christians were baptized into the faith.

## Easter Day—Sunday, April 16

8am—Rite I—Holy Communion

10am—Rite II—Holy Communion with Full Choir and Brass.

Plus our traditional Easter Egg Hunt for the kids after 10am!