

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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



The Liturgy of the Palms

Prelude—O Worship The King

Grant/Handel

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, as we gather online during this coronavirus pandemic.

Help us stay focused on the gift of faith that we have received, the life of Jesus that we now enter more fully through this remembrance of his entry into Jerusalem and the week ahead, our Holy Week walk through the last events of the life of Jesus. We offer all to you in the name and power of Jesus. **Amen.**

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.

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."

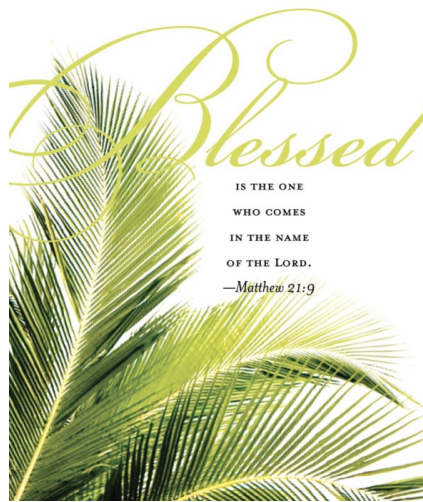
Celebrant: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
Deacon: The Rev. Jude Lyons

Please hold your branch or stem of any kind as we sing:

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***

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

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.
And as we walk with you let us especially pray:

Gracious God, giver of life and health: comfort, heal and restore all who are suffering from the coronavirus. Give your healing power to all doctors and nurses who are ministering to our needs. Bless all who labor in essential work and services, so that the necessities of life are available. May all of us be strengthened when we feel weak or despondent, anxious or afraid. Help us practice safety for ourselves and others. Inspire us to reach out with the power of healing love. We pray to be faithful and hopeful through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and ever living 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

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

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.

Narrator 1—Wayne Hastings; **Narrator 2**—Jude+; **Reader 1: Judas, Jesus, Centurion**—Celeste+;
Reader 2: Chief Priest, Pilate, Soldiers—Hank Gatlin; **Reader 3: Wife, bystander, Passerby, Scribe**—Jeannie Cobb;
Reader 4: Crowd—Paula+

Narrator 1: 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.

Narrator 2: 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. He said,

Judas: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Narrator 2: But they said,

Chief priest: What is that to us? See to it yourself.

Narrator 2: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

Narrator 1: But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priest: It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

Narrator 1: 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.

Narrator 2: Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

"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."

Narrator 1: Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator 1: Jesus said,

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator 1: But when he 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?

Narrator 1: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Narrator 2: 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 them,

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

Narrator 2: 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,

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

Narrator 2: 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?

Narrator 2: And they said,

Crowd: Barabbas.

Narrator 2: Pilate said to them,

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

Narrator 2: All of them said,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Narrator 2: Then he asked,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator 2: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Narrator 2: 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.

Narrator 2: Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd: His blood be on us and on our children!

Narrator 2: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Narrator 1: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, 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,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator 1: 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.

Narrator 2: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

Narrator 1: 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.

Narrator 2: 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."

Narrator 1: 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,

Passerby: 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 2: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Chief Priest : 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.

Scribe: He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'

Narrator 1: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

(pause)

Narrator 1: 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 1: that is,

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

Narrator 1: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystander: This man is calling for Elijah.

Narrator 1: 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,

Bystander: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Narrator 1: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Narrator 2: 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.

Narrator 1: 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!



The Prayers of the People

Leader For our prayers of the people today, let us hold in our hearts all that we are remembering as a people of God.

Remember all who are suffering, all those who have contracted the coronavirus and all who long for new freedom and peace, safety and new life for all the world.

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 Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Remember those in our parish who are ill, or in any kind of need or trouble, especially: Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Luke Miles, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Shelley Reece, Anne Sharp, Steve Smith ...*(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.**

Anthem

Lord of All, Most Holy

Hal Hopson

Lord of all, most holy, how can we give thanks? How for a broken body? Lord of all, most holy, how can we give thanks? How, for a crown of thorns? What thanks have we for such a crown: O Lord, what thanks have we?

Yet it that body of Jesus be not broken; our broken lives will not know the joy of healing. If he, the Lord, the Most Holy be not mocked; our mocking words of the truth will not be barred. And so we praise thee. Holy, holy.

Lord of all, most holy, hear our thankful praise. Hear our supplication. Lord of all, most holy, thank for your life poured out. Thanks for your broken body. We too, would serve the world, and praise your name forevermore.

Communion Under Special Circumstances with Spiritual Communion

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us say together,

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.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Announcements

The Blessing

Celebrant May the crucified Christ draw you into his heart of love as we enter this Holy Week, feeling with Jesus what it is to suffer and wait for fullness of a resurrected life of freedom and peace. We are together yet apart in you Jesus. Let us receive ever deeper the power of faith and hope as we pray ifor an end to the coronavirus. And the blessings of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Postlude: Dresden Amen

Wagner