

# The Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY



# Holy Eucharist Rite II - 9:30am April 13, 2025

# **SUNDAY SERVICES**

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service speak to one another.

# The Rector's Welcome

"The liturgies of Holy Week are ancient and by nature different from the liturgical celebrations of the rest of the Church Year. They are meant to be different in order to focus the attention of the people on the mysteries being celebrated in this sacred time."

This excerpt of A Priest's Handbook, by Dennis Michno, captures well what we hope to accomplish this week. Holy Week is meant to take us out of thinking about ourselves, our accomplishments, our troubles, and whatever is happening in popular culture. This is a week that we are to set aside the cares of the world and focus on the immense gift God has given all of us. That gift is, of course, Grace. There is no better example of the enormity of God's Grace than what we experience in recapitulating those events from the first Holy Week.

Michno continues: "If the time between Palm Sunday and Easter seems endless, it is meant to. Time is suspended as we ponder and celebrate the great mysteries of our redemption. A slow pace, reverence, and a continuity among services assist this contemplation." For Holy Week this year, be intentional about unplugging from the normal and plugging into God's power.

Faithfully,

Fr. Chr. Word+

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Rector

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Palm branches are distributed to the congregation along with the bulletins.

All stand as the Ministers enter. The congregation faces them, at the back of the church, as the choir sings

**Introit:** Hosanna to the Son of David

Thomas Weelkes

Sung by the choir

Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens! Hosanna in excelsis Deo!

#### LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*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.

Celebrant

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.** 

#### PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Beth'phage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

At the conclusion

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The people hold up their palm branches while this prayer is said by the Celebrant

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.

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.** 

*Celebrant* Blessed is he 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.

The People are invited to hold up and wave their branches as the procession makes its way to the altar

**Processional Hymn 154** 

Valet will ich dir geben



#### 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.** 

The people sit

THE LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

**GRADUAL:** PSALM 31:10-18 (COVERDALE TRANSLATION)

Joseph Barnby

Sung by the choir

- 10 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble \* and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.
- 11 For my life is waxen old with heaviness \*

and my years with mourning.

- 12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity \* and my bones are consumed.
- 13 I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours \* and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without conveyed themselves from me.
- 14 I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind \*

I am become like a broken vessel.

- 15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude \* and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.
- 16 But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord \*

I have said, Thou art my God.

- 17 My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies \* and from them that persecute me.
- 18 Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance \* and save me for thy mercy's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied

himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue 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 people stand



The people sit

## THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE (sung by the choir)

Ludovico da Viadana

The people are seated until the verse mentioning Jesus' arrival at Golgotha, at which time they stand.

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

Narrator Then the whole company of them arose, and brought him before Pilate. And

they began to accuse him, saying,

Reader We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding us to give tribute

to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ a king.

Narrator And Pilate asked him,

Reader Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator And he answered him,

Jesus You have said so.

Narrator And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes,

Reader I find no crime in this man.

Narrator But they were urgent, saying,

Reader He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to

this place.

Narrator When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when

he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length; but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then, arraying him in gorgeous apparel, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them,

Reader You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after

examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him; neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him; I will therefore

chastise him and release him.

Narrator But they all cried out together,

Crowd Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas.

Narrator — a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the

city, and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release

Jesus; but they shouted out,

Crowd Crucify, crucify him!

Narrator A third time he said to them,

Reader Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no crime deserving death; I

will therefore chastise him and release him.

Narrator But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified.

And their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should

be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for

insurrection and murder, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will. And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women

who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said,

Jesus Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for

your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will

happen when it is dry?

Narrator Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with

him.

\*All stand

Narrator And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they

crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And

Jesus said,

Jesus Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Narrator And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by,

watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying,

Reader He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen

One!

Narrator The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and

saying,

Reader If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Narrator There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of

the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying,

Reader Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!

Narrator But the other rebuked him, saying,

Reader Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of

condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of

our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator And he said,

Reader Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator And he said to him,

Jesus Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land

until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple

was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!

Narrator And having said this he breathed his last.

Silence may be kept and people may kneel for a time, rising with the Celebrant.

Narrator Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, and

said,

Reader Certainly this man was innocent!

Narrator And all the multitudes who assembled to see the sight, when they saw what

had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a

distance and saw these things.

THE SERMON Father Van Wormer

The people sit

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form II)

In the course of the Silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Stephen, Archbishop of York, Sean the Presiding Bishop, and for Douglas, 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 recent faithful departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_].

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes the intercessions with this collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

All Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us

and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy

Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people sit

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Offertory Sentence**

### **Offertory Anthem** God so loved the world

Sir John Stainer

God so loved the world,

that He gave His only begotten Son,

that who so believeth in Him should not perish,

but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his son into the world

to condemn the world:

but that the world through Him might be saved.

(John 3:16-17)

# Offertory Hymn 435 Stanza 6

King's Weston

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

# **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer A*

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface of Holy Week

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:

#### Sanctus and Benedictus S122

Mason Martens

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 remain standing as they are able

#### Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

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,

Celebrant and People

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, forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung

#### Fraction Anthem S160

Mason Martens

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing
(indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of being baptized, or any other questions.

Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

# Please fill in the kneelers at the altar during Communion from the center aisle out, towards the side aisles.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

# **Communion Motet** The royal banners forward go

Plainsong, Mode 1

- 1 The royal banners forward go, the cross shines forth in mystic glow where he through whom our flesh was made, in that same flesh our ransom paid.
- 2 Fulfilled is all that David told in true prophetic song of old; how God the nations' King should be, for God is reigning from the tree.
- 3 O tree of beauty, tree most fair, ordained those holy limbs to bear gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough proclaims the King of glory now.
- 4 Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore the wealth that did the world restore, the price which none but he could pay to spoil the spoiler of his prey.

- 5. O cross, our one reliance, hail! Still may thy power with us avail to save us sinners from our sin, God's righteousness for all to win.
- 6. To thee, eternal Three in One, let homage meet by all be done; as by the cross thou dost restore so rule and guide us evermore.

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

The people stand

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 SOLEMN PRAYER AND BLESSING

#### Celebrant

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. **Amen.** 

And the ♣ blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE DISMISSAL

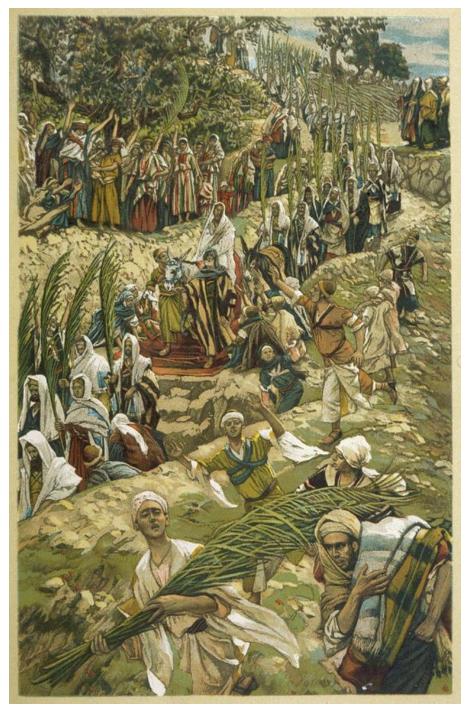
The Deacon gives the Dismissal.

People Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn 164

Bangor

# A Palm Sunday Reflection



James Tissot, *Le cortège sur le mont des Oliviers* (The Procession on the Mount of Olives), watercolor on paper, 1886-1894, the Booklyn Museum.

Palm Sunday is celebrated one week before Easter Day. It marks the triumphal entry Christ of **Iesus** into Jerusalem, an event that is recorded in all four Gospels. Lord into The rode Jerusalem on a donkey, while the crowds waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna!" (an exclamation of praise).

Palm branches were widely associated with victory and triumph during the time in which Jesus lived. People also laid their cloaks on the ground, a sign of respect and honor for someone of great importance.

To commemorate this today, Palm Sunday is often celebrated with a procession through the streets near a cathedral or church, where congregations carry palm branches or other greenery, sometimes decorated with flowers.

Some churches or cathedrals even include a real donkey

in their procession, to remember the role of the animal which carried Jesus.

The palm branches and crosses made from palm fronds used on this day are saved and burned to make ashes for the following year's Ash Wednesday service.

Palm Sunday is a time of mixed sentiment because, although initially triumphal, as the liturgy progresses we are taken through the events of Holy Week, leading to the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus. Just a few days after entering Jerusalem for the last time the same crowds which warmly welcomed Jesus as the Messianic King were now calling for him to be killed. Palm Sunday, then, is a time for Christians to reflect on their faith and to prepare themselves for the solemnity of coming Holy Week, which culminates in the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus.



James Tissot, *Jésus conduit de Caïphe à Pilate* (Jesus Led from Caiaphas to Pilate), watercolor on paper, 1886-1894, The Brooklyn Museum.



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