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We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Opening Voluntary *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* Johannes Brahms

Introit: *Hosanna filio David* Matthew 21

Please stand

Liturgy of the Palms BCP 270

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

People
Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

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 of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (11:1-11)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

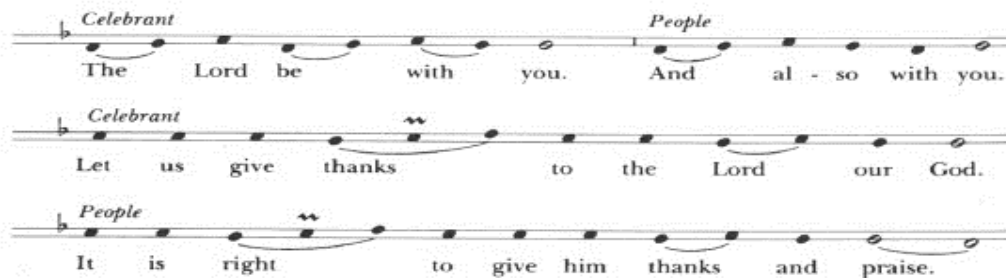
Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

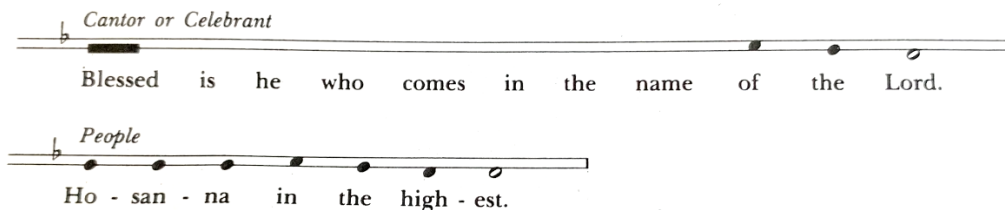
Blessing over the Branches

BCP 271

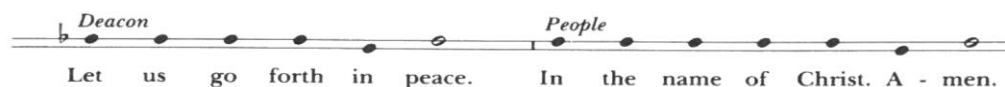


Spoken by Celebrant:

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.**



At the Procession



During the hymn, the Celebrant and Altar Party will process around the sanctuary and narthex, waving their palms; any congregants who wish to join the procession are invited to leave their pews and do so.

Processional

"All glory, laud and honor"

Hymn 154

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.*

Please be seated

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.

Please stand

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for /I am in /trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also /my throat and my /belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my /years with /sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,/
and my bones are con/sumed.
- 11 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.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, /out of /mind; *
I am as useless /as a broken /pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is /all a/round; *
they put their heads together against me;
they /plot to take my /life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in /you, O /Lord. *
I have said, /"You are my /God.
- 15 My times are /in your /hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from /those who persecute /me.

16 Make your face to shine u/pon your/ servant, *
and in your /loving-kindness /save me."

Please be seated

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi (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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended” Hymn 158

Please be seated

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (14:1--15:47) is found in the green pamphlets. All are asked to shout the Crowd's lines during the Judgement of Pilate. The congregation is seated until the narrative comes to Golgotha, at which point all may stand.

Crowd: Crucify him! Crucify him!

(Please put the green pamphlets in the Narthex when you leave. Thank you!)

Please be seated

The Sermon Rev. John Adams

Please stand

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son.

With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the
dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form VI *Standing or kneeling*

BCP 392

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;
People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are
alone.

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Mark our Bishop; and for all
bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially *Sue, Julia,*
Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Leandra, Betsy, Tom, Steve, Mary Ruth, Morgan
and Barbara, Thomas, Tammy, Dorothy, Amelia, Celia, Timmy, and Baylie.
[*Pause for petitions, out loud or silent.*] Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. [*Pause for petitions, out*
loud or silent.] We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal
kingdom. [*Pause for petitions, out loud or silent.*] Lord, let your loving-
kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Reader and People, kneeling or standing

Have mercy upon us, most merciful
Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in
newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Standing

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

"When Jesus Wept"

William Billings

The Doxology (*standing*)

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A *Standing*

BCP 361

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.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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

Hymnal S 124

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.

Celebrant Kneeling or standing

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:

Hymnal S 132

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.*

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

Celebrant and people

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Hymnal S 153

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving

the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant: *If this cup may not pass away* Matthew 26, Psalm 22

Communion Music: *Ave Verum Corpus* Camille Saint-Saens

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, kneeling or standing

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.

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

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.*

Recessional Hymn "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded" **Hymn 168**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded* Johann Gottfried Walther

*The Altar & Narthex palms are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Eric Vernon Rice by the Family and
Zula & Ben Townes and Camila & Hairston Townes by the Family*

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to St. James, Roanoke. Pray for the people of St. James, Roanoke. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Bible Studies and Wednesday Eucharist

Our Sunday morning study (9:30 in the Parish House) is taking Palm Sunday and Easter (March 24 and 31) off. Our Monday night study (7:00 in the Parish House) will not meet March 25 and April 1. The Wednesday Noon Eucharist in the Chapel is on hiatus beginning March 20; we will resume on April 10.

Flowering Cross for Easter

We would like for the congregation to participate in bringing back the “flowering cross” for Easter. Children and adults, please bring a few flowers with stems wrapped in foil or held together with something to be placed on the wire-covered cross as you enter the church.

Bring a Bell to Ring

Please bring a bell to ring during the ‘alleluias’ on Easter Sunday.

Easter Flower Memorials

If you wish to give Easter lilies as a memorial, “in honor of” or “in thanksgiving for” friends and family members, please complete the beige form located in the Narthex and mail it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with your check.

The cost is \$13.00 EACH - Checks should be made payable to Christ Episcopal Church, with ‘Easter Flowers’ on the check memo line.

Please Note: To print your flower memorials and thanksgivings in the Easter bulletins, we must have your orders in the church office no later than Tuesday, March 26th.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 25, 7 pm – Evensong

Tuesday, March 26, 7 pm – Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 27, 6:15 pm – Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7 pm– Holy Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, March 29, Noon – Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 29, 7 pm – Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, March 30, 8 pm – The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, March 31, 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/Confirmation. Reception in the UC.

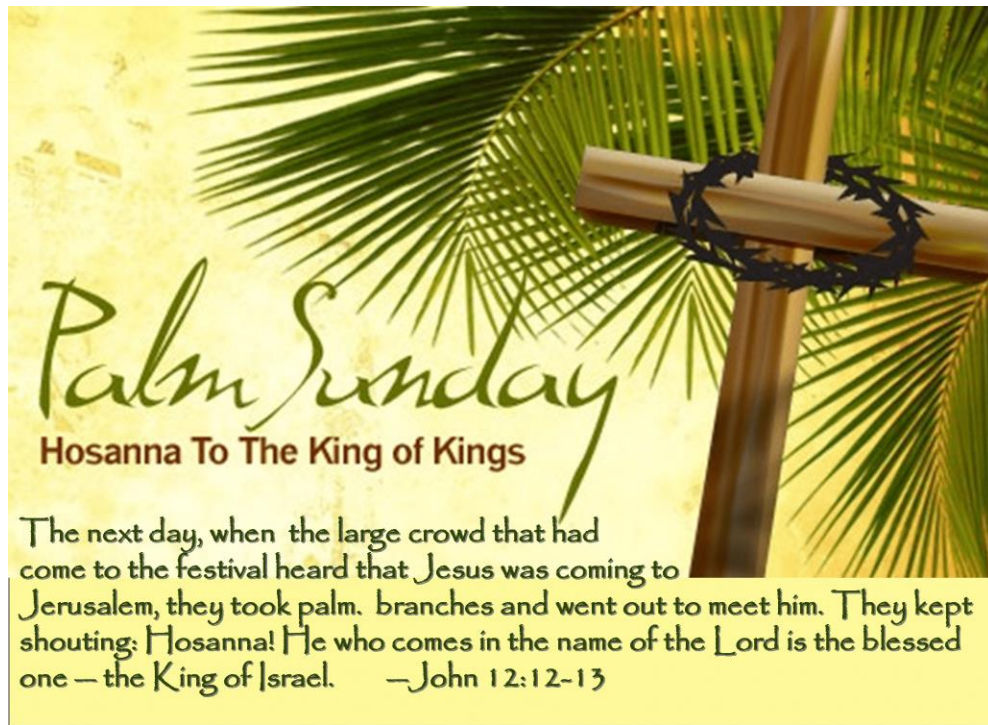
Loaves & Fishes – Wednesday, March 27

All members of the community are invited to this free meal in our Undercroft from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Spread the Word!

We need volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up. Volunteers are also needed to send desserts, fruit and individually wrapped non-perishable snacks. Please sign up on the Church’s website at <https://christchurchmvl.org/volunteering.cfm?ID=249> (*Volunteers > Loaves & Fishes*) to help or to bring something. Donations of either may be brought to the Office or Undercroft in the days leading up to each meal. We are serving dine-in only, with leftovers distributed as takeout only at the end of the meal.

***Loaves & Fishes has lost the donations from the Lutheran Church which included such items as individually wrapped snacks, hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant), and household items (dish and laundry detergent - small bottles), and is asking for your donations of these items for the L&F attendees.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for March: Dish detergent. For March: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and hygiene items. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Ann Gardner

Passion Readers: Fr. John Adams, Pete Scouras, Kelly Cain, Hank Long, Bob Bushnell

Chalicers: Beverly Lyle, Tom Webster

Acolyte: Tyler Johnson

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Trippi Penn, Andy Quirk, Rebin Titus

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Jay Dickens, Natalie Coleman

Altar Guild: Team Three – Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman, Ellen Maxwell,
Ben Beeler, Kaye Woodz (Susan Critz – flower substitute)

Nursery Attendants: Emily Williams

Special Flower Committee: Becky Farrar, Frankie Smith, Karen Jones, Debbie Lewis,
Susan Smith, Page Beeler, Rita Hodges, Beth Cahill, Stuart Webster, Natalie Coleman,
Pat Russell, Dawn Stone, and David Cole

2024 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Senior Warden; Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;
Andy Williams, Junior Warden

Year 2: Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer

Year 1: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall