

St. James' Episcopal Church
April 9, 2017
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



Our mission is “to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.”
A warm welcome to visitors, tourists, seekers and doubters,
immigrants, refugees, the lost and the found...and you!

The Liturgy of the Palms

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
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 Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11

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.**

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.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

Processional Hymn

All glory, laud, and honor

Mark Patterson

Soloist: Elizabeth Curtis

The congregation will join in the refrain:

**“ All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.”**

Collect

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. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

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 First Lesson

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?

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31: 9-16

The Second Lesson

Philipians 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.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Matthew

The congregation stands at the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha.

The Sermon

The Rev. Carol A. Mader

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

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

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

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

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.

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.

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

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

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.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with a Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Offertory (*the offerings of bread, wine, and treasure are brought to the Altar*)

Offertory Anthem

Worthy is the Lamb

Tom Fettke

Doxology

(please stand)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

(The people remain standing.)

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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

Hymnal S-125

The Celebrant continues

(the people may stand or kneel)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor,
glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S-149
Bulletin page 10

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant *Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

People **Therefore let us keep the feast**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Hymnal S-161

The Ministration of Communion

All baptized persons of any denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. You may receive both bread and wine or elect to receive the bread alone. Receive the bread in your hand and guide the cup to your mouth. Place your arms across your chest if you do not wish to receive communion but would like a prayer of blessing.

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

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn *At the Name of Jesus (verses 1-4)*

Hymnal 435
Bulletin page 11

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Prayer over the People

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 with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *When I survey the wondrous cross*

Hymnal 474
Bulletin page 12

The Dismissal

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jesus I Will Ponder Thee Now

J.S. Bach

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