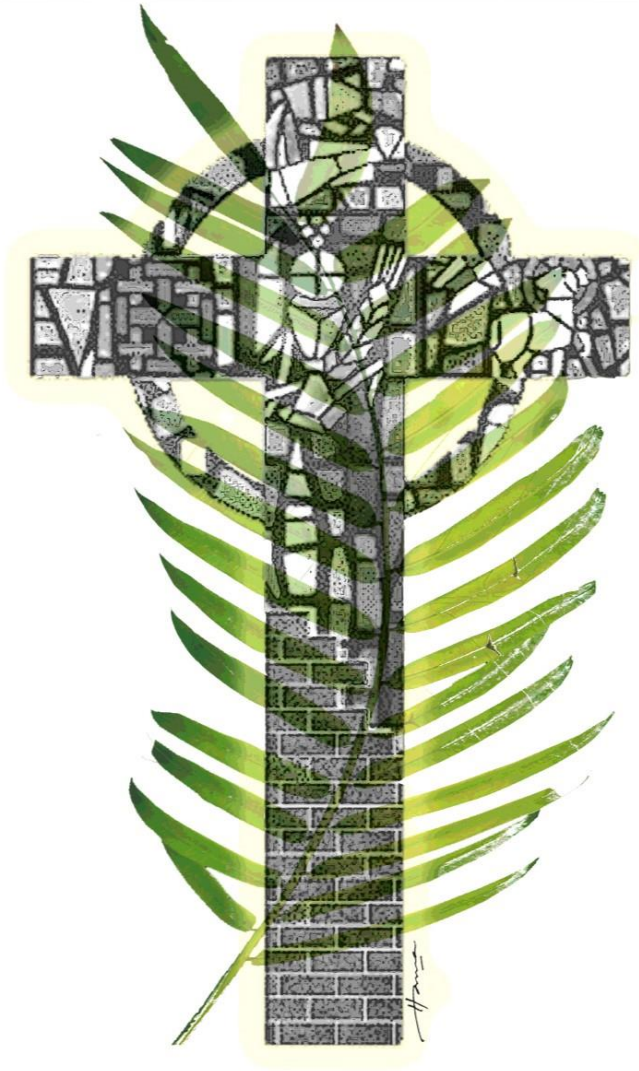


ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 27, 2021 5:30 pm

March 28, 2021 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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.

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 Gospel – Mark 11:1-11

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

Response ***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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

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.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People ***Hosanna in the highest.***

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People ***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honor

Hymnal #154

Refrain:

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

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. Refrain

The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. Refrain

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

Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

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.***

First Reading - *Philippians 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.

The Psalm - *Psalms 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 consumed.
- 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 around; **
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 upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."*

The Homily

The Passion Gospel of St. Mark (see insert)

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

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

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

No Bird Sang

Douglas E. Wagner

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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. . .
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God. . .

. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. . .

. . . 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
*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.*

Breaking of the Bread

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

*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.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

We invite everyone who has been baptized by water in any Christian tradition to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Wafers will be distributed to your car, or you may come forward to receive the bread.

If you have a wheat allergy, please tell the person administering communion and we will see that you receive a rice wafer instead.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Song is Love Unknown

Robin Mark

My song is love unknown, The Savior's love to me
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be
For who am I, that in my place My Lord should take frail flesh, and die

My song is love unbound, For love has conquered death
And love the victory won in this His parting breath
For with the cry, that all is done, Vain darkness fell before the Son

My song is love enthroned, Where angel voices raise
To magnify the Son and sing the Father's praise
So shall I stand, in glorious throng And add my praises to that song

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Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Closing Instrumental Music

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