Palm Sunday Weekend Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Communion
April 1, 2023 5:30 pm

Liturgy of the Palms pg. 270 in Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

The Gospel – *Matthew 21:1-11*

[1]When [Jesus and his disciples] had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, [2]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. [3]If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." [4]This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, [5]"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." [6]The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; [7]they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. [8]A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9]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!" [10]When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" [11]The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Deacon It is right to praise you. . . Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People ***Hosanna in the highest.***

The Procession with Bagpipes Iain McKee, Bagpiper

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* (verses 1-3) 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 Blesséd 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)

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 Lessons

The First Reading: *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 Psalm: *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 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."

Second 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 Sermon

The Passion Gospel of St. Matthew (read in parts)

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Presider or Deacon Lord, meet us in the silence,

Music Response after each petition.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death to life.

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music *Ah, Holy Jesus* Hymnal #158

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinnéd, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

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

People ***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 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 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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.***

Communion Music *Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow* Hymnal #160

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed,
perfect Man on thee did suffer, perfect God on thee has bled!

Here the King of all the ages, throned in light ere worlds could be,
robed in mortal flesh is dying, crucified by sin for me.

O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!
Very God himself is bearing all the sufferings of time!

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed,
perfect Man on thee did suffer, perfect God on thee has bled!

William J. Sparrow-Simpson (1860-1952)

Sending Forth

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn *O sacred head, sore wounded* (verses 1-3) Hymnal #168

O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn; O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower? O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long-desiréd, hath vanished from our sight; thy power is all expiréd, and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace: show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry, with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus movéd to stand thy cross beneath, to mourn thee, well-belovéd, yet thank thee for thy death.

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

Dismissal

Postlude

Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday – April 6 – 7:00 pm

Good Friday – April 7
Stations of the Cross – Noon
Good Friday Solemn Liturgy – 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil Holy Communion – April 8 – 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday Holy Communion – April 9

Sunrise Service – 6:30 am
Apostle's Garden (inside if inclement weather)

8:45am and 11:00am

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