

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 11:00AM**

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## **Welcome GUESTS & VISITORS!**

*We are glad you are here. If you are new to St. Thomas, stop by the Welcome table in the lobby and identify yourself to our clergy and people so we may properly welcome you. You may also fill out an "I'm New" card located on the backs of the chairs in the church. If you need assistance with the order of service, feel free to ask the person next to you.*

*Auditory Assistance is available – ask an usher or a greeter to obtain a hearing device.*

*To request prayers, please fill out the "Pray" card located on the backs of the chairs. We invite you to list your specific concerns and leave them in the offering plate, bring to the church office, or hand to one of the clergy. Prayers of the People are written weekly. They are offered for three weeks, but any request may be resubmitted as needed.*

*Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 months thru 4 yrs from 8:15am - 12:15 (or conclusion of the 11am service).*

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# Liturgy of the Palms

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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.***

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>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.***

### Bagpipe Procession

Iain McKee, Bagpiper

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Opening Music

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*

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

Music: *Valet will ich dir gebe*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## 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***

*Children pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will process to Children's Church.*

## The Lessons

### The First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

<sup>4</sup>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 awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

### The Psalm: *Psalms 31:9-16*

<sup>9</sup>*Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.*

<sup>10</sup>*For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.*

<sup>11</sup>*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.*

<sup>12</sup>*I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.*

<sup>13</sup>*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.*

<sup>14</sup>*But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.*

<sup>15</sup>*My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.*

<sup>16</sup>*Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."*

## The Epistle: *Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God.***

## The Sermon

## The Passion Gospel of St. Mark

## Prayers of the People

*All remain standing.*

Presider or Deacon We pray to you, O Lord,

*Music Response after each petition:*

Refrain *mp*

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

Shep-herd me, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to

yond my fears, from death to

The image shows a musical score for the word "life." in 4/4 time. It is divided into two sections: "To verses 1, 2, 3, 5" and "To verse 4". The score consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The lyrics "life." are written below each staff. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

*The Presider adds a concluding collect.*

*The children will return from Children's Church.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand.*

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 Music

*And the Glory of the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

from G. F. Handel's *Messiah*

## Offertory

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

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## 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.***

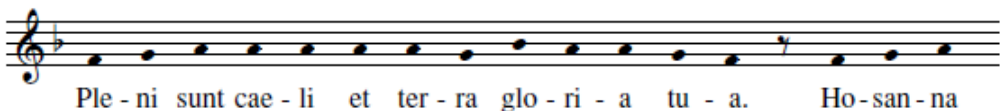
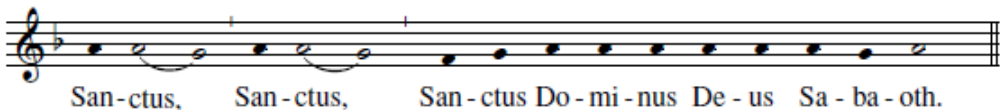
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

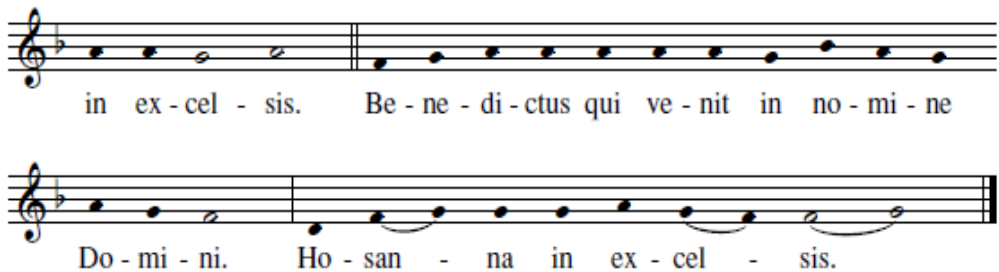
*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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*

## Sanctus





*The people stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new

Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*People and Celebrant*

*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.**

*The Celebrant may say*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

We invite everyone who has been baptized by water in any Christian tradition to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine.

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

## Communion Music

### *God's Love*

from the *Veggie Tales* Series  
Children's Choir

### *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Jan Struther (1901-1953)



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## Sending Forth

*When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is to take the sacrament to those hospitalized, ill at home or home-bound, the following is said:*

*Celebrant*

In the name of this congregation, go forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*Congregation*

***We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread; one cup. Amen.***

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

# Blessing

## Closing Hymn

### *Hosanna, Hosanna*

Mitchell Covington

Chancel Choir / Keeley Gralapp, trumpet

Verse 1/Chorus: Chancel Choir

Hymn: All Congregation please join in singing:

All:



1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed the mid  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that



lit - tle chil - dren sang; through pil - lared court and  
an - ex - ult - ant crowd, the vic - tor palm branch  
an - cient song we sing, for Christ is our Re -



tem - ple the love - ly an - them  
way - ing, and the chant - ing clear and  
deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our



rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them close  
loud. The Lord of earth and heav - en rode  
King. O may we ev - er praise him with



fold - ed to his breast, the chil - dren sang their  
on in low - ly state, nor scorned that lit - tle  
heart and life and voice, and in his bliss - ful



prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice! (Choir

## Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.  
People ***Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude

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## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

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**Maundy Thursday – March 28 – 7:00 pm**

*Nursery care and Children's Chapel will be available during this service.*

**Good Friday – March 29**

Stations of the Cross – Noon

Good Friday Solemn Liturgy – 7:00 pm

**Easter Vigil Holy Communion – March 30 – 5:30 pm**

**Easter Sunday Holy Communion – March 31**

Sunrise Service – 6:30 am

Apostle's Garden (inside if inclement weather)

8:45am and 11:00am

*Nursery Care is available on Sunday from 8:15am – 12:15pm  
for children ages 6 months through 4 years.*

*Children's Chapel will also be available.*

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