

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024      8:45 AM**

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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;



*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.*

## 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: *Psalm 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* 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

life. life.

life. life.

To verses 1, 2, 3, 5 To verse 4

*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

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## Offertory Music

### *Mighty to Save*

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Ev'ryone needs compassion,  
Love that's never failing,  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a Saviour,  
The hope of nations

Chorus:

***Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave***

So take me as You find me,  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow,  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

## Offertory

Celebrant  
People

All things come of thee, O Lord.  
***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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*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.*



## 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

### *Goodness of God*

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus:

***All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God***

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now

I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

Fielding/Johnson/Cash/Ingram/Johnson

## **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 Music

### *Your Grace is Enough*

Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus:

***Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me***

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

Chorus:

***Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me***

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

Thank you to those who presented the Passion Gospel today.



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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)

8:45am and 11:00am

*Nursery Care 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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