

The Liturgy of the Palms

On this day our Liturgy begins in the Narthex.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (red book)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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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.

The Collect

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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 Lesson Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Blessing of the Branches

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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.**

Celebrant 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 palms 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

Minister Let us go forth in peace.

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

The congregation will now enter the Nave, and remain standing at their pew.

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

The Collect for the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

After first and second readings, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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?

Psalm 31:9-16

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 Passion According to Luke Luke 23:1-49

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

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Please stand or kneel, as you are able

Leader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector, Kai, and Brian, our Bishops; and Merrill and Jerry, our clergy, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President, the Congress and Courts, Greg, our Governor, and Craig, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity; especially Curtis Young, Alice Jones, Kent Breneman, Margaret Holloway, Eva Chambles, Avis Reid, Henry Burden, Andy Meyer, Marjorie Meyer, Sue Likon, Nichalus Mourer, Hans Mueller, Ellie Whitson, Kate Beebe, Bob & Christina Griffin, Joyce Quitter, Gibby Dean, Mary Powell, Marta Arana, Roger Hayes, Jesse Corona, Robert Hoehn, Dolores Thurman, the Sefarik family, Earma Underwood, Lynne Cooper, Pat Lyle, Shana Cheirse, Dani, Sue McLean, James Petty, Nancy Locklear, Evey & family, Ashley, Emily Cole, Sophie Ivey, Rue & Jim Harrington, Scott Windham, Devin Windham, Kara Kastamo, Christie & Nick, Vicki Carper, Ted Sliger, Mary Neal, Lauren Smith, Emily Thornton, Leslie Kinsey, Scott Taylor, Alyssa Comeaux, Tony, Erin, Rebecca Atwood, Bill Stocker, Al Martinez, those impacted by conflict around the world, and those the congregation wishes to name either silently or aloud.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially LaNan Saxon, and those the congregation wishes to name at this time, either silently or aloud, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of blessed Richard and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory - We will pass offertory plates. You may also give online via text. To give online, text 73256, with the message: strichard (Note: no "s" or caps). As the gifts are received at the altar, the celebrant and congregation give thanks, saying:

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand while the prayers continue on pages 341-343 in the Book of Common Prayer, concluding with,

Celebrant By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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People **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

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Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **grant us thy peace.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

People **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive the Sacrament at the Lord's Table. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the Celebrant).

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

A Prayer for Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday

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 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Notes About Worshiping With Us:

Receiving Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all who have been baptized with water in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Communion, no matter in which Christian denomination you may have originally been baptized. You are welcome to receive Communion either standing or kneeling. If you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to the altar rail for a blessing or prayer by one of the clergy. To indicate you would like a blessing or prayer, simply cross your arms over your chest as you kneel or stand at the rail.

The Wafer

To receive the wafer, place one open hand over the other and the wafer will be placed in your palm. We also have gluten-free wafers for those who require one.

The Wine

To receive the wine, please help the chalice bearer guide the cup to your lips. If you prefer to intinct (dip the wafer in the wine), please hold the wafer in your hands until the chalice bearer comes to you.

Receiving in One Kind

It is perfectly fine to receive only the bread (wafer). If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest or return to your seat after consuming your wafer.

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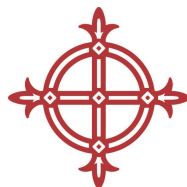
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The mission of the Episcopal Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. We pursue this mission by praying and worshiping, proclaiming the Gospel, and promoting justice, peace, and love. We carry out this mission through the ministry of all our members– from the youngest to the oldest, and everyone in between.



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