

The 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.*

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 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.*

At this time the children of the parish will distribute the blessed Palms to the congregation.

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn All glory, laud, and honor **H 154**

The Collect

Our collective prayer for 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 Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Lesson

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?

RCL Palm Sunday ABC Psalm 31: 9-16

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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. **Antiphon*

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. **Antiphon*

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. **Antiphon*

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." **Antiphon*

New Testament Lesson

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.

Hymn Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

H 436

Gospel Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

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.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People BCP 388

We pray together as the people of God

Confession & Absolution BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace *We share the joy of the Good News!*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory *Alas! And did my Savior Bleed* Martin

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in three-fold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord*

From H 143, vs. 5

Eucharistic Prayer "C" BCP 369

Sanctus Words in BCP, Musical Setting is H-S129

The Lord's Prayer Traditional version, found on BCP 364

Fraction Anthem H-S161

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

Strengthen for Service, Lord H 312
O sacred head, sore wounded H 168
Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured H 313

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *At the Name of Jesus* H 435

The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

You are invited to be seated until the passage which mentions Golgotha is read. At that point, please stand until the conclusion of the reading. The Altar Party will retire in a silent recessional and the congregation is dismissed with no further words.

The palms are being supplied by Mike and Sloane Hunter in loving memory of Mrs. Betsy Davis and Mrs. Ann Hillier.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by Mrs. Linda Ammar. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte John Allen Elizabeth Burton
Lectors Linda Ammar Jay Kephart
Chalicians Jay Kephart Don Williams
Altar Guild Becky Beckett Carol Georgis Patty Richardson

Attendance Last Sunday 60

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders—Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Ragen—Jared Cregger—Peyton Cline and family—Kerrigan Farmer—Mike—Daisy Bowman—Ellie Spencer

Birthdays This Week:

Kipp Cortez, John Kersey, Ann Czarmik Fernandez, Elizabeth Sudduth

Calendar of Events

Wednesday-March 28 Dinner at Union Mission 4:30 p.m.
Thursday-March 29 Foot Washing in Chapel 5:30 p.m.
Seder Meal 6:00 p.m.
Friday-March 30 Stations of the Cross 12 noon
Eucharistic Vigil 12-3
Solemnity of Atonement 5:30 p.m.
Saturday-March 31 Easter Egg Hunt 1 p.m.
Sunday-April 1 Festival Eucharist for the Great Feast of Easter!

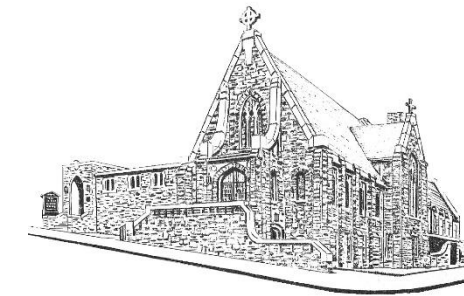
Announcements:

Easter Lilies: A sign-up sheet for those who would like to purchase Easter lilies is available at the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Lilies will be \$15 and may be given in memory or honor of a loved one.

Seder Meal: Our Maundy Thursday Memorial of the last Supper will be a Christian Seder. A Full Meal will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex TODAY so we can have an accurate count for food preparation. Thank You!

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater Rector
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster
Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator
Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton
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Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.