

PALM SUNDAY

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

April 10, 2022 Year C

10:30 AM

Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please take a palm from the table by the greeter in the back of the church.

Due to COVID, please sing all hymns silently in your heart rather than out loud.

* Indicates please stand

Prelude *Chanson de nuit*

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

The Liturgy of the Palms

BCP 270

*Processional Hymn All glory, laud, and honor (*Valet will ich dir geben*) Hymnal #154

*The Collect

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.*

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?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

In te, Domine, speravi

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."

The Epistle Reading

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

Philippians 2:5–11

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 Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Lesson**

The Passion According to Luke

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.
 The Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by the Mother Castellan.
 People may be seated until the arrival at Golgatha*

The Sermon

The Rev. Megan Castellan

***The Prayers of the People**

Jesus stretched out his arms of love and embraced human suffering, drawing the peoples of the world into his wounded heart, that they might share in his resurrection. With great devotion and gratitude we lift our voices in prayer, responding, “Christ, have mercy.”

+ For Christians throughout the world who are being imprisoned and persecuted for their belief in Christ, that faith may be their shield, courage a mantle upon their shoulders, and love a lantern to their footsteps; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ That we may pass over from weapons of war to the armaments of peace: food, education, meaningful work, security, water, and health care; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; DeDe, Bishop of our diocese; and Megan, our priest, Lynne, our intern that through their words and presence we may be guided faithfully through our Holy Week pilgrimage; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ That we may confess the sovereignty of Christ, sharing his unique expression of love, and inviting the un-churched to join in the Paschal Feast; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ That we may prepare ourselves to welcome into the community of faith those who will be baptized this Easter season, and to support and affirm those who will be confirmed, received, or who will reaffirm their faith; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ For those who have departed this life in the fellowship of Jesus and his apostles, that they may reside in his eternal presence; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us who humbly put our trust in you, as we continue our prayers and supplications.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Dave	Wes	Joan	Tina	Jon	Dean
Amelia	Jean	Laurie	Carl	James	Bridget
Mary	Vivian	Theodore	Jennifer	Jonathan	Linda
Tom	Sarah	Margaret	Ovie	Paula	
Giovanni	Felice	Pat	Stanley	Carol	
Cindy	Edith	Heather	Carol	Lorraine	
Dan	Elaine	Judy	Sara	Cece	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Rafaelle Henry, Hadassah Miller, Woodrow Miller

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

***The Peace**

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

***Presentation Hymn** There is a balm in Gilead (*Balm in Gilead*)

Hymnal #676

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Expanded Language Prayer A

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, Sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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, Jesus 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal #S-161

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table.

Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Post Communion 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

*Hymn Ride on! Ride on in majesty! (*The King's Majesty*)

Hymnal #156

Dismissal

Postlude Angels' Song from *Six Short Preludes and Postludes*, Op. 105

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Liturgical Ministers: Jeff Bowen, Margaret Johnson, Peg Coleman

Virtual Vergers: Ben Dean, Amber Crowley *This morning we welcome guest Organist Mark A. Radice*

Easter Offering Envelopes are on the table at the back of the nave. They will also be included in your Easter Sunday bulletin.

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HYMNS

All glory, laud and honor (*Valet will ich dir geben*)

Hymnal #154

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. (Refrain)

4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)

There is a balm in Gilead (*Balm in Gilead*)

Hymnal #676

[Refrain:]

There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged.
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. (Refrain)

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)

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Ride on! ride on in majesty! (*The King's Majesty*)

Hymnal #156

1. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

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If you need pastoral assistance, or just want to reach out to Mtr. Megan, please call her at 315-757-0251, or e-mail mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org.

If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may make a secure donation at <https://stjohnsithaca.org/donate/>. Thank you!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter The Fledgling by contacting the church office.

Please Join Us:

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Please continue to wear your mask when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

Office of Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to offer our prayers and read and meditate on God's holy word.

Forward Day by Day for February, March, and April is available on the table in the rear of the church.

2022 Pledge Envelopes, for those who use them, are on the table in the back of the nave. They are sorted alphabetically by last name. Please pick up your envelopes and take them home with you at your earliest convenience. If you do not find your envelopes, or have never had envelopes and wish to begin using them, please contact the parish office: (607) 273-6532 or office@stjohnsithaca.org.

Newcomers: We extend a warm welcome to visitors and newcomers. It is good to have you with us! Please help us get to know you by filling out one of the welcome cards in the pews and placing it on the collection plate or giving it to one of the ushers; do stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service. **LARGE PRINT EDITIONS OF THE SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Updating The Prayer List It's that time again! If you are on the list, and no longer want to be, or if you offered a name for prayer and the situation is resolved, please let the office now. If you know of someone who should be on the list and isn't, let us know that as well! The new list will start Easter Sunday.



Holy Week Services

This Holy Week all are encouraged to walk the “way of the cross” and prepare for the Paschal Feast by participating in these Holy Week services and activities:

Holy Wednesday, Tenebrae, 7:00 p.m. Online

Tenebrae is Latin for “darkness” or “shadows.” This spoken service involves Scripture readings and the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, a symbol of our Lord, remains. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection. This service provides an extended meditation upon the world our Lord loved enough to die for, and our own call to minister to it.

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm.

We will celebrate the “Last Supper” with hymns and organ. The stripping of the altar follows. The church will be darkened, the sanctuary will be emptied of all appointments, and the altar will be washed with wine and water, thus preparing the church building for the Good Friday Liturgy.

Good Friday noon and 7:00 p.m.

This service combines the Proper Liturgy for Good Friday with a shortened form of the Stations of the Cross. The Good Friday offering will be used to express our support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Checks should be made out to St. John's, with Good Friday Offering in the memo line.

Easter Sunday Services:

Easter Vigil 5:45 am

Spoken service at Stewart Park, Large Pavilion

Holy Eucharist (Rite 1) 8:00 a.m.

Spoken service, with hymns and organ music.

Holy Eucharist (Rite II) 10:30 a.m.

Festal Choral Eucharist as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave.

Easter Flowers: If you wish to make a contribution to the purchase of Easter flowers for the altar, please use this form so that we can include your loved one's name(s) on the list of those being memorialized. You may place this slip in the offering plate or mail it to the Parish Office by **Monday, April 11** for inclusion in the Easter Day bulletin.

\$ _____ Given for Easter Flowers in memory of: _____

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PLEASE GIVE FIRST (CHRISTIAN) AND LAST NAMES of those to be memorialized.