The Sunday of the Passion PALM SUNDAY

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY 24 March 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude Andante tranquillo from Sonata No 3 in A Major, Op.65 Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

*The Liturgy of the Palms

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. *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*.

Lesson Mark 11:1–11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.

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*.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Hosanna in the highest*.

Distribution of the Palms by the greeters and lay eucharist ministers

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen

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

Hymnal #154

*Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

*Collect For Purity

*Kyrie Hymnal #S-96

The Collect of 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 First 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 yindicates 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 13:9-16

In te, Domine, speravi



- 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 con- | sumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of | my ac- | quaintance; * when they see me in the | strëet | they a- | void 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 a- | round; * 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, | "Yöu | 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

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 Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

***Sequence** O sacred head, sore wounded (*Herzlieber Jesu*)

Hymnal # vv. 1–3

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The Passion Gospel will be read in parts.

People may be seated until the arrival at Golgatha

First Narrator - Sally Clayton, Second Narrator - Steve Wicker, Third Narrator - Margaret Johnson

Jesus - Gwen Freeman Pontius Pilate - Jeff Bowen Bystander - Jane Ryan

Centurion - Daniella Ripperton

Chief Priests, Soldiers, Crowd - Congregation

First Narrator: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews? First Narrator: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: You say so.

First Narrator: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

First Narrator: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

First Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

First Narrator: They shouted back,

Crowd: Crucify him!

First Narrator: Pilate asked them, Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

First Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Crucify him!

Second Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Second Narrator: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to

decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Second Narrator: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Chief Priests: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Second Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani? Second Narrator: which means,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Narrator: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Second Narrator: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Second Narrator: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Third Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Homily The Rev. Kit Tobin

*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 Kit our priest, 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.

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all the leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others; hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

God of peace and justice, hear our prayers. Amen

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

Joan	Richard	Theodore	Avery	Sandy	Mary Beth
Charles	Linda	Lorraine	Nathan	Amelia	Jack
Wes	Jim	Edith	Jane	Michael	Julianne
Virginia	Gerald	Kathryn	Chris	Susan	Christina
Shirley	Cece	Sarah	Carole	Jeff	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Scott Miller, William Hoekenga, Aelish Roman, Heather Dietz, Ryan Welsh

*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

Anthem Ingrediente Domino

George Malcolm (1917–98)

*Presentation Hymn Alone thou goest forth (Bangor)

Hymnal #164

*The Great Thanksgiving

Expanded Language Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.People: And also with youCelebrant: 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, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Hymnal #S-113

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-157

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table.

Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive. You may either intinct your wafer in the small chalice, or you may drink from the larger common chalice after consuming the wafer.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music And now, O Father, mindful of the love (Unde et memores)

Let thy blood in mercy poured (Jesus, meine Zuversicht)

Hymnal #337

Hymnal #313

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

*Recessional When I survey the wondrous cross (Rockingham)

Hymnal #474

Dismissal

Postlude Prelude in G Minor BWV 558

J. S. Bach 1686–1750)

Acolyte: Amber Massa

Liturgical Ministers: Jennifer Dodwell, Margaret Johnson, Beverly Way

Virtual Vergers Matthew Sanaker, Sara VanLooy

The Eucharistic and Aumbry candles this month are given to the Glory of God in memory of Irene Noss and Edith N. Arlin by Mary Arlin.

This morning we welcome The Rev. Kit Tobin as our celebrant and guest preacher.

St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!

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May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.

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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. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

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

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, March 25 for inclusion in the Easter Day bulletins.

\$ Given for Easter Flowers in memory of:
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The Sunday of the Passion PALM SUNDAY

24 March 2024 Year B

All Glory, Laud and Honor (Valet will ich dir geben) Hymnal #154

[Refrain] All glory, laud, and honor to thou, 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.
- 2 The company of angels is praising thee on high; and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
- 3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.
- 4 To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
- 5 Thou did accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded (*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*) Hymnal #168

1 O sacred head, sore wounded, Defiled and put to scorn: O kingly head, surrounded With mocking crown of thorn; What sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflow'r? O countenance whose splendor The hosts of heav'n adore! 2 Thy beauty, long desired, Hath vanished from our sight: Thy pow'r is all expired, And quenched the light of light. Ah me! for whom thou diest, Hide not so far thy grace: Show me, O Love most highest, The brightness of thy face.

3 In thy most bitter passion My heart to share doth cry. With thee for my salvation Upon the cross to die. Ah, keep my heart thus moved To stand thy cross beneath, To mourn thee, well-beloved, Yet thank thee for thy death

4 What language shall I borrow To thank thee, dearest friend, For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? Oh, make me thine forever! And should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for thee.

5 My days are few, O fail not, With thine immortal pow'r, To hold me that I quail not In death's most fearful hour: That I may fight befriended, And see in my last strife To me thine arms extended Upon the cross of life.

Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord (*Bangor*) Hymnal #164

1 Alone thou goest forth, O Lord, In sacrifice to die; Is this thy sorrow nought to us Who pass unheeding by?

2 Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord; make us thy sorrow feel,

Till through our pity and our shame Love answers love's appeal.

3 This is earth's darkest hour, But thou dost light and life restore; Then let all praise be given thee Who livest evermore.

4 Grant us with thee to suffer pain that, As we share this hour, Thy cross may bring us to thy joy And resurrection power.

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love (*Unde et memores*) Hymnal #337

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree, and having with us him that pleads above, we here present, we here spread forth to thee that only offering perfect in thine eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look, Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him; look not on our misusings of thy grace, our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim: for lo, between our sins and their reward we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And then for those, our dearest and our best, by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them pure and clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4 And so we come: O draw us to thy feet, most patient Saviour, who canst love us still; and by this food, so aweful and so sweet, deliver us from every touch of ill: in thine own service make us glad and free, and grant us never more to part with thee.

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured (Jesus, meine Zuversicht)

Hymnal #313

1 Let thy blood in mercy poured, let thy gracious body broken, be to me, O gracious Lord, of thy boundless love the token.

Refrain:

Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

2 Thou didst die that I might live; blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give Jesus by his sorrows gave me. [Refrain]

3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear wound and the nailing, by the pain and death, I now claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing. [Refrain]

4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my penitence I give thee; thou art my exalted King, of thy matchless love forgive me. [Refrain]

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (*Rockinghan*) Hymnal #474

1 When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.



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.

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 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

This 7:00 p.m. 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 Services:

Easter Vigil, Saturday, 30 March, 8:00 pm

Joint Choral Vigil with the Episcopal Church at Cornell and St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Easter Sunday Services:

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 Offering Envelopes are on the table at the back of the nave.