



GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

We welcome everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

****Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices
before the start of the service. Thank you.****

**The Rev. Nathan Carr – Vicar
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon
The Rev. William Font – Deacon
Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director
Daisy Leyva-Lara, Children's Coordinator**

Serving Today:

**Cantor – Doug Rogez
Greeters / Oblationers – David and Whitney Kolb
Lay Readers – Stuart Chai and Mark Anderson
Acolytes – Charlie Bornman, Esther Carr, Ezra Carr,
Birch Kolb, Eli Mooney, and Kaden Watson
Children's Activities – Volunteer**

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he Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Year A

Rite II – Sung Mass & Hymns – April 2, 2023 – 10:15 AM

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

BCP 270

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.**

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

"When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'"

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

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.

The People hold up their palms to be blessed

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, which we hold, 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.

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace;

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

The congregation processes behind the acolytes to their seats. During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung. Remain standing at your seats.

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;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



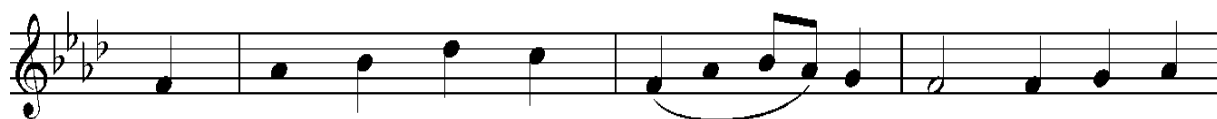
Repeat Refrain

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.

The Celebrant Says:

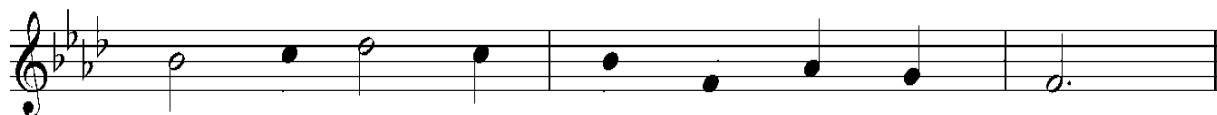
Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
 2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
 3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
 4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
 5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 awakens--
 awakens 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

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 **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."

The Second 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew *(see insert)*

Cynthia Cortright, Evangelist
JD Rodgers, Xander Rodgers, Eli Mooney, Lewis Carr, Sir Patton,
Olive Kate Carr, Charley Kolb, Latoya Burris
Crowd – Congregation

Please stand when the reader says, "And when they came to the place which is called The Skull"

A period of silence follows the Passion reading

Sermon

The Rev. Nate Carr

Form IV

BCP 388

Celebrant

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Blessing Prayer:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, strengthen their trust in your goodness; and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

Come See the Place Where Jesus Prayed
St. John's Choir

by Beall and Carter

*Come see the place where Jesus prayed;
come touch the garden wall.
Beneath a starless midnight sky,
his Father heard him call.*

*Come see the place where Jesus walked
when he was led away.*

*Come see the dusty road he took
to Calvary that day.*

*Come see the place where Jesus died
upon a windswept hill;
they pierced his hands, his feet, his side;
and then the world grew still.*

*Come see the place where Jesus lay
within a stone-cold tomb;
come touch the garments folded there;
come kneel within the room.*

The Doxology

The Hymnal, 380, v.3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People

**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.**

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

**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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Agnus Dei

The Hymnal, S163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

The principal act of worship in the Episcopal Church is the Holy Eucharist. It is an occasion when we meet our Lord as Really Present in this

Sacrament. All Baptized Christians are welcome and invited to receive Him in the Sacrament of bread and wine at the altar rail.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal, #170

1. To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they
made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road from which
no one returns.
They did not know, as we do now, that glorious
is your crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow, your
sorrows heal our own.

2. In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they
snatched a purple cloak,
your passion turned, for all they cared, into a
soldier's joke.

They did not know, as we do now, that though
we merit blame
you will your robe of mercy throw around our
naked shame.

3. A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they
thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade to its
appointed end.
They did not know, as we do now, though
empires rise and fall,
your Kingdom shall not cease to grow till love
embraces all.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People


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.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.


Response: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.




1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

The Dismissal

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

Silent Recession

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Bob	Denys Lenets	Mathew Reynolds
Beverly Bradley	Jean Ledet & Chad	Kathleen Rhodes
Braiden	Dixon	Rob, Ruthie and
Lewis Honor Carr	Kara Lynn	Samuel
Cynthia Cortright	Tony Marruchella	Adrienne Robertson
Stephanie Dunham	Leland Mayo	Betty Sinclair
Ed	Betty & Delbert Millican	Family of Kenneth
Sharon Ellington	and Ryan Lightfoot	Sosna
Joyce Ezell	Trish Morgan	John Steward and
Jim Freeman	Paul Mosier	Lee DeWitt
Tom Freeman	David Nelson	Martha Steward
Myrna Gowman	Joy Nelson	Nancy Steward
Steve Hammontree	The Nichols Family	Ed Tebow
Sig Hanson	Patty	Donna Walters
Jean Inge	The Pearson Family	Colette Amelia
Jessica	Monte Pratt	Ginny Wynn
Judd	Mary Anne Reed	

Outreach Ministries Needs

Teacher's Toolbox is in need of washable Crayola markers and a variety of color copy paper at this time. Our teachers so appreciate your donations

CAIR is going to spend the rest of March and April collecting and distributing spring and summer clothing. Our most urgent donation needs are **spring and summer clothing for kids ages 4-18**. See details of items needed in the Fab Friday.

Our children celebrating birthdays with Sunbeam Birthday Boxes for April are: Riley, girl age 3, Dorothy, girl age 2, and Zy, boy age 7. Their wish lists are available in the Fab Friday email.

Altar Gifts

This is the last Sunday to make donations for the Easter music and flowers.

Please take a moment to consider recognizing the Altar Guild, Organist and Choir with a donation.
A form is included on the alms table for your convenience.

Birthdays This Upcoming Week

- 2 - Mary Margaret Just
- 4 - Darrell Smith
- 4 - Julian Thomason
- 5 - Rob Ferguson

REMINDER: No Sunday School on Easter Sundays

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S - WEEK OF APRIL 2

Full details in the Fab Friday email.

Wednesday, April 5

5:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 6

5:30 pm Agape Dinner

7:00 – Maundy Thursday Service

8:00 pm – Noon Friday, The Watch at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 Noon – Good Friday Service

7:00 pm – Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, April 8

5:30 pm – The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30 am – Sunrise Service in Peace Chapel

9:15 am – Light Easter Breakfast

10:15 am – The Sunday of Resurrection Eucharist

11:45 am – Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday signup sheets for **Agape dinner** items for April 6, AND the **Watch at the Altar of Repose** following the Maundy Thursday service are located in the Narthex. **Can you help?)**

