

PALM SUNDAY



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WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLESSING OF THE PALMS & HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer page 270

Presider Blessed be the King who comes in the name of the LORD:
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**
Presider 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.**

The Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Presider
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All raise palms for the blessing.

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

Presider
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

People
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE PROCESSION

Presider Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er King!

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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,

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 - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5. who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.;
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)



The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer page 272

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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 Reading

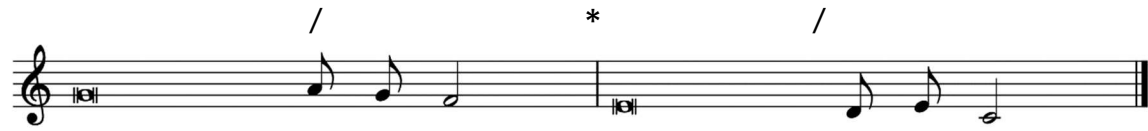
Isaiah 50:4-9a

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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **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.
- 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 per- / secute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon / your servant, *
 and in your lovingkind- / ness save me.”

The Epistle

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

There is a green hill far away

The Hymnal 1982 167

The Passion of Our Lord

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

Gospeller The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*Please refer to the accompanying booklet. Please speak the **bolded** lines.*

Sermon

The Rev. Michael Bousquet

The Prayers of the People Form I

Book of Common Prayer page 383

Intercessor For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Massachusett and Wampanoag and all native peoples who cared for this land before us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are aged or infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for those who are sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our parish prayer list, especially for...

the people of Ukraine, the people of Palestine in Gaza and the West Bank, for Emily Sugg, Skip Wells, Joe and Heather Bessinger, Jenny Tatroe, Margaret Bommarito, Bridget, Robert Berry, James Wachob, Susie and Cam, John Siegfried, Jack and Jackie Collier, Charlie and Elaine Steeger, Gail Corbett, Krish, Jaxson Stephens, Kathryn Scanlan, Brian, Bob, Kris, Sheldon, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners, refugees, and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Peace

Book of Common Prayer page 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

As the table is prepared and as choir sings the following anthem, the community brings forward gifts of bread and wine and donations to support the ministry of the parish.

Anthem *Drop, drop slow tears*

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer page 361

The musical notation is arranged in four systems, each with a staff and lyrics below. The first system is for the Presider and the second for the People. The third system is for the Presider and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.'

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 S 130

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

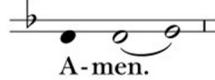
The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

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.



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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei*

The Hymnal 1982 S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Presentation and Invitation

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the wine. You may receive the bread alone if you so desire.

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, we still invite you to come forward for a blessing;
to indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your hands over your chest when you approach the priest.*

Communion Hymn

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

The Hymnal 1982 313

The Postcommunion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer page 365

Presider Let us pray.

All **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.**

Solemn Prayer over the People

Closing Hymn

O sacred head, sore wounded

The Hymnal 1982 168

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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

Postlude *Cantata BWV 4 "Christ lay in Death's Dark Bonds"*
mt.3, v.2: "No one could have conquered Death"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEK OFFERINGS

Thirst

Another morning and I wake with thirst for the goodness I do not have. I walk out to the pond and all the way God has given us such beautiful lessons. Oh Lord, I was never a quick scholar but sulked and hunched over my books past the hour and the bell; grant me, in your mercy, a little more time. Love for the earth and love for you are having such a long conversation in my heart. Who knows what will finally happen or where I will be sent, yet already I have given a great many things away, expecting to be told to pack nothing, except the prayers which, with this thirst, I am slowly learning.

by Mary Oliver

From *Thirst: Poems by Mary Oliver*. Beacon Press, 2006.

Sunday, April 13

- 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00AM **PALM SUNDAY, Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
- 10:00AM Church School for K-4th Grade Students, *school wing*
- 11:15AM Coffee Hour, *narthex*
- 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Piano Concert: "Without" by Marceline Merrill

Tuesday, April 15

- 7:00PM Bible Study, *via Google Meet*

Wednesday, April 16

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer, *via Google Meet*

Thursday, April 17

- 7:00PM **MAUNDY THURSDAY, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, & Stripping of the Altar**

Friday, April 18

- 7:00PM **GOOD FRIDAY, The Proper Liturgy**

Saturday, April 19

- 7:00PM **EASTER VIGIL, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, & First Celebration of Easter**
- 9:00PM Festive Reception, *narthex*

Sunday, April 20

- 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00AM **EASTER DAY, Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
- 11:10AM Coffee Hour & Easter Egg Hunt, *north lawn*

Tuesday, April 22

- 7:00PM Bible Study, *via Google Meet*

Wednesday, April 23

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer, *via Google Meet*

Sunday, April 27

- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:10AM Coffee Hour, *narthex*
- 3:00PM Piano Concert by DJ Cleavinger
- 5:30PM Holy Eucharist

Upcoming Offerings at St. John's

- Worship & Music **Morning Prayer**, Wednesdays at 9:00am via Google Meet. All are welcome; look for the link in the weekly eNews.
- Piano Concert** – Today, Apr. 13 at 3:00pm; **Marcy Merrill**, will perform a concert themed around the word "Without." \$20 suggested donation; proceeds will be given to organizations that help ensure that students do not go "without" music education.
- Piano Concert** – Sunday, Apr, 27 at 3:00pm; **DJ Cleavinger**, will perform a concert of Bach, Beethoven, Bernstein, & Chopin. \$20 suggested donation.
- Formation **Tuesday Bible Study** – 7:00pm online via Google Meet. Come examine and discern the Scriptures for the following Sunday.
- Church School** – Formation for all children K-4th grade at 10:00am today, and then Church School returns on May 4, after school vacation week.
- High School Students** – Next meeting on Sunday, May 4. Come for discussion with Gabriel during the 10:00am service.
- Middle School Students** – Dinner & Discussion with Gabriel in the Narthex; next meeting on Sunday, May 4 at 4:30pm.
- Outreach **The O'Connell House** – In April, we ask parishioners support the O'Connell House in Worcester, a safe home for survivors of sex trafficking. Look in the eNews for a list of items to donate and a box to be in the Narthex to receive the donations.
- Support for Palestinians** – If parishioners are looking to donate funds to support the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank, there are two excellent organizations St. John's would like to promote: LEO and PCRF.
- Ecclesia Ministries** – Sunday, Jun. 8, noon-2:30pm, **at common cathedral**. This is an opportunity to serve lunch on the Common and attend Holy Eucharist afterward with Ecclesia. Contact Tom Viti for details; and put Saturday, June 21, on your calendar for our parish summer picnic **at Hale Reservation**.
- Ministry Support **Vestry Retreat** – Saturday, May 3 at 8:00am, at St. Paul's, Dedham.

Giving to St. John's

With cash or a check, 100% of your donation goes to support St. John's. However, to make giving more accessible, St. John's also has a Venmo account (although St. John's is assessed a fee for this service). Scan this QR code to donate to St. John's via Venmo during this service. In the field, "What is it for," please indicate what you would like your gift to support:

"Pledge" for payment on a pledge you have made to St. John's.

"Plate" to support all the general ministries of the parish.

THANK YOU!



Easter Altar Flowers

Your Name: _____

Contact Number or Email: _____
(in case we have any questions)

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Dedication Preference: (please check only one)

In loving memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Please place this form and a check with "Easter Flowers" in the notation line in the offering plate, or drop them off in the office, or mail to St. John's so that we receive them by Monday, April 14. Thank you!