

PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST



SAINT JAMES
Episcopal Church

Sunday, March 24, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
Holy Eucharist Service at 10am

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Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 | 10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist 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: Gospel reading at Liturgy of the Palms

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."

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 Blessing of the Palms

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.

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

People: Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace

People: In the name of Christ Amen

Processional Psalm.....Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

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

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD. *Response*

"This is the gate of the LORD; *he who is righteous may enter." *Response*

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *and have become my salvation. *Response*

The same stone which the builders rejected *has become the chief cornerstone. *Response*

This is the LORD's doing, *and it is marvelous in our eyes. On this day the LORD has acted; *we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Response*

Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *LORD, send us now success. *Response*

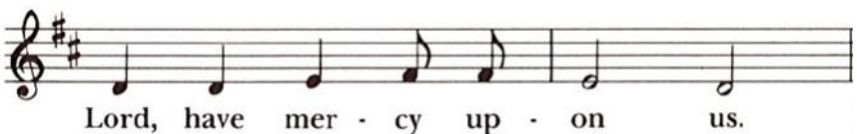
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *we bless you from the house of the LORD. *Response*

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. *Response*

"You are my God, and I will thank you; *you are my God, and I will exalt you." *Response*

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

Response



Celebrant: Let us pray

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.*

Processional.....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 psalms before thee went;
our prayer and praise 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)

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.*

Please be seated

The Lessons

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.

Our Psalm for today is Psalm 31 verses 9-19. Let us read in unison beginning and ending with the refrain.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O Lord.

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. 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. I am forgotten like a

Dead man, out of mind; *I am as useless as a broken pot. 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. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *I have said, "You are my God. My times are in your hand; *rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, *and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence.....Hymnal 156

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

The Gospel.....Mark 14:1-16

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.' While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.' Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the

owner of the house, “The Teacher asks, “Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?” He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.’ So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily (please be seated)..... **Rev. Rob Iler**

Prayers of the People Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; Especially Michael, our presiding bishop, Glenda our bishop, Brian our assisting bishop, Rob our priest, and Judy our deacon.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

Confession.....BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People: 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.*

Celebrant: 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

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

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

- Volunteers are needed during Holy Week to serve on teams and as dish washers for Lenten Lunches. A sign up sheet is in Stough Hall. Please contact Leslie Loftis at (770) 789-4459 with questions or for additional information.
- Share the Spirit of the resurrection of our Lord with St. James' on Easter Sunday with the gift of flowers in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special, or in thanksgiving of a special blessing. Forms are available in Stough Hall. Completed forms and donations may be placed in the collection plate or submitted to the church office.
- The Parish response to requests for finger foods for the Brunch has been great. We could still use a few more bite size desserts. The Brunch begins at 9:00 following the 8:00 Service. Please have your items in the kitchen by 8:00. Thank you St. James for always responding to our Church needs. Sydney Smith (706) 315-9001.
- The St James Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell is scheduled for Dec. 6-8. If you are interested in attending, please indicate your interest by signing up on the form in Stough Hall. If you are interested in helping plan the weekend, please let Cathy Gassenheimer know.

Holy Week Schedule

12:00 Noon Community Services followed by Lenten Lunches

Monday, March 25

The Rev. Dr. Emerson Ware, Perfect Peace Baptist Church

Tuesday, March 26

The Rev. John Hill, Flint Hill Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 27

The Rev. Pete Burgees, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Thursday, March 28

The Rev. Chip Vann, First United Methodist Church

March 28: Maundy Thursday March 29: Good Friday

6:00 PM Agape Eucharist
Stripping of Altar

6:00 PM Reflective &
Taizè Service

March 31, 2024 The Sunday of the Resurrection:

Easter Day

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM Brunch

10:00 AM Baptism and Holy Eucharist

The Offertory

Offertory Response.....“*All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.*” Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus.....**Hymnal S125/BCP 362**

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.

Celebrant: 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.

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;

Celebrant: 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 St. James and 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,

Celebrant and People: 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.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Fraction Anthem

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion HymnHymnal 158

The Prayer of the People for Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ, you came into your city Jerusalem in glorious triumph, and your people celebrated the arrival of their long anticipated King and Messiah; may we too be of mind and spirit to proclaim you as our Lord and King, and be watchful of that day when you return in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Blessing

Recessional.....Hymnal 171

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hosanna in the highest!
People: Thanks be to God. Hosanna in the highest!

St. James Prayer Requests

The following parishioners, friends and extended family members are remembered in our prayers.

Our Parish Family

Jim Bent	Barry Boddie	Janice Boone
Alyce Carlisle	Florence Copeland	Faye Holliday
Phyllis McAnally	Angie Smith	Jimbo Spencer
Sherwood Stewart	Judy Stone	

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Family and Friends

Ann Phillips Arrington		Leslie Avel
Ruth Barbee	Joe Beard	Nan Beard
Lauren Cessna	Tommy Chance	Johndra Culp
Jerry Dickson	Bob Dixon	Jane Fenwick
Joe Fenwick	Derek Fox	Tom Forrester
Katy Gaddis	Brenda Gainey	Emiko Garner
Mary Garner	Joe Gassenheimer	Susan Hammock
Carolyn Keesee	Tom Lamberth	Clint Langley
Buddy Looney	Dale Martin	Carolyn Nalls
Mary Frances Nelson	John Nichols	Jayne Ogilvie
Jim Peace	Joe Peel	Dana Poisal
Eric Reutebuch	Chris Sheheane	Bob Simms
Carol Simms	Richard Smith	Jennifer Spraggins
Josh Sprayberry	Ann Grey Tate	Randy Thomas
Honey Trowbridge	Nina Ware	Ronnie Weathers
Rusty White	Annette Worthy	Dave Young

Please keep all of our military personnel in your prayers. Please pray for the following active military personnel.

Drew Belcher	Alex Duld	Orrin Harbol
Seth Harbol	K.C. Hollon	Paul Krattiger
Ryan Sullivan	Bo Shippen Waldo	Andrew Walker

We give thanks for the following parishioners and family members celebrating birthdays this week.

Billy Harrison	Hugh Thompson	Tim Price
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In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for all victims of violence, hatred, prejudice, and oppression and the agencies that advocate for their safety, dignity, and respect. We also pray for Calvary (Oneonta).

Throughout the Anglican Communion we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.

Prayer for the Parish Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord

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Lay Ministry Schedule

	10:00 am
Readers	Pat Bice & Sonny Bozeman
Intercessor	Sonny Bozeman
Servers	Charles Copeland & Roger Holliday
Oblations	Mel & Leslie Loftis
Ushers	Rodney Meadows & John Jung