



## **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

**April 2, 2023**

**WELCOME**

to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

a member of the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

Big Rapids, MI

Seeking every day to love God  
with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and  
to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Cadillac, MI

We strive to live out the Great  
Commandment: To love the Lord with all  
our heart, soul, and mind and to love our  
neighbors as ourselves.

If you have a faith or are seeking one, you are always welcome here.

If you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home,  
we'd love to get to know you.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*All gather outside by the memorial garden before the service begins.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

BCP 270

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

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Officiant 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

**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."

## Blessing over the Palms

BCP 271

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Officiant 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.*

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

**People Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Procession

Officiant Let us go forth in peace.

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

*All process into the church, waving palms.*

**Processional Hymn**      *All stand as able.*      *All Glory Laud and Honor, Hymnal, #154*

## THE WORD OF GOD

BCP 357

### The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant 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 Lessons**      *All sit as able.*

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

Reader      A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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.**

**The Psalm**

**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 persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

## **Second Reading**

## **Philippians 2:5-11**

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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.**

**Gospel Hymn** *All stand as able.*

*Thy Word, Pew Folder, p.107*

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54

*All stand as able.*

Celebrant The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

## Homily

**Mtr. Radha Kaminski**

## The Prayers of the People

*Praying the Scriptures*

Intercessor The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. So, let us cry out to our Lord, saying, "Crucified King, **have mercy on us.**"

Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We have been unwilling to share the gospel with our friends and families. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Anne, our Canon Missioner; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant.

Trinity, Alpena - Ellen, Sr. Warden, St. Paul's Church, Dowagiac - Mary Jo, Senior Warden. We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular, we pray for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Priests, including Joe, Barrett, Alex, Matt, and Anne Marie. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jennifer, Justin, Jessica, Julianne, Beckett, Rachel, John, Linda, Cathy, Dell, Theresa. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*

Crucified King,

**People Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord—especially those who are threatened by your message of love and justice. Have mercy on us for our silence and complicity. We pray for Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence*  
Crucified King,

**People Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor Have mercy on those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Have mercy on us and teach us to love what you have called good.  
*Silence*

Crucified King,

**People Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor Have mercy on us, O Lord. Teach us to value what you value. Increase in us love for our neighbors. *Silence*

Crucified King,

**People Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen those whose strength fails them. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: Ken, Kyle, Madi, Lori, Delalia, Cindy, Don, Barb, Lonnie & Heather, Dorothea, Erin, Zack, Colleen, Eli, Fanny, Hannah & Elijah, Julie; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Coleen, Kyler, Marty & Rachel, Doug, Beth, Sarah, Paula, Sally, Julane, Jack, Sharon, Richard, Susan, Carlson Family, Jessica, Phyllis; our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Eli, Jess; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*



*The people stand or kneel as able while the celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine. Then says:*

Celebrant     Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The celebrant concludes with a prayer for the coming of God's reign. The people respond*

**AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*It is our tradition to gather in a circle to say the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to either stand and join hands, or remain seated and we will encircle you.*

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

**All            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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then says:*

Celebrant     Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

### **The Invitation**

*The celebrant says the invitation.*

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who is too old or too young, no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the altar prepared by a loving God for all creation by the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.*

*Please come forward down the center aisle to in front of the altar to receive communion or a blessing. If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know.*

<b>THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD – You can either,</b>		
	<i>Consume</i>	Hold out your hands and then consume the bread after it is placed in your hand.
	<i>Gluten-Free</i>	If you require a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands.
	<i>Blessing</i>	If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms for a blessing.

<b>THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE – You can either,</b>		
	<i>Drink</i>	Grasp the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips to drink the wine.
	<i>Intinct</i>	Hold up the bread. The minister will take the bread, dip it for you, and hand it back to you.
	<i>Not Receive</i>	Cross your arms. The minister will hold the chalice up, but you will not drink.

**Communion Hymn**

*Morning Glory, Starlit Sky, Hymnal, #585*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*All stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant 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.

## **The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements**

### **The Blessing**

*All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

*What Wondrous Love is This, Hymnal, #439*

### **The Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

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