



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

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.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS & MORNING PRAYER, 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

Mark 11:1-11

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

Prayer 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 glory, laud, and honor, Hymnal #154

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon

All The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

The Venite

All Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for 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.**

First Canticle

Canticle 14, A Song of Penitence

All O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, * with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *

they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *

long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; * you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you: * Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

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.

Second Canticle

Canticle 19, The Song of the Redeemed

All O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, * O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Third Reading

Mark 14:1-15:47 Bulletin Insert

Reader The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The customary responses before and after the reading are omitted.

Reflection *The reflection may be a time of silence, a homily, or reading of a text.*

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel as able.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People And grant us your salvation.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

The officiant prays the collect of the day, found in the bulletin insert.

Hymn at the Prayers

Ride on, ride on in majesty, Hymnal #156

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Intercessor Though willing in spirit, we are still weak in the flesh. So let us appeal to God's mercy saying, "Help us, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**"

O Lord, let the same mind be in your Church that was in Christ Jesus. With bended knees and confessing tongues, make us able to live his way of humility and obedience. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop, Nurya, our canon; Radha, our

Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant; Trinity, Lexington - Virginia "Ginny", Sr. Warden; Christ Church, Charlevoix – Mark, Sr. 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 Barrett, Alex, Matt, Anne Marie, Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Rachel, Cathy, Kathryn, Kris, Johnathan, Theresa. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Mary, Deb, Laura, Jennifer, Christi, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*
Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Almighty God, in your tender love you sent your Son our Savior Jesus to take upon our human nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: give us hearts also to love every human being. *Silence* Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor O God, bless the trees: In celebration of your Son we waved their branches; in our sinful violence we took what you made good and crafted a wooden cross. O God, bless the trees. *Silence*
Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Merciful God, look upon our beautiful city. Forgive us our violent ways. Even in hard times, let us not become reproach to our neighbors. Make your face to shine upon the city. *Silence* Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence* Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor O Lord, we pray for those who are wasted by grief, whose years are filled with sighing. We pray for those whose strength has failed and whose bones are consumed. In your loving-kindness save them. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer J.P., Zack, Fred, Lynne, Leon, Carolyn, Erin, Larry & Therese, Connie & Mike, Jenn, Luke, DeeDee, Shanna; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Nan, Stacey & Sally, Judy, Greg, Bill, Lorraine & Bob, Melissa & Scott, Lisa, Hunter, Bobby Jo & Harold, Beth; For 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, Wesley, Owen; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*
Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Lord Jesus, you took human form; you died on the cross. You shared with us life and death. We trust the dead to your care. We trust our lives to you. *Silence* Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

For a Birthday

Pew Card

For an Anniversary

BCP 431, first prayer

Travelers

BCP 831, #53

Recessional Hymn

Lift up your heads, Hymnal #436

The Dismissal and Concluding Sentence

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20,21

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