

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 10 April 2022 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL



About the Day

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with the first *Alleluia* of Easter in the middle of the Great Vigil on Saturday night. The scripture readings for today present a dramatic contrast between a crowd's joyous greeting of Jesus, their "king", and then their condemnation of him — the contrast between shouts of "Hosanna" and "Crucify him!" From a high mood of celebration, the day turns decidedly dark, and we hear of Jesus' arrest and torture at the hands of the authorities, hence the first name for the day, "The Sunday of the Passion". The color for this day is the red of martyrs, the color of blood. Palm fronds are the symbol.

GATHERING TOGETHER

*Weather-permitting, and as personally able, all gather outside the East Entrance at the baptismal font.
Should weather not permit, all gather, as able, in the East Vestibule, for the Liturgy of the Palms.*

WELCOME

Choral Prelude "Hosanna to the Son of David" Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Amen. (Matthew 21:9b; cf. Psalm 118:25-26)

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider Blessed is 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.**

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."

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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. **Amen.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

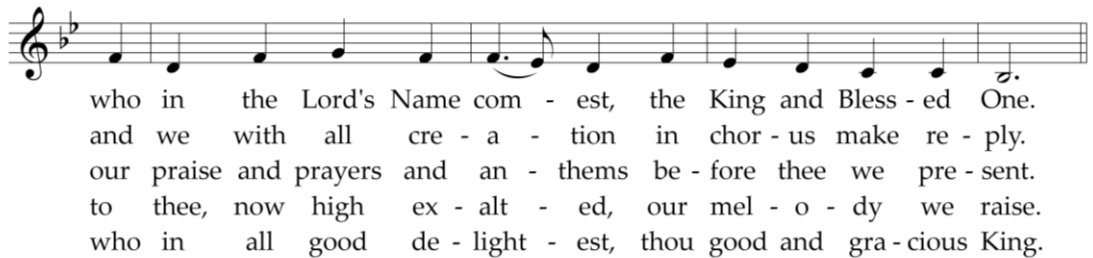
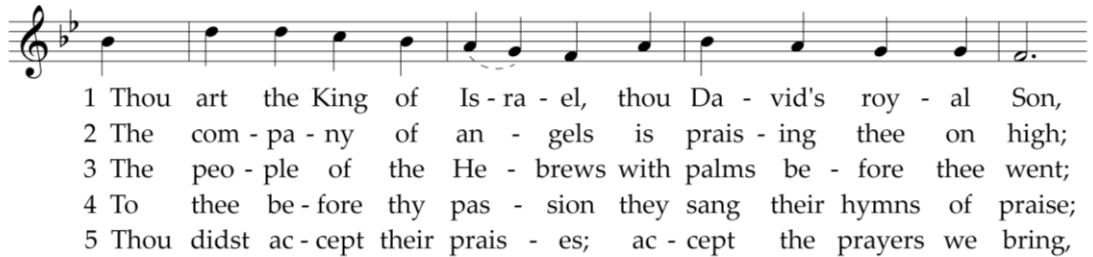
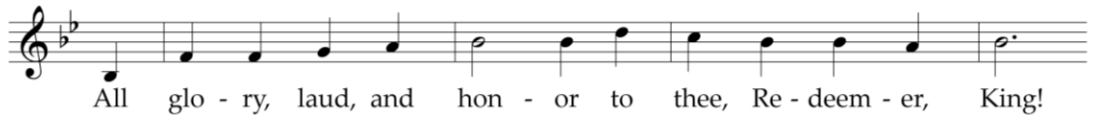
Presider Let us go forth in peace.

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

HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 People are seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

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?

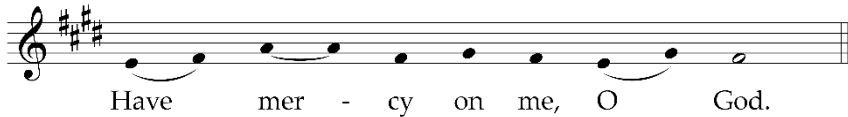
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection is kept.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16

Response



- 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. **Response**
- 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. **Response**
- 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. **Response**
- 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." **Response**

THE 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.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Form 2

The Book of Common Prayer

Reader I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world;
for our bishops: Michael, Paula, and Chilton; for this gathering;
and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed,
and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge
of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Those present may ask prayers or thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for_____.

I ask your thanksgiving for_____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Presider Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:
Help us to ask only what accords with your will;
and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask,
grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence

*With joy, we give thanks to God for all who support this community of love and faith.
Now more than ever, your gifts truly do continue the mission and ministries of Grace Church.*

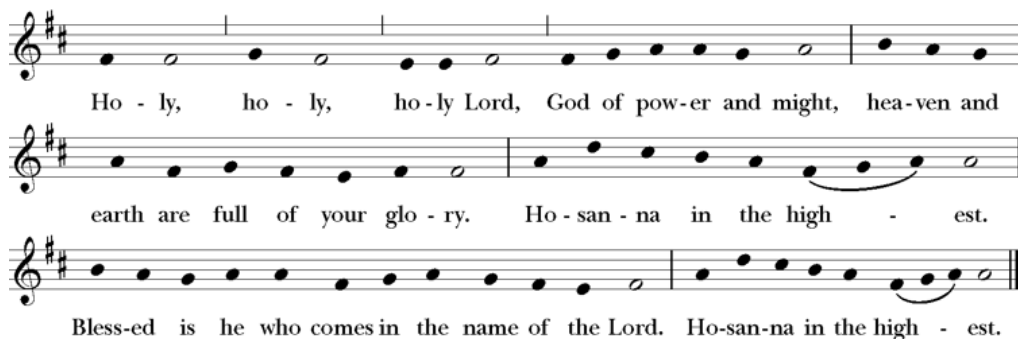
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Presider

It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God,
for in wondrous love you cast stars into space,
and in meek obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails.
With loving-kindness you called your people in Abraham,
and in covenant with Moses you bound up your life in theirs.
Through exile you stayed close to them,
and in Jesus you came among them
bearing the fullness of grace and truth.
Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty, and death,
yet in resurrection you exalted him,
and in sending your Spirit you shed glory on all people.
And so we rejoice with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
singing the song of your unending praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One.
Your Son comes on a donkey in your name.
As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins,
enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body.
Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread,
and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that together
they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Presider Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status but emptied himself.
Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church,
 on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member,
 on all who are emptied of hope, faith, or love.
As you highly exalted your Son who had become a slave,
 highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness,
 or grieve those they have cherished,
 or bend the knee to one who does not honor them.
Fill the earth with your justice and peace,
 until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess
 that you are the joy of their desiring, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 ever one God, in all ages and forevermore. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

Presider 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 BREAD

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.


Fraction Anthem

Cantor, then All




We who are man-y are one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

Cantor



We break this bread to share in the Bo-dy of Christ.

All



We who are man-y are one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

From a sermon by St. Augustine

Presider Behold what you are;
People **May we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion, including children.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
Those who prefer to receive a blessing may cross their arms over their chest.*

Anthem

Agnus Dei

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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.

After Communion, all are seated for the proclamation of the Passion.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Luke 22:14-23:56

All are seated for the reading of the Passion; please stand when asked to do so.

SONG

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the song. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system shows the first two lines of the song, and the second system shows the next two lines, ending with a double bar line.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

Please leave in silence.



Holy Week at Grace Church

Monday 11 April	Compline (Night Prayer) - ZOOM	8:30 PM
Wednesday 13 April	Compline (Night Prayer) - ZOOM	8:30 PM
Thursday 14 April	Maundy Thursday Eucharist	7:00 PM
	All-night vigil at the Altar of Repose	
Friday 15 April	Concluding Prayer	9:00 AM
	Good Friday Liturgy	7:00 PM
Saturday 16 April	The Great Vigil of Easter	7:00 PM
Sunday 17 April	Easter Day	10:00 AM



How do we deal with difficult Bible passages when we encounter them?

How do we deal with passages which historically have been used by others to vilify groups of people—passages that may seem to condone exclusion or condemnation of groups we may perceive as “other than us”? Everyone looks at scripture through a lens of some kind—a lens which will subsequently help shape the way they approach a given passage and ultimately interpret it.

We use the Baptismal Covenant as our lens, specifically “to seek and serve Christ in all persons,” and “to strive for justice and peace among all people.” (See the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 304.) Through the Covenant, we understand how we are called to follow Christ and approach the difficult biblical passages with this knowledge in mind.

Why use incense in worship?

Incense has a long history in Christianity, Judaism and other religions. It adds our noses to the multi-sensory experience of worship. The psalmist expresses the symbolism of incense and prayer: “Let my prayer rise like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”

The clouds of incense represent cleansing and purification. The sweet smell suggests Christ's righteousness that covers sin. In some traditions, incense is used to honor holy things and holy people (the gathered people, that is, the body of Christ). The altar/table, the bread and wine, the ministers and the assembly may be “censed” as a way of showing their importance in the liturgy. Incense adds a festive accompaniment to processions, creating “holy clouds” and “holy smells” in the air.

The sweet smell of incense is a doorway to the holy in the same way that beautiful music, flowers, stained glass, or a room/building can lead us to ponder the mystery of God's presence. Incense in worship is an ancient practice that connects us to the Church around the world and through the ages.

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