

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We believe that God is healing and restoring the world,
and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*



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PALM SUNDAY

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A note about this Liturgy:

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. The day is called both “Palm Sunday” and “Passion Sunday.” Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ’s arrival in Jerusalem. The second name comes from the fact that the narrative of the Passion is read on this Sunday (it otherwise wouldn’t be read on a Sunday, since the next Sunday is about the Resurrection). The movement from palms to passion marks a dramatic shift, anticipating that the same people who cried, “Hosanna” at Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem will cry, “Crucify” in just a few short days. On a deeper, more cosmic level, palm branches were widely recognized as a symbol of peace and victory. Though at the Triumphal Entry the people’s praise is shallow, after Easter we understand how fitting the praise really was.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic; it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace. On the other side of the city, on that very day, King Herod was arriving on a war horse. The two mounts suggest two kingdoms, one of this world’s political systems built on coercion, and the other of the greater kingdom of self-giving love. Herod’s kingdom ended millennia ago. Jesus’ kingdom is still growing.

Given our circumstances, if you have not gone by the church to pick up palms, any greenery will serve. We ask God to make these palms sacred. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Out of reverence for what they represent, we suggest you return them to the earth in your garden or other natural setting.

The liturgical color on Palm Sunday is red, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world and the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the story.

The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Blessing of Palms.

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.**

A Reading from 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.”

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.

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

We process in spirit.



1-5. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re - deem - er King!



1-5. To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. You are the King of Is - ra - el, And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went:
4. To you be - fore your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise:
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



1. Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
2. And mor - tals, joined with all - things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
3. Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
4. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
5. Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

Presider: 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People: Whose mercy endures forever.

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 Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

A Reading from 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.

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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?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

In te, Domine, speravi

- 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."

A Reading from 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,

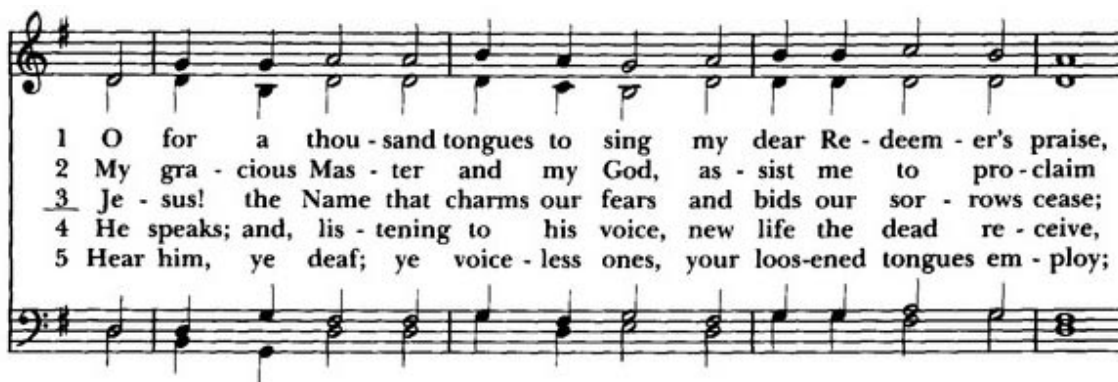
and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

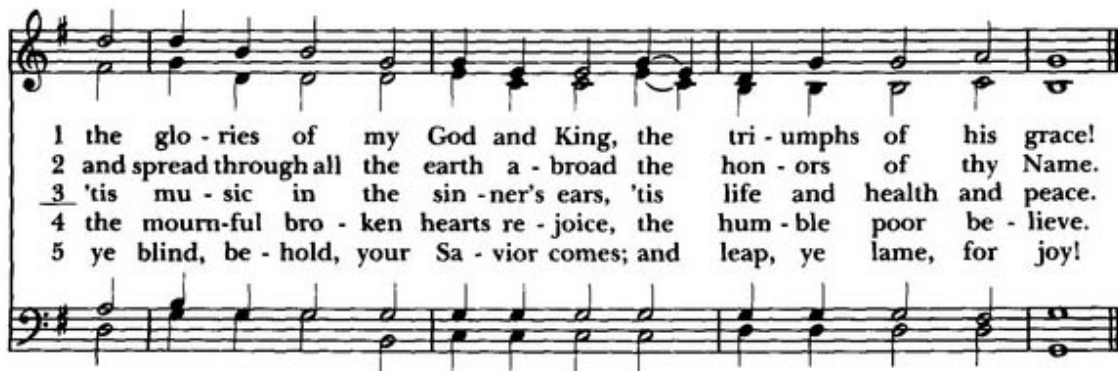
to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos-ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn-ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heayen.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 27:11–54.

The congregation may remain seated for the first part of the Passion. At the mention of the arrival at Golgotha, please stand.

Dramatis personæ:

- Matthew: *the Deacon*
- Jesus: *the Priest*
- the chief priests and others: *the congregation*
- the Soldiers of the Governor: *the congregation*
- the Disciples: *the congregation*
- the Crowd: *the congregation*

some or all of the following roles may be shared:

- Pontius Pilate: *Karisse Moore**
- Pilate's wife: *Karisse Moore**
- the Centurion: *Karisse Moore**

Matthew: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Matthew: Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Matthew: Jesus said,

Jesus: You say so.

Matthew: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Matthew: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's wife: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Matthew: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Matthew: And they said,

Crowd: Barabbas.

Matthew: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: All of them said,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Matthew: Then he asked,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Matthew: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Matthew: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Matthew: Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd: His blood be on us and on our children!

Matthew: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Matthew: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over

him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: **You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

Matthew: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Crowd: **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'**

Matthew: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Matthew: that is,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Matthew: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: **This man is calling for Elijah.**

Matthew: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Crowd: **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

Matthew: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Sermon Meditation Questions: Palm Sunday

1. How have you see Jesus in the people you have met during this Pandemic?
2. What has the social distancing taught you about community?
3. What does the figure of Simon of Cyrene mean to you?

The Prayers of the People

Eucharistic Minister: Loving Lord, you come into our confused and hurting world, proclaiming a message of hope. Open our eyes to see your hand at work, and our hearts to respond as is best for the world.

In the course of the silence after each bidding, offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); 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

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

At this time let us pray for those who occupy our thoughts today, silently or aloud.

Presider: Always and ever-faithful God, inspire us with glimpses of your will for the world and grant us strength to give ourselves to it, for the love of your Name. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider 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.

Presider speaks an Absolution.

The Peace / La Paz

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. / La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

People: And also with you. / **Y con tu espíritu.**

1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of
 2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,

Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me
 faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire; As thou hast
 round me spread, Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness
 sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior,

while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way,
 died for me, O may my love to thee
 turn to day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
 then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move;

O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
 Pure, warm and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Prayers

All stand, as able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Presider 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.**

Prayer over the people

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Chant:

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

Blessing

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Offertory:

Please either mail in or drop off in the church's mailbox, your pledges and contributions.

2020 Lenten Meditations

St. Paul's Lenten Devotional - "Agape": stpaulsmv.org/category/devotions/agape/

If you prefer to receive it in your email daily, sign up at: eepurl.com/gi1DK1

Relief & Development's Lenten Devotions: episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/church-campaigns/lent

Who will win the Golden Halo? lentmadness.org/

Your **Vestry** members request your prayers for this congregation and their leadership.

They want to be in conversation with you. Speak with them so they know the needs of the congregation:

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St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list. Please email Penny Worrell at penny.worrell@gmail.com.

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1 Com - mit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with
 2 O trust the Lord then whol - ly, if thou wouldst be se -
 3 Thy last - ing truth and mer - cy, O Fa - ther, see a -
 4 Hope on, then, bro - ken spi - rit; hope on, be not a -

care to him whose faith - ful mer - cy the
 cure; his work must thou con - sid - er for
 right the needs of all thy chil - dren, their
 fraid: fear not the griefs that plague thee and

skies a - bove de - clare, who gives the winds their
 thy work to en - dure. What prof - it doth it
 an - guish or de - light: what lov - ing wis - dom
 keep thy heart dis - mayed: thy God, in his great

cours es, who points the clouds their way; 'tis
 bring thee to pine in grief and care? God
 choos - eth, re - deem - ing might will do, and
 mer - cy, will save thee, hold thee fast, and

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The music is written in a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'he will guide thy foot - steps and be thy staff and stay. ev - er sends his bless - ing in an - swer to thy prayer. bring to sure ful - fill - ment thy coun - sel good and true. in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.'

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- 1 Commit thou all that grieves thee
and fills thy heart with care
to him whose faithful mercy
the skies above declare,
who gives the winds their courses,
who points the clouds their way;
'tis he will guide thy footsteps
and be thy staff and stay.
- 2 O trust the Lord then wholly,
if thou wouldst be secure;
his work must thou consider
for thy work to endure.
What profit doth it bring thee
to pine in grief and care?
God ever sends his blessing
in answer to thy prayer.
- 3 Thy lasting truth and mercy,
O Father, see aright
the needs of all thy children,
their anguish or delight:
what loving wisdom chooseth,
redeeming might will do,
and bring to sure fulfillment
thy counsel good and true.
- 4 Hope on, then, broken spirit;
hope on, be not afraid:
fear not the griefs that plague thee
and keep thy heart dismayed:
thy God, in his great mercy,
will save thee, hold thee fast,
and in his own time grant thee

Welcome to Saint Paul's!

We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. We use real wine in the cup. If you wish to receive only a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest approaches. If you do not want to drink from the chalice, keep the piece of bread on your open palm, and present it to the chalice bearer, who will then dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue. Non-gluten bread is also available. Please inform us if this is your preference.

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