

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:
PALM SUNDAY



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TROY, AL

The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick -
Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Dr. John Jinright - Organist
Dr. Catherine Allard - Choir Director
Visiting Clergy - The Rev. Martha Kreamer

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021

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.*

A Reading from 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.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures forever."

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.

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 the 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 forever. *Amen.*

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

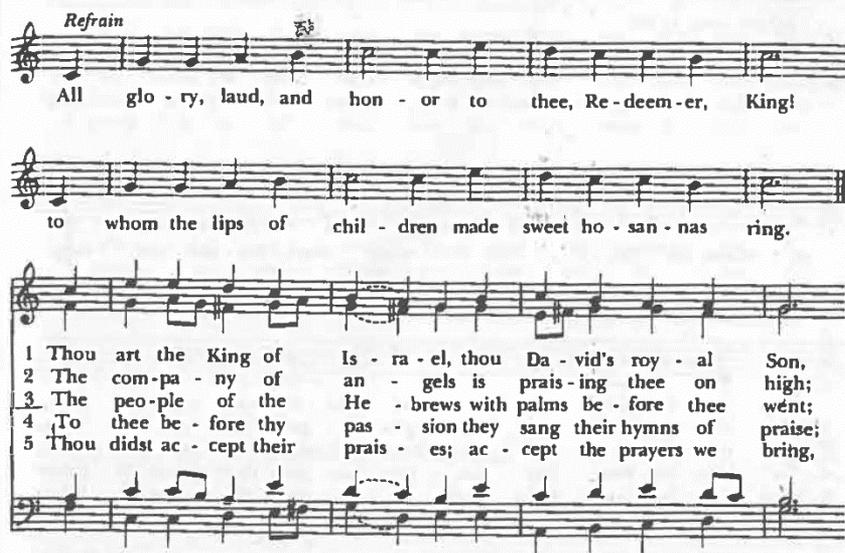
People In the name of Christ. Amen

During the procession all hold branches in their hands and the choir will sing the hymn

"All glory, laud, and honor".

Hymn #154

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - ä - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.;
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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All enter the church with the choir continuing to sing the hymn. Once everyone has found a place to sit, the service continues:

Celebrant	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People	His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect

(stand)

Almighty and ever living 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.*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:21-25

(sit)

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together!
Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old?
Was it not I, the LORD? There is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in
righteousness

a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear.'

Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,

are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him
shall come to him and be ashamed.

In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

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."

The Epistle: 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.

*Sequence Hymn (Choir sings, stand) #Hymn # 435, v. 1&6
“At the Name of Jesus”*

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark 14:1-15:47**

See Handout- Readers are assigned; the entire congregation will take the part of the crowd. The congregation remains seated for the first part of the Passion

Sermon

Prayers of the People (stand)

Celebrant: As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

Reader: For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. Lord, hear us.

People Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Russell, our Bishop, Martha our visiting clergy, we pray in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for Chapel of St. Dismas, Atmore, Commission on Prison Ministry and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. **Lord, hear us.**

People Lord, graciously hear us.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world.

For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need Jennifer, John, Charlotte, Dianne, Lyra, Pam, Frances, Pam, Bess, David, Al, Buddy, Ed, Jean, Teresa, Steve, Shannon, Sarah, Kaye, David, Chuck, Carol, Barbara, Sue, Lauren, Al, Mark, Amy and Miss Annette.

The inmates and staff of the Pike County Jail, and in the Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayers, we pray for the inmates and staff of Gulf Correctional Institution, Wewahitchka, Florida. Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble; Lord, hear us.

People Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who rest in Christ, and for all the departed especially Doug Patterson

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love.

For those celebrating birthdays this week, Shanlie Wolter and those celebrating their anniversary this week.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind: Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountain grant us strength on our journey. Glory to you forever.

Amen.

Peace

(stand)

BCP, p. 360

Announcements

(sit)

Offertory

Doxology	(stand)	
<p style="text-align: center;"> <i>“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise the Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.”</i> </p>		
The Great Thanksgiving	(stand)	BCP, p. 361
Sanctus		BCP, p. 362
Consecration		BCP, p. 362
Breaking of the Bread		BCP, p. 364
Post Communion Prayer	(kneel)	BCP, p. 365
Blessing		
<i>Closing Hymn</i>	<i>(stand)</i>	<i><u>Hymn #473, v 1&4</u></i>
		<i>“Lift high the Cross”</i>
Dismissal		
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>Toccata</i>	<i>Boelmann</i>

All are welcome to the Altar for the Eucharist.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion but cannot come to the altar rail please let the ushers know and we will gladly serve you in your pew.

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Kreamer

LEM: Joel Williams

Crucifer: Sarah Taylor

First Reading: Catherine Allard

Second Reading: Joanna Taylor

Prayers: Curt Porter

Ushers: Diane Porter, Gene Omasta & Nigel Purvis

Altar Guild: Avie Medeiros, Michelle Armstrong

Nursery: tba

St. Mark's Vestry

Senior Warden: Judy Dye

Junior Warden: Natalie Bryant

Clerk: Joanna Taylor

Adam Blackstock, Ann Hart,

Jean Orendorff, Suzanne Price

Kathy Omasta, Jordan Medeiros

Treasurer: Diane Porter

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Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30 am, either in person or via streaming on our Facebook page.

First time worshipping at St. Mark's?

Please make yourself known by signing the guest registry at the back of the church near the door and by filling out a visitor card. We'd like to hear from you!

Nursery

- Infants through age 4.
- Available during church service hours.

Restrooms are located through the door next to the piano at the front of the church.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church welcomes all. It is our pleasure to have you join us today. We joyfully gather to pray, worship, learn, and serve as we seek to follow Jesus. We welcome seekers and doubters and invite all people on a journey of hope and transformation. Embracing the example of Jesus, our welcome knows no boundaries.

Please do not overlook an important custom in the Episcopal Church of the Good Friday Offering that goes to the work of the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/ens/>





Holy Week

MARCH 28 – APRIL 4, 2021

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| April 1 | 6:30 pm | Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist: Rite Two; Stripping of the Altar |
| April 2 | 12:15 pm | The Stations of the Cross |
| April 3 | 7:30 pm | The Great Vigil of Easter |
| April 4 | 9:30 am | Easter - Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Celebrated by our bishop, The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick |
| | 10:45 am | Easter Egg Hunt
Outdoor Reception |
| | 11:30 am | Baptism & Confirmation |

Outreach

Food Pantry

St. Mark's provides supplemental food to the community from three locations:

- Seabury House, Monday-Thursday, 9:00–12:00
- The Boys & Girls Club at 1318 N Three Notch Street
- The Charles Henderson Child Health Clinic, at 1300 US-231

St. Mark's Food Pantry continues to provide individually wrapped, pre-packaged (for COVID safety) snacks, fruits, nuts, cheeses, and other items for staff who cannot pause for a meal at the Troy Health and Rehabilitation Center as well as the three Fire Stations this past week.

Canterbury Club: The Troy University Canterbury Club is the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Troy University. We invite students of all identities to join us. We meet via Zoom every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about St. Mark's Canterbury Club, please contact Wren Cobb at wrencobb99@gmail.com

Jail Ministry: We continue serving the inmates and staff by sending cards each month to let them know that we are thinking about them, and that they remain in our prayers.



Since many of you attend virtually, you may want to contribute to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for Easter, via the "DONATE" button on the diocesan website homepage: [diocgc.org](http://www.diocgc.org/)<<http://www.diocgc.org/>>

Sunday School for our young children, led by Robert Pullen, meets via Zoom every Sunday at 11:00. They are studying various parables over the coming weeks. This week they will be studying **The Weeds in the Wheat**.

Our church leaders feel that it is important to give the children a chance to be together and to hear the stories of our faith. Joyce Cooper creates and delivers an activity packet for each Sunday to the children so that they have something hands-on to do each week. If you have a child who isn't participating yet, please call the church office to get them added to the list.

The most important part of Sunday School is the chance to be with each other and to hear from each other. The children enjoy bringing their stuffed animals and toys to share. They tell their stories too.

