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Small Passion -- CHRIST'S ENTRY into JERUSALEM

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024 — 9:00 am

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PALM SUNDAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, *Rite II*

24 March 2024 — 9:00 A.M.

The Liturgy of the Palms

270 *Palm Sunday*

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.

All: 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.

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.

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS

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.***

Celebrant Almighty and Loving God, it is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through Christ Jesus our Savior. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying "Hosanna in the highest".

We pray you, O Lord, bless these branches and make them holy. May we also, carrying them forth from this place and crying out "Hosanna in the Highest" and "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord", acclaim Jesus as our Messiah and King and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life. ***Amen.***

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

Processional Hymn 154 “*All Glory Laud and Honor*”

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. *(Refrain)*
2. The company of angels are praising thee on high; and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *(Refrain)*
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. *(Refrain)*
4. To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*
5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *(Refrain)*

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

Collect

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.***

A Reading (Lesson) 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 awakens— awakens 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.***

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 (Lesson) 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ *See Insert*

The Sermon

The Rev. Don Caron, Priest

The Prayers of the People for Palm Sunday

Deacon: Christ Jesus was obedient unto death on a cross, and exalted by God he continues to plead for all humankind. Let us

join him in prayer for all our brothers and sisters saying, Lord, graciously hear us.

Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry the cross of your Son.

[Silence] Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet, and to lay down our own burdens at the feet our crucified Savior.

Lord hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes. *[Silence]* Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from others sufferings and those whose hearts are hardened by their lives and work. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The thief who was crucified with Jesus was promised a place in your kingdom. *[Silence]* Give pardon and hope, healing and peace to all who are in mortal danger or who walk in the shadow of death, especially those affected by the conflict in Russia, Ukraine, Middle East and the infirmed among us especially *Ruth, Sharon, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Jane, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Ted,* and all others who have asked for our prayers.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

From the cross, Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and John his disciple to each other's care. *[Silence]* Help us also to care for one another, our families, our friends, and companions on the way, and those we love. Fill our homes with the spirit of your love.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The centurion was astonished to recognize your glory in the crucified Messiah. *[Silence]* Open the minds of those who do not know you to grasp in your Son the meaning of life and death.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Joseph of Arimathea came to take your Son's body away. *[Silence]* Give hope and faith to those who are bereaved, gentleness to those who minister to them, and courage to those whose faith is known to you alone. Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John, became part of the life of your Church in Jerusalem. Be with Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Don our Priest, and Leslie, our Deacon, and all bishops, priests, and deacons. Bring into your Church today a varied company of people, to walk with Christ in the way of his passion, and to find their salvation in the victory of his cross.

Lord hear us.

Lord, graciously bear us.

Celebrant: Father, the prayer of Christ brought forgiveness to those who crucified him, and the prayer of the thief bought him a place with Christ at your side. Hear the prayer we now make to you, and sustain your people in their need. We make our prayer through Christ, our crucified Lord. **AMEN.**

Confession

Deacon:

On this Palm Sunday, let us make our prayer of confession

Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosannas to praise you. With eager hands, we place our palms of praise on the path before you. Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you often deny or defy you.

*All: Forgive us, Lord,
and help us to live as you would have us live.*

We confess that the hands that seek to serve you often become fists. We confess our praise is often empty.

*All: Forgive us, Lord,
and help us to live as you would have us live.*

Just as the people of Jerusalem did long ago, We sing “Hosanna,” now, but we will cry “Crucify” when a brother or sister causes us hurt or inconvenience

*All: Forgive us, Lord,
and help us to live as you would have us live.*

As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. Yet, we confess that we crave acceptance and take

the easy way. We do not stay true to your will.

All: Forgive us, Lord,

and help us to live as you would have us live.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of your obedience to you, our Father. Help us to be faithful and loving servants of Jesus, our King. **Amen.**

The Peace (*All stand.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you .**

Offertory Anthem “*The Palms*”

G. Faure

The Doxology 380 vs. 3 “*Praise God*”

All: Praise God of whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above the heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always an every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Though he was innocent, he went willingly to his trial and execution, faithful to his mission and confident in the undying love of the Father, and so he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and

Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, (People and Celebrant)

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 *A period of Silence is kept*

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Invitation

Silent Meditation

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as

faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Silent Recessional

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

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Participating in the 9am. Service

Musicians: Helen Mack, Hank Mamet

Lector: Jeff Mack *Acolyte:* Jeff Mack, Sally Barnes

Ushers: Bill Wilson, Mike Kinzler *Videographer:* Mel Caron

Altar Guild: Debbie Sigler, Susan Stevens, Mary Shea

Counters: Joan Atkinson, Marge Conti

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in loving memory of *Frank & Mary Reed*, by Jamie Reed

MONDAY MEDITATION GROUP will meet tomorrow, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish House Parlor. Interested in meditation, but don't know how? We can teach you. Don't hesitate to join us!

Father Don is looking for volunteers to read at the Great Vigil of Easter Saturday March 30 @7pm. Please see Father after service for more information.

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.



Holy Week at Christ Church

March 28 Maundy Thursday 7pm

- Washing of the feet, Stripping of the altar
- Parishioners are encouraged to bring flowers to be placed on the Altar of Repose in the Chapel

March 29 Good Friday Church open for meditation all day

7pm Veneration of the Cross & Mass of the Pre-sanctified

March 30 Holy Saturday 7pm

Great Vigil of Easter *begins outdoors (weather permitting)*

March 31 Easter Service 9am Renewal of Baptismal vows

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MEN'S GROUP. We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am, and we will talk about the things that are important for a man's spiritual life. It's an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP will return on Thursday, April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Our study title is "FIRST LIGHT; JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD". This is a study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg, two of the world's leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. The title of the first session is "The Matrix of Jesus."

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY April 16th, Noon to 2pm Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants.

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