

**THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS &
MASS OF THE PASSION**



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Commonly called Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY- YEAR A
SOLEMN HIGH MASS - RITE I, 10AM

Today's liturgy begins in a place apart from the church, so that all may go to the church in procession.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Blessed Lord. The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service continues with the singing or reading of the Passion, turning the emphasis to the days which lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail him as king one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting "Crucify him!"

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

THE ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Sung by the cantor

Hosanna filio David (Mode VII)

Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Cantor or Celebrant

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;

People

Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Please Remain Standing for the reading of the Lesson

THE LESSON

Matthew 21.1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

"The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ

Sermon

The Rector

At the West Doors of the Church, the congregation sings the refrain. The choir, from within the Church sings the verses.

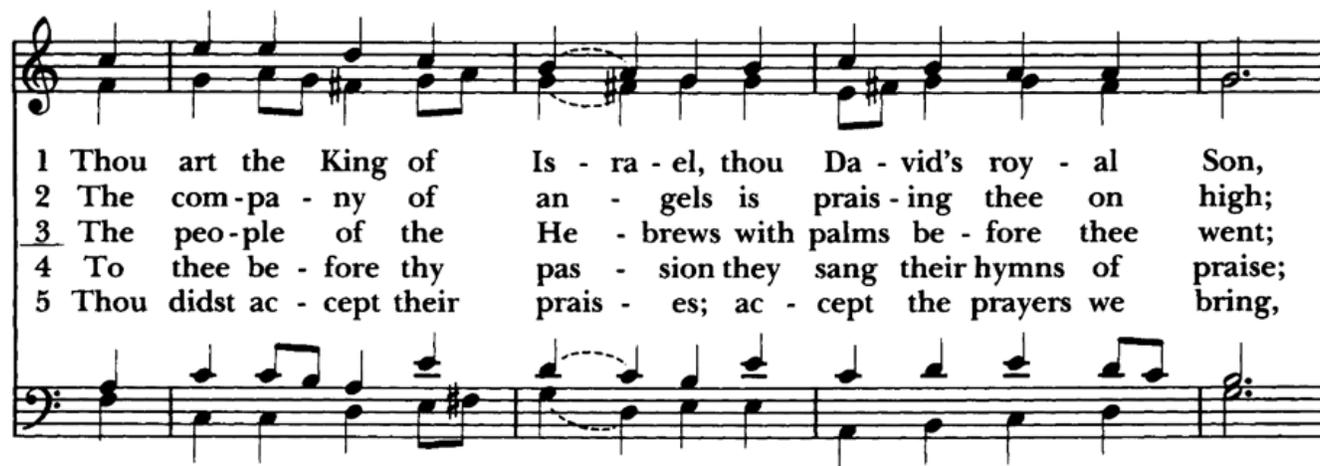
Refrain



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 - a - 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.

STATION AT THE WEST DOORS

The subdeacon knocks on the door of the church with the processional cross. The doors open and the celebrant offers this prayer:

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 the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

As the Procession enters the Church, all sing:

64 WINCHESTER NEW, 2nd Tune

Hamburg, 1690



Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

THE MASS OF THE PASSION

MASS SETTING

The First Communion Service

John Merbecke (1515-1585)

THE INTROIT

Sung by the Cantor and the Choir

O Lord remove not thy succor afar from me; look thou to my defense and hear me; deliver me from the mouth of the lion; yea from the horns of the unicorns hast thou regarded my cry. Ps. My God my God look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me? And art so far from my health; and from the words of my complaint? O Lord remove not thy succor afar from me ...

KYRIE ELEISON HYMNAL S-90

(people kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hath sent thy son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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?

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

THE GRADUAL

Sung by the Choir

Thou hast holden me by my right hand; thou shalt guide me with thy counsel; and after that receive me with glory. Truly God is loving unto Israel; even such as are of a clean heart. Nevertheless; my feet were almost gone; my treadings had well-nigh slipped. And why? I was grieved at the wicked; I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE TRACT

Sung by Cantor & Choir

Psalm 22:1-6

- Cantor* My God, My God, look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me?
- Choir* And art so far from my health: and from the words of my complaint?
- Cantor* O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not: and in the night season also I take no rest.
- Choir* And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel.
- Cantor* Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
- Choir* They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
- Cantor* But as for me, I am a worm and no man, a very scorn of men and the outcast of the people.
- Choir* All they that see me laugh me to scorn. They shoot out their lips and shake their heads saying,
- Cantor* "He trusted in God that he would deliver him. Let him deliver him if he will have him."
- Choir* They stand staring looking upon me. They part my garments among them and cast lots upon my vesture.
- Cantor* Save me from the lion's mouth. Thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
- Choir* O praise the Lord ye that fear him. Magnify him all ye of the seed of Jacob.
- Cantor* They shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation. They shall come and the heavens shall declare his righteousness.
- Choir* Unto a people that shall be born whom the Lord hath made.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(people kneel)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

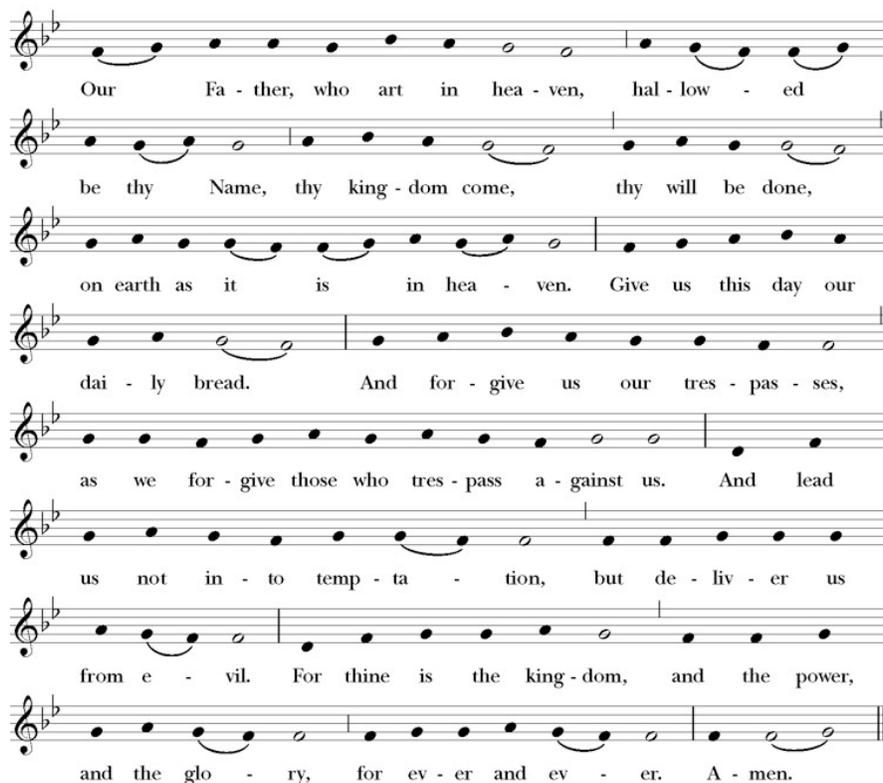
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy ✠ grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by All



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

R. Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

THE AGNUS DEI

HYMNAL S-157, *Sung by All*

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.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Said by All

(people kneel)

WE DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION

V. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians may receive communion. If you wish to not receive, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms, indicating that you wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCE *Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

O my Father; if this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, thy will be done.

COMMUNION ANTHEM O Saviour of the World *John Goss (1800-1880)*

COMMUNION HYMN 158 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended? *Herzliebster Jesu*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by All* *(people kneel)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING *(people kneel)*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 168 O Sacred head, sore wounded
Herzlich tut mich verlangen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Chorale Prelude on *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

Palm Sunday *March 29*

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (*Cranmer House*)
10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palm and Mass of the Passion (*beings in Cranmer House*)
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Spy Wednesday *March 30, March 31, April 1*

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Mass (*Lady Chapel*)
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

Maundy Thursday *April 2*

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (*High Altar*)
7:00 p.m. Solemn Evening Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (*High Altar*)
8:00 p.m. The Watch at the Altar of Repose (*Lady Chapel*)

Good Friday *April 3*

- 8:00 a.m. The Watch resumes until Noon (*Lady Chapel*)
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (*High Altar*)
12 noon The Solemn Afternoon Liturgy of Good Friday (*High Altar*)
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

Holy Saturday *April 4*

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)
9:00 a.m. The Proanaphora of Holy Saturday (*High Altar*)
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, April 4

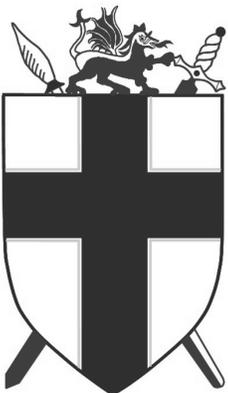
7:00 p.m.—The Great Vigil of Easter (*begins in the Forecourt of the Church*)

EASTER DAY

Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. - Solemn High Mass of the Resurrection



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