

A composite image featuring palm fronds. The top section shows a close-up of green palm fronds with a wooden cross resting on a piece of burlap fabric. The bottom section is a full-page close-up of vibrant green palm fronds with prominent yellowish-green veins.

# PALM SATURDAY

March 23, 2024

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**Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of Holy Week and calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem.



**Accordingly, some aspects of our worship look a little different today, with additional readings at the beginning of the service, and the elimination of certain prayers near the end.**

The emphasis of the liturgy turns to the days that lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail Jesus as King one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting, “Crucify him!”

*From BCP p553*

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# Holy Communion Service

*All hymns & song lyrics are included in the bulletin.*

Congregational responses are indicated in **bold**.

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*[Please stand.]*

## *Liturgy of the Palms*

### Acclamation and Collect

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

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.*

### Triumphal Entry Narrative . . . . . Matthew 21: 1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front 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, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?”

And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

*Amen.*

## **The Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself 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 come to 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 Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

*[Please be seated.]*

**The Lesson** ..... Isaiah 52: 13–53: 12

*Pew Bible pg. 613*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm.....22: 1-11**

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, \*  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my complaint?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not hear; \*  
in the night season also, but I find no rest.
- 3 But you remain holy, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers hoped in you; \*  
they trusted in you, and you delivered them.
- 5 They called upon you, and were delivered; \*  
they put their trust in you, and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man, \*  
scorned by all, and the outcast of the people.
- 7 All those who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; \*  
let him deliver him, if he will have him.”
- 9 But you are he that took me out of my mother’s womb; \*  
you were my hope, when I was yet upon my mother’s breasts.
- 10 I have been cast upon you ever since I was born; \*  
you are my God, even from my mother’s womb.
- 11 O go not far from me, for trouble is near at hand, \*  
and there is none to help me.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end.  
*Amen.***

*[Please stand.]*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel Reading..... Mark 15: 1-39**

*Pew Bible pg. 852*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*[Please be seated.]*

**The Sermon**.....The Rev. Ben Hughes

*[Please stand.]*

**The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

*[Please stand.]*

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Announcements**

**Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
*Amen.***

## **The Sursum Corda**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*[On occasion the minister may add a proper preface.]*

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:

## **The Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty  
Who was and is, and is to come,  
Lift up His name with the sound of singing,  
Lift up His name in all the earth.  
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,  
For He is worthy to be praised.  
Holy. Holy.**

*[Please be seated.]*

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one offering of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you;

for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

**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.*

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 Fraction**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## The Ministration of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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*All baptized believers are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Parents of baptized children are welcome to decide whether you would like your children to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

*To receive a blessing instead of communion,  
simply keep your hands by your side or folded.*

*If you require a gluten-free cup, please ask the minister.*

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## The Blessing

The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

***Amen.***

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*On occasion members of this congregation like to add "alleluia, alleluia" to the dismissal.*

## **Easter Week Services**

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### ***Maundy Thursday Meal\****

***6 pm | Parish Hall***

A catered meal commemorating  
The Last Supper & a short sermon.

*\*RSVPs were due by March 19. If you missed the deadline  
but would still like to attend, please contact the office.*

### ***Good Friday***

***12 pm Morning Prayer Service***

A service of Morning Prayer from the 1662 BCP,  
traditional Good Friday hymns, and a short sermon  
from the last words of Christ on the cross.

*This service will include times of silence  
so it is not appropriate for small children.*

*Children's Ministry and Nursery will be available.*

### ***Easter Eve Compline***

***7:30 pm***

A quiet & candle-lit service beginning at sunset with the lighting  
of the Paschal Candle and contemporary music.

### ***Easter Sunday Services***

***9 & 11am***

Easter-themed music, and a lively exposition of the resurrection  
for adults in the sanctuary, and Children's Ministry with special  
Easter celebrations in the Parish Hall, after which the  
Children will join the adults for communion as usual.



*Under Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord:*  
The Rt. Rev. Alex Cameron, Bishop of Pittsburgh

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