



The Sunday of the Passion
Holy Eucharist Rite II
&
The Liturgy of the Palms

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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.

Collect 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.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 19:29-40

When Jesus had come near Bethpage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
And glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
“Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered,
“I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout
out.”

The Blessing 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: 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 a sign 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 the King 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.

**The congregation sings the following and then follows the
Crucifer into the Nave at the appointed time.**

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

¹Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

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

Process into the Nave following the Crucifer. The Altar party follows. Singing resumes after the congregation is in place.

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

² The Company of angels
Praising thee on high;
And we with all creation
in chorus make reply.

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

³ The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before thee we present.

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

⁴ To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

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

⁵ Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

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

The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Sentences

BCP 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom 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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

BCP 219

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.*

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord 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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

- 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."

Second Reading

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.

Sequence Hymn *Ride on! ride on in majesty!* H 156



The Passion Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

Celebrant: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Crowd: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him.

Pilate: “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: “You say so.”

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the crowds,

Pilate: “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

Crowd: “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.

Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd: “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”

Narrator: This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and

for murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd: “Crucify! Crucify him!”

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?”

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Leaders: “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers: “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal: “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Second Criminal: “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Narrator: Then he said,

Second Criminal: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, Jesus: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: "Certainly this man was innocent."

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Moment of Silence

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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

All say together 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*

Absolution

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Priest says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn *O sacred head, sore wounded* H 168

Presentation *Doxology* Hymn 380 V.3

The Great Thanksgiving BCP 361

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 and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, 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.

Sanctus

S 114

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

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

Lord's Prayer

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Priest invites the people to 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.

Communion Hymns:

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow H 160

There is a green hill far away H 167

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to serve you with gladness and singleness of heart through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, we pray you to graciously behold us as your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the closing hymn. Following the hymn the Choir and Altar Party will recess behind the Crucifer.

The congregation leaves in silence.

Closing Hymn H158

Ab, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, April 15th, 6 p.m.
The Living Last Supper at The Ritz

Thursday, April 17th, Maundy Thursday
5:45 p.m. Foot Washing – Nave
6 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 18th, Good Friday
Noon – Holy Eucharist from the reserved elements
6 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 20th, Easter Sunday
9 a.m. Easter Reception
Children's Egg Hunt
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

