

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29, 2026

The Liturgy of the Palms (BCP 270)

Officiant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

The Collect for the Liturgy of the Palms (BCP 270)

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.

People: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from Matthew 21:1-11

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."

BLESSING OF THE PALMS (BCP 271)

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 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 for ever.

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION (BCP 271)

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

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

Procession to front doors.

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*)

Words: Theodulph of Orleans; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.

Collect (BCP 272)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Word of God

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect of the Day (BCP 272)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

People: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of 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 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.**

Psalm 31:9-16 (BCP 623)



- 9 **A** Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in ¹trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my ¹belly.
- 10 **B** For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with ¹sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are con- ¹sumed.
- 11 **A** I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my ac- ¹quaintance;
when they see me in the street they a- ¹void me.
- 12 **B** I am forgotten like a dead man, out of ¹mind;
I am as useless as a broken ¹pot.
- 13 **A** For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all a- ¹round;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my ¹life.
- 14 **B** But as for me, I have trusted in you, O ¹LORD.
I have said, "You are my ¹God.

- 15 **A** My times are in your ^l hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ^l persecute me.
- 16 **B** Make your face to shine upon your ser- ^l vant,
and in your loving-kindness ^l save me."

The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the 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 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 (Insert Attached)

Deacon: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Mark W. Frazier

Prayers of the People, Form IV (BCP 388)

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace (BCP 360)

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION (BCP 361)

Offertory Hymn 170: “To mock your reign, O dearest Lord”

- 1 To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns.
They did not know, as we do now, that glorious is your crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.
- 2 In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak,
your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier’s joke.
They did not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame
you will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.
- 3 A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.
They did not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,
your Kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

Words: F. Pratt Green, alt.

Doxology (Hymn 380, v 3)

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.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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:

All: **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.

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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **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.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (BCP 364)

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

All: **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.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem, S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

All: **My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer (BCP 366)

All: **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.

Solemn Prayer Over the People

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this 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. Amen.

Stripping of the Altar.

The congregation leaves in silence.

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