

*Sunday of the Passion
with the Procession of Palms
March 28, 2021*

Today's service begins with the reading of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. After the palms are blessed we too will sing our praises to welcome the Messiah. On this day the order of service has been changed to reflect the unfolding drama of scripture. The reading of the Passion of Christ in Mark's words end the liturgy. There will be no recessional hymn.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant
Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Celebrant *Let us pray*
Assist us mercifully with your help,
Lord God of our salvation,
that we may enter with joy
into the celebration of those mighty acts
whereby you give us life and immortality;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gospel Mark 11:1-11

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our 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.
The Hebrews acclaimed him as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer is offered by the Celebrant at the entrance to the church.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

The sanctuary party processes up the centre aisle and take their places as the liturgy continues.

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

**Thou 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 honour to thee, Redeemer King
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer King
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present All
glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer King
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exulted our melody we raise.
All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer King
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer King
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty and ever living God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Reading 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?

Psalm 31: 9-16

Leader Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

People **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

Leader I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

People **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

Leader 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.

People **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**

Leader My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

People **Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.**

Helper of the helpless, comfort of the afflicted, may your servants who stand in the midst of evil find strength find strength in the knowledge of your presence, and praise you with the wonders of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

2nd 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.

Gospel

A dramatic reading of the Gospel will close today's liturgy

Homily

The Rev. Canon Gloria Master

The Prayers of the People

Leader

On this day the Church hears again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ, and for all people according to their needs, saying:

All

Lord, have mercy.

Leader

For the whole church throughout the world, its bishops, and clergy, praying especially in the Diocese of Toronto for our Primate Linda, Bishop Andrew, Area Bishops Riscylla, Kevin, and for all the baptized, let us pray to the Lord.

All

Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those who are preparing for baptism, confirmation or reaffirmation, and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For peace among all nations and for forbearance among all people, that all who lead and those who follow may prefer humble service to empty power: for the Prime Minister, members of Parliament and for the Premier of Ontario and members of the legislature; for the elected members of our local Councils, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader That those who see the cross starkly revealed in their lives may draw strength from the name of Jesus Christ, remembering especially: the homeless, the victims of war and natural disaster, the hungry in our own communities; for those who are in need of support and care: the sick, those struggling with mental illness or emotional trauma, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader That we may give thanks for all the departed who had the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God; for ourselves, that we may be obedient even as we walk the road to the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader God our Creator, you show your sons and daughters the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant our petitions as may be best for us as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins.

All **Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen**

Celebrant Through the cross of Christ, may God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen

The Peace

Offertory hymn *Come and Journey*

Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth, who has washed us in waters, and who loved us on the earth. Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.

We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one. Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within,

where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin.

**Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has
come.**

We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.

**Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame.**

**Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has
come.**

We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.

**Come and journey, journey outward, where the gross calls us to
care,**

where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share.

**Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has
come.**

We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer.

In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere.

**Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has
come.**

We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.

**Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall
bring**

to the building of a city that is holy, Christ its king.

**Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has
come.**

We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.

Prayer over the gifts

Celebrant **God our provider, you have not fed us with
bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive
from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer S3

Celebrant

People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant

People

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and saying,

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.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it forever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All

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

Celebrant

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in

our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

People

Amen.

Celebrant

All

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

All

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant

Let you Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

All

If we have died with him, we will live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Celebrant

All

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant
All

All your works praise you, O Lord.
And your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen
life; we, who drink his cup,
bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit
lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us, so that we and all your children
shall be free, and the whole earth live to
praise your name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated for the reading of The Passion of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Mark

In honouring our journey which continues through Holy Week,
there will be no Recessional hymn and no dismissal at this service
today as we prayerfully continue together into Holy Week. Please
leave the church when you are ready.

The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet.
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

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