



Mobile, Alabama
Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Ten o'clock in the morning

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in the Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, unless otherwise noted. Service music not otherwise credited is composed by Christopher W. Powell.

The Liturgy of the Palms

BCP 270

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

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

Officiant: 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.**

The Gospel

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.”

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Officiant:

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. **Amen.**

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

Congregation: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Processional Hymn

Valet will ich dir geben

Thou art the King of Israel

Hymnal 154

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor 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. **Refrain**

The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain**

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. **Refrain**

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

BCP 272

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: A Reading from the Book of 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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain: **Have mercy on me, O Lord.**



- 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.
- Refrain**
- 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."
- Refrain**

Second Reading ***Philippians 2:5-11***

Reader: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

My song is love unknown

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way, and his strong praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine,
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:1-56

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to you, Lord Christ.**

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.' After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.' Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many

accusations they make against you?’ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.’ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, ‘This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.’ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.’ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, “I am God’s Son.”’ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘This man is calling for Elijah.’ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.’ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’ Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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 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.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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 Prayers of the People - Form IV

BCP 388

The leader and people pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church of the Providence of the Indian Ocean.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we remember St. James' Episcopal Church, Port St. Joe.

In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania, and First Church of God in Christ, Mobile.

We pray also for Michael, our presiding bishop; Russell our Bishop; Beverly, our priest; Lydia and Mike, our Interns; and for all ministers in the church.

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

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for Donald, our president; Kay, our governor; Sandy, our Mayor; and for all those who lead and hold authority in the nations of our world.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

In the parish Cycle of Prayer, we remember those on the Cathedral Prayer list. Today, we pray especially for Patti Biel, Happy Henson, Virginia Wilkins, Alec Armbrecht, Megan Drane, Marolyn Kruse, Lara Sherer, Chuck McKay, Beth Schramm, Jane White-Spunner, Lucky White-Spunner, Jessie Koger, Mike Gibson, Leroy Roberson, Bradley Forster, Bill Stafford, Ed Stephens, Donna Moree, Gaye Formanek, Mimi Hudson, Sue Epley, Bill Christian, Norman Pharr, Frances Fuller and all others on the Cathedral Prayer List.

In the Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Holmes Correctional Institution, Bonifay, Florida.

We also remember in our prayers those who are serving in the armed forces of our country: Dan Drew, Marlin Brutkiewicz, Gray Stephens, Keith Moss, Susan Adams, Tia Cupit, Ryan Cole Hunt, Brooks P. Milling Jr., Taylor Krenkel, Hunter Ladd

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The palms today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martin Lyon Horst, Lucy Herndon Horst, Clyde Carlos Rouse, Jr., James Herndon Rouse, George Douglas Cunningham, Hetty Horst Cunningham, Hetty Cunningham Newell, and Lyon Cunningham Newell.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People:

**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.**

Officiant: 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

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

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory

Solo

How Can It Be

Millie A. Adams, soprano
I was not born but to love you.

Lloyd Larson
(b. 1954)

How can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain, for me, who Him to death pursued?
He left His Father's throne above (so infinite, so free His grace!)
emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's fallen race!
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?
No condemnation now I dread; my Lord, all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne of God and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should give His life for me.
Amazing love! How can it be?

Charles Wesley
(1707-1788)

The Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

St. Alphonsus de Liguori
(1696-1787)

Blessing

Closing Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross

When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Rockingham
Hymnal 474

Dismissal



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