

PALM SUNDAY -MARCH 24, 2024

About Holy Week:

Today begins of the holiest week in the Christian year, culminating with Easter next Sunday. The week is characterized first by the excitement, joy and triumph of Jesus' glorious entry into Jerusalem, where He is hailed as a king, with palm branches and shouts of joy. The triumph and joy then turns to the story of Jesus' passion, including betrayal, suffering and death on the cross. We walk with Jesus through it all, step by step, experiencing along the way, the Way of God. May you enter this journey with openness and steadfastness of faith.



Palm crosses are available as you enter.

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM –THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

We come to silence at the sound of the gong.

Liturgy of the Palms

Presider We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

All **We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Presider Jesus leads us through this week,
and we will follow, for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.

All **We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Presider Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modelling humility and obedience for all of us.

All **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Opening Hymn: Let Heaven Rejoice

Let hea-ven re-joyce and earth be glad; let all cre-a-tion sing— Let chil-dren pro-claim through
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 eve - ry land: "Ho - san - na to our King". 1.Sound the trum - pet in - to the night; the
 2.Rise in splen - dour, shake off your sleep,—
 12 3.Sing a new song un - to the Lord, whose
 day of the Lord is near.— Wake your peo - ple, lift your voice, pro claim it to the world— Let
 put on your robes of joy— And in the mor - ning, you shall see the glo - ry of the Lord— Let
 la - bour has led us to life.— With grate - ful hearts and joy - ful dan - cing, play be - fore the Lord— Let

We gather in front of the altar.

Presider Let us pray:

Assist us mercifully with your help,
 Lord God of our salvation,

All **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.**

The Palm Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus 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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Blessing of the Palms

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider 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. With the Hebrews, we acclaim Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in our hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. Carrying these emblems, may we go forth to meet Christ 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.**

All are encouraged to join in the procession.

Presider Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All **Hosanna in the highest!**

Processional Hymn: CP #181 *All Glory, Laud, and Honour*, vv. 1, 3, 5

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalm 31:9-16

Reader Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;*

All **my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.**

For my life is spent with sorrow,* **and my years with sighing;**

my strength fails because of my misery,* **and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries,* **a horror to my neighbors**

an object of dread to my acquaintances;*

those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;*

I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many* **terror all around!**

as they scheme together against me,* **as they plot to take my life.**

But I trust in you, O Lord;* **I say, "You are my God."**

My times are in your hand;*

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;* **save me in your steadfast love.**

The Gospel: Mark 14:3-9

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

[While Jesus] was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Homily

Duet: Pie Jesu

Anointing and Prayers of the People

All are invited to come forward to be anointed with holy oil.

Write your prayer and "post-it" on our prayer wall.

Chant: Don't Be Afraid

Ostinato Refrain

C G Dm G7 C

Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er,

F/A Dm7 GSUS4 G

my love is strong - er than your fear.

C G Dm G7 C

Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er and

Am F C/E Dm7 GSUS4 G7 C

I have prom - ised, prom - ised to be al - ways near.

Last time

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Presider Once we were far off, but now in Christ Jesus, we have been brought near, for he is our peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: CP#184 My Song Is Love Unknown (vs 1-4)

WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider 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.

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Presider The Lord is here.

All **God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love
You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others,
you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing: (CP#735):

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might (x2)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Blessed are you, O Holy One
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

All **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Presider At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.
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."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

All **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Presider Through Christ, with Christ,
and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread,

All **communion in Christ's body once broken.**

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

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

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament, stepping into the circle around the altar. You may indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Communion Music: #747 Lamb Of God
We Remember
Instrumental Music

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Closing CP#192 Were You There?

Symbols of Jesus' Passion are brought forward during the music, as a visual focus for prayer and meditation. You are welcome to stay for a time of quiet reflection.

There is no dismissal as the liturgy continues throughout the week....

- Wednesday in Holy Week, March 27, 5pm: We reflect and pray with Jesus "in the garden," with a sung service of evening prayer (Holden).
- Maundy Thursday, March 28, 6pm: We commemorate the Last Supper with dinner, foot washing, Eucharist, and stripping the altar.
- Good Friday, March 29, 11am: We meditate on the cross of Christ.
- Easter Sunday, March 31, 8am & 10am

	8am	10am
Presider	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Preacher	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Music Director		Marlon Narciso
First Reading	Leslie Glazier	Peter Parker
Psalm	Helen Malcolm	Kathleen von Kanel
Prayers	Linda Sproule-Jones	
Administrants	John Oldale	John Sager, Daniel von Kanel
Liturgical Assistant	John Oldale	Bruce Winter
Greeters	Leigh Bradfield	Art Walker
Tech Assistant		Steve Koning
Counter		Steve Koning
Supervisor		Barbara Underhill
Flowers	Margaret Hood	Sandra Moore
Chancel Guild	Pamala Smith	Margaret Smart
Altar Bread	Joan Collis	Kathleen von Kanel

Healing prayers with Sue Morrison and Carmen Stansberry for this (Palm) Sunday and Easter.

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