



**St. Alban's**  
Episcopal Church  
Indianapolis

# ***Palm Sunday***

*10:30 a.m. March 28, 2021*

*Online Worship*

*Liturgy of the Palms*

*The Rite of Spiritual Communion*

*Reading of the Passion*



**Please join the service at one of these sites:**

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## **The Liturgy of the Palms**

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

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

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. Almighty God, as your Son Jesus came to Jerusalem to bring to completion the work of our salvation, so come to the homes of your people and bless us by your presence. Call your church again to the way of the cross. Give us strength to follow it. Quicken our memories and stir our hearts as we contemplate those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Presider*

Mark 11:1-11

When they 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.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God 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. 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.**

*Presider* Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

*People* **Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

*Presider* Let us go forth in peace;

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

*Please wave your palm branches!*

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** (*please read together*)

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.  
<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim, \* "His mercy endures for ever."  
<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the Lord; \* he who is righteous may enter."  
<sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup> The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> On this day the Lord has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
<sup>25</sup> Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \* Lord, send us now success.  
<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.  
<sup>27</sup> God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.  
<sup>28</sup> "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."  
<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.

## **The Word of God**

### **The Collect**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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.**

## First Lesson

*Reader* A reading from 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?

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson

*Reader* A Reading from the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Debbie Dehler**

## The Nicene Creed

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 human.

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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.

## Prayers of the People

from *Planning for Rites and Rituals*

*Leader* Let us pray.

*People* Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

## Joys and Concerns

### Confession

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* 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.

*Presider* 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**

*Presider* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Presider* Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*People:* **Gracious God, in union with the faithful across the Church, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We present ourselves to You, along with all who cannot gather around the altar at this time, believing and trusting in Your real presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We love you above all things; our soul longs for you. And so, we call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table. As we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we implore you to come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you with all the affection of our soul. May this spiritual Communion be for us an armor of faith and shield of goodwill and liberation. Sustain us, heal us, and encourage us, with your Holy Spirit until we meet again as one Church and one Body. We ask this for your love. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* 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.

## **Blessing**

*Presider* 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.**

## **Announcements**

*Silence is kept for a time.*

*If you would like to stay online, a dramatic reading of the Passion, Mark 14:1-15:47, as offered on the Bible Gateway Audio App will be presented.*

*Presider* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*The service ends in silence.*

## Holy Week Schedule

found on Google Meet, Facebook, and Website

- + **Online Wednesday Worship**, March 31 at 11:00 a.m. (Facebook and website only)
- + **Online Maundy Thursday with Agape Meal**, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. BCP page 274  
Consider setting aside time this evening to experience Jesus calling the disciples “*friends*,” to ritually wash your hands, share a simple meal, and end the night in prayer, as you might be if in the Garden, where Jesus said to the disciples, “*Can you not stay awake with me one hour?*”
- + **Online Good Friday**, April 2 at 11:00 BCP page 276  
This online service offers a reading of the Passion, prayers, and veneration of the Cross. You are encouraged to find a cross in your home and to spend some time in prayer while in its midst.
- + **Online Stations of the Cross**, Friday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- + **Online Holy Saturday**, April 3 at 10:00 a.m. BCP page 283  
In this brief service we will read Scripture, have a homily, and pray.
- + **Online Easter**, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

### **Do you have special, emergency or any pastoral care needs?**

Please contact Rev. Debbie at 763-443-1082, revdebbied@gmail.com, or the church office at 317- 546-8037, extension 3 (She will receive an email with your recorded message).

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