



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION—PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 20, 2016 10:00 AM

Today's worship begins with glad shouts of "Hosanna!" and moves to shouts of "Crucify him!" We journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then is utterly rejected and crucified at Golgotha outside the gates of the city. We enter Holy Week today with prayers, music, and ceremonies that would be recognized by ancient pilgrims to Jerusalem walking the way of the cross.

This is not merely the story of Jerusalem two thousand years ago—it is our story, too. We have a part in this great act by which God redeems the whole of creation through Jesus Christ. Today we are part of the passion of Christ and through it we see the reality of God's saving action in our lives. Hosanna means "save us." The jarring intersection of triumph and defeat encompassed in this worship shows us that when the power of self and the powers of this world fail utterly it is in this humble, frail Jesus of Nazareth that the power of God is revealed. We shout "Hosanna," not knowing what it will bring. It brings the cross, at once a terrible death and a throne of mercy for us. We are the children whom God so loved that the only Son was sent to live and die as one of us. There is no moment of defeat, of alienation, of brokenness, or even of death itself that can keep God from us.

We depart today in silence, with this hope of love claiming us.

(Source: Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul —The National Cathedral website, Washington, D.C.)

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The Liturgy will begin in the gym, which is located on the lower level at the north end of the building.

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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.**

GOSPEL READING 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."

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.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

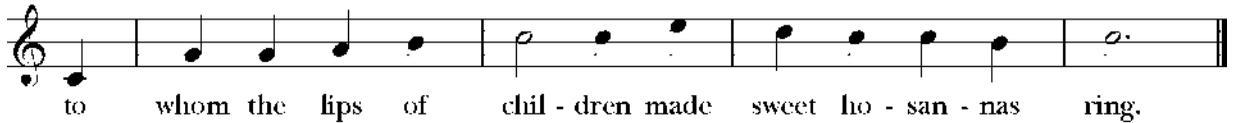
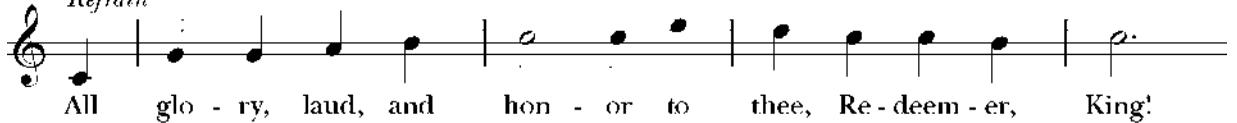
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

*Please join the choir in singing the following hymn and psalm in procession,
following the cross.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

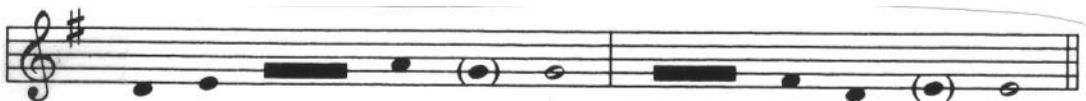
Refrain



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.



Soloist Give thanks to the LORD, for he is / good; * his mercy endures / for ever.

All Let Israel now pro-/ claim, *
 "His mercy endures / for ever."

**Open for me the gates of / right-(eous-)-ness; *
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks / to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the / LORD; * he who is righteous / may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you / an-(swered) me * and have become / my sal-(va-)tion.

The same stone which the builders re-/jected * has become the chief / cor-ner-stone.

This is the LORD'S / doing, * and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has / acted; * we will rejoice and be / glad in it.

Hosanna, LORD, ho-/sanna! * LORD, send us / now success.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the / Lord; *
 we bless you from the house / of the LORD.**

**God is the LORD; he has shined up-/on us; *
 form a procession with branches up to the horns of / the altar.**

**"You are my God, and I will / thank you; *
 you are my God, and I will / exalt you."**

**Give thanks to the LORD, for / he (is) good; *
 his mercy endures / for ever. (slow at end)**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

People **Amen.**

(Please be seated following the collect.)

FIRST 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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

(Luke 23: 1-48)

... When they came to the place that is called Golgotha, which means the Skull, ...

(The congregation stands as able.)

(at the end:)

... All the crowds who had gathered there for the spectacle saw what had taken place, returned home, beating their breasts.

All are seated.

The clergy change their vestments from purple to red to signify the shift from Lent into Passiontide.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(standing or kneeling according to your custom)

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR ST. JOHN'S

Deacon Gracious God:

All **By your love you have called us
to proclaim with joy the good news of your Son:
So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him
that we may welcome all people into this community of faith,
and show forth our service to you in our service to others;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH of Benson and Erin Siwek

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.)

WELCOME *(Please be seated.)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are invited to share at the Lord's Table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is **gluten-free**.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM

Ride On!

Graham George

(The text may be followed at hymn # 156.)

PRESENTATION *(sung by all, standing if able)*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

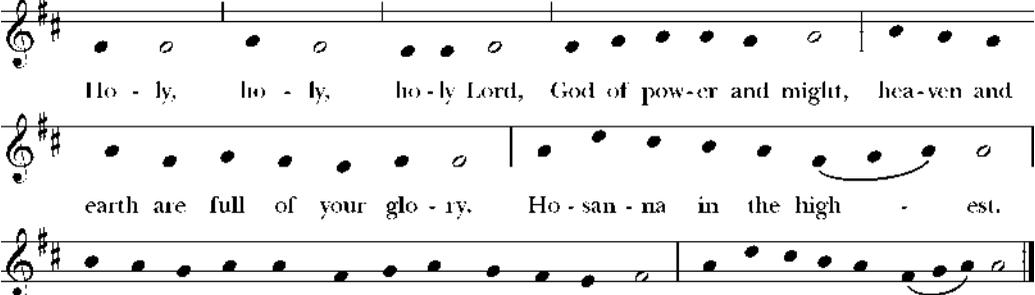
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. ... 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:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.)

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."

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.

People **AMEN.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER

(said by 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

AGNUS DEI

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

TRUMPET SOLO	<i>Prayer</i>	Alan Hovhaness
HYMNAL #158	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	HERZLIEBSTER JESU
HYMNAL #458	<i>My Song is Love Unknown</i>	LOVE UNKNOWN
HYMNAL #168	<i>O Sacred Head</i>	PASSION CHORALE
HYMNAL #313	<i>Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured</i>	JESUS MEINE ZUVERSICHT

SENDING FORTH OUR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all, standing or kneeling as is your custom)*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and
Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Remember Not* Henry Purcell
(Please remain standing, if able.)

SILENT RETIRING PROCESSION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *Toccata from Suite Gothique* Leon Boëllman

(Please leave the church in silence in observance of Holy Week.)

TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Elisa, Dorothy, Mary, Ransom, Bill, Nancy, Kathleen, Linda, Glen, Ann, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Thelma, Norma, Pat, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Pat, Christopher, Amy, Annie, the Middle East, refugees and those who serve them, all whose lives have been shattered by violence and injustice, and those you would add.

ALTAR PALMS

In thanksgiving for the life of Christina Ward; in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Brad & Joan McCanna.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

CELEBRANT *The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson*

DEACON *The Reverend Margaret Thor*

ALTAR GUILD *Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall,
Ginny Schauss, Terri Fischel & volunteers*

ADULT CHOIR &

HANDBELL CHOIR *Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music & Organist*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Heather Hunt, Director*

TRUMPETER *Stuart Wallace*

TIMPANIST *Corey Bertelsen*

ACOLYTES *Eli Weinkauff, Tessa Johnson, Maren Johnson, Elliot Wall,
Madeline Jacobs*

READERS *Paige Hagstrom, Mark McInroy*

PASSION READERS *Mary Ann Daily, John Graham, Craig Lemming, Joan Potter,
Valerie Weaver*

VERGER *Bill Sherfey*

USHERS & GREETERS *Julia Ferguson, Rick Rinkoff, Barbara Lindeke, Shirley Sailors,
Cammie Beattie, Sally Sand, Colleen Swope*

COFFEE HOUR *Dusty Mairs*

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

March 21	Monday	7:30 am	Morning Eucharist
March 22	Tuesday	7:30 am	Morning Eucharist
March 23	Wednesday	7:30 am	Morning Eucharist
March 24	Maundy Thursday	7:30 am	Morning Eucharist
		7:00 pm	Worship with foot-washing
March 25	Good Friday	7:30 am	Morning Eucharist
		12 noon	Worship with Veneration of the Cross
		7:00 pm	Worship with Veneration of the Cross
March 26	Saturday	7:00 pm	Great Vigil of Easter Worship
March 27	Easter Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Festal Eucharist

Holy Week Morning Eucharist: Come to the Chapel at 7:30 am Monday-Friday for simple morning worship and Eucharist. (Good Friday will have communion from the reserved sacrament).

The Paschal Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil — by tradition, these three days are celebrated as one continuous service. There is one bulletin that covers all three days. We commemorate the Last Supper, remember the sacrifice of our Lord's crucifixion, and wait in hope to celebrate his resurrection. Together, it is not three separate events to observe, but one continuous liturgy over three days.

Maundy Thursday: Worship at 7 pm with foot washing and stripping of the altar.

At the end of the service, the sacrament will be reserved in the aumbry in the Chapel for an overnight vigil, 7 pm to 7 am. Everyone is invited to take a turn keeping watch with the body of Christ.

Good Friday: services at 12 noon and 7 pm with communion from the Reserved Sacrament and veneration of the Cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter: the service will be held at 7 pm. Meet in the Gym at the beginning of the service for the lighting of the new fire and a candlelit procession through the Undercroft. The vigil of Easter is the highest liturgical service in the Christian year. Please bring bells, tambourines, and other instruments, because following the reading of our salvation history, we will all ring bells together to joyfully welcome Christ's glorious resurrection and the arrival of Easter. A celebratory reception follows in the Fireside Room.

Easter Sunday: We will have worship at 8 am and 10 am. The 10 am service will be a festal Eucharist with timpani and trumpet, accompanied by the Artaria string quartet and St. John's choirs.

Easter Egg Hunt: Following the 10am service on Easter morning, there will be two simultaneous hunts, one for big kids (K-5) and one for littler kids (up to preschool age). Bring Easter baskets if you like, or use the bags provided. The eggs will have non-food items inside.