

St. Thomas Church
Anglican - Episcopal
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Palm Sunday—Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 2025
10:00 AM

To Visitors and Newcomers: Hello and welcome to St. Thomas. We're glad you're here! Children of all ages are welcome. At the rear of the church there are rocking chairs for use if needed. Also, there is a staffed nursery where children to age 4 may stay for all, or part of the service. To help us get to know you, please fill out a Welcome Card you will find in the Pew. Please come to the parish hall after the service for coffee and fellowship. We invite you to be part of the St. Thomas Church Community!



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PRELUDE**THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

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

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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.**

READING:**Luke 19:28-40**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.**

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 Children will lead our Procession this morning. After they walk forward, follow them, receiving your palms and processing around the church and back to your pew.

Congregation sings

PROCESSIONAL

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, with a key signature of two sharps. The melody is primarily in the soprano range, with some notes in the alto and tenor ranges. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with some words in blue and others in black. The score is for a single instrument, likely a piano or organ, as indicated by the single staff and the lack of multiple voices.

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an - ex - ul - tant
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cien - t song we

sang; through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them
crowd, the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and
sing, for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n our

rang. To Je - sus, who had blest them, close fold - ed to his
loud. The Lord of earth and hea - ven rode on in low - ly
King. O may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and

breast, the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
state, nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
voice, and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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

- 1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
- 2 The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*
- 4 To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- 5 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring.
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

Harmony: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The service continues on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

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.**

LESSON**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.**

PSALM 31:9-16

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.**

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."**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

EPISTLE**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.

GOSPEL**Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Luke**

Please See Handout

THE SERMON

Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Deacon 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.

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.

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.

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.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

To Mock Your Reign

Hymn #170

- 1 To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
they made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road
from which no one returns.
They did not know, as we do now,
that glorious is your crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow,
your sorrows heal our own.
- 2 In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,
they snatched a purple cloak,
your passion turned, for all they cared,
into a soldier's joke.
They did not know, as we do now,
that though we merit blame
you will your robe of mercy throw
around our naked shame.
- 3 A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,
they thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade
to its appointed end.
They did not know, as we do now,
though empires rise and fall,
your Kingdom shall not cease to grow
till love embraces all.

Words: F. Pratt Green (1903)
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Please rise as you are able, as the offering is brought forward

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Hymnal #S130

Please stand or kneel as you are able

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:

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. **Amen.**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Hymnal #S164

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive communion with us. If you would like to receive a Gluten Free Wafer, please let the celebrant know when you come up. Prayer ministers are available in the chapel during communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS**O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded****Hymn #168**

¹ O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor
the hosts of heaven adore!

² Thy beauty, long-desired,
hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expired,
and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
hide not so far thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest,
the brightness of thy face.

⁵ My days are few, O fail not,
with thine immortal power,
to hold me that I quail not
in death's most fearful hour;
that I may fight befriended,
and see in my last strife
to me thine arms extended
upon the cross of life.

³ In thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved,
yet thank thee for thy death.

⁴ What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine for ever!
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
outlive my love for thee.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)
Music: Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)
Harmony: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

- 1 Along thou goest forth, O Lord, in sacrifice to die;
is this thy sorrow nought to us who pass unheeding by?
- 2 Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord; make us thy sorrow feel,
till through our pity and our shame love answers love's appeal.
- 3 This is earth's darkest hour, but thou dost light and life restore,
then let all praise be given thee who livest evermore.
- 4 Grant us with thee to suffer pain that, as we share this hour,
thy cross may bring us to thy joy and resurrection power.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

In place of the Blessing, in Holy Week the Celebrant offers this prayer over the congregation

HOLY WEEK PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

RECESSSIONAL HYMN He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word Hope Publishing

- 1 They crucified my Lord,
and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they crucified my Lord,
and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.
- 2 They nailed him to a tree,
and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they nailed him to the tree,
and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.
- 3 They pierced him in the side,
and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they pierced him in the side,
and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.
- 4 He bowed his head and died,
and he never said a mumbalin' word;
he bowed his head and died,
and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

Music: Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the Parish Hall.



The following anniversaries of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.
April 13, 2025 to Saturday, April 19, 2025

Birthdays

13 Terry Bomier
14 Sarah Kuehmichel
 Karin Kromenaker
 Fr. John Peterson
17 Judy Osier
 Russ Ritschke
 Piper Howard
18 Ed Bierl
 Katherine Carstens
19 Ellison Van Hammond

Wedding Anniversaries

14 Tom and Julia Zaborski (52)
16 Mary Beth and Kenneth Olson

Faithful Departed

14 Nell Schroeder
15 Marion Yeoman
 Bessie Steinfort
16 Joan Abendschein
17 Howard De Graff
18 Forrest Cornelius
19 William Schulien
 Barbara Sheppard

Mission Partners

Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/
 St. Patrick's Church
Betsy Hake – Honduras
Mothers' Mercy Home – Kenya

Mission Payer Links

African Medical Mission
Boy Scouts Troop 3
Cub Scouts Pack 3003
Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC
 – Chicago
Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry
Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery – (SAMS)

Serving in the Military

Auston Allen – Air Force
Kyle Cooper – Army National Guard
James Kopczynski – Army National Guard
Bruce McRae – Army Reserve
Andrew Shaffer - Army
Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army
Matthew Verich – Navy
KaDee Peterson – Navy Reserves

Deployed

Humberto Puga – Navy

In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of England. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Palm Sunday. In the St. Thomas cycle of prayer we pray for those involved in Worship including Music Ministers. Chalice bearers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters & Pastoral Care including Prayer Ministers, Prayer chain, Helping Hands, Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

Lay Ministry	Today	Next Week
Acolytes:	Lydia Barry Hazel Zaborski	Julie Spanbauer
Eucharistic Team:	Sandie Umland Dan Werbeckes	Carol Hert Bill Barry
Prayer Ministry Team:	Val Phillip Fr. John Peterson	Anne Peterson Fr. John Peterson
Reader:	Gordon Stillings	Genevieve Pell
Ushers:	Pete and Jessica Zaborski	Dan and Jeanna Werbeckes
Preacher:	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard
Verger:	Martina Mims	Martina Mims
Altar Guild:	Barb Barry, Peggy Langkau, Nancy Dombeck	Joanne Siracusa, Sherry Morton, Kathy Peterson
Vestry Announcements:	Jeanna Werbeckes	

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