

A note on Palm Sunday

It all begins here, again. Today is Palm Sunday. It is as if during the season of Lent we have been wandering around, outside the gates of Jerusalem and today, we cross the threshold into Holy Week. Something significant changes, if we are paying attention. Today, we begin outside with a festive atmosphere. Palms waving, we parade down the street crying Hosanna! Suddenly, the mood changes as we discover “king” in the kingdom of God means something different than we are used to.



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The Liturgy of the Palms

We gather by the sidewalk.

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

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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 holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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. **[hold up your palm branches]** Let these branches be for us signs of Christ's 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.**

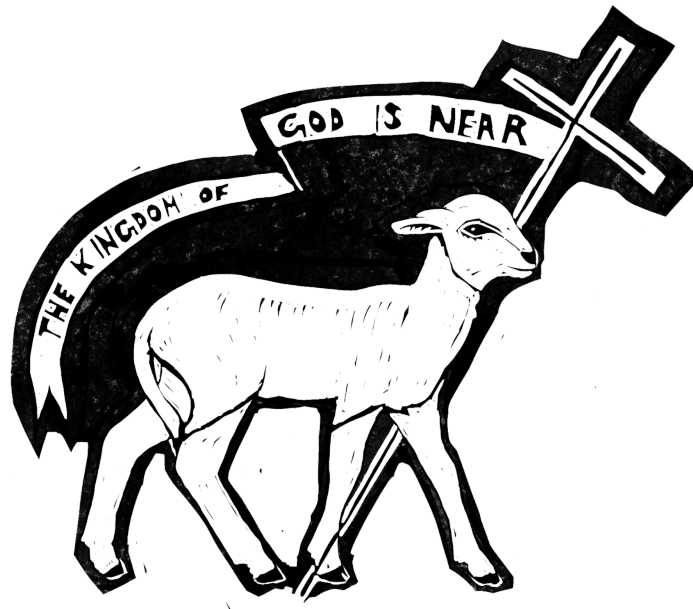
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Procession



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1. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
 2. Glo - ry, — Glo - ry, — Glo - ry to the King of kings!

5
 san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Glo - ry, — Glo - ry, — Glo - ry to the King of kings!

9
 Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;

13
 Be ex - alt - ed, oh Lord, my God! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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The Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the letter 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The congregation remains seated as the Narrator begins.

- Narrator The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said,
- Jesus “You say so.”
- Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,
- Pilate “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”
- Narrator 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,
- Pilate “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”
- Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,
- Pilate’s wife “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”
- Narrator 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,
- Pilate “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked,
- Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”
- Narrator 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,
- Pilate “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

- Narrator 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.
- All stand* 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,
- Crowd “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.”
- Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,
- Crowd “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.’”
- Narrator 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,
- Jesus “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- Narrator 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.”

Narrator 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,

Centurion “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Please be seated.

The Sermon: The Rev. Mary Lynn

The Prayers of the People

Jesus, you set your face towards Jerusalem
and walked alongside those who suffer.

Be our vision,
that we too may walk the way of compassion
and extend a hand to those we meet.

Lord, hear our prayer,
and in your love, answer.

Lord, you stopped to heal the sick
and tend to those broken in body, mind or spirit.

Be our vision,
that we too may be a source of healing to all in need of your grace.
We pray especially for Stephanie, Christine, Naia, and those we now name (*pause*).

Lord, hear our prayer,
and in your love, answer.

Jesus, you said,
“The first shall be last and the last first.”
Be our vision,
that we too may work towards your realm –
when the marginalized and oppressed will be raised up
and know that they are indeed beloved children of the Holy.

Lord, hear our prayer,
and in your love, answer.

Jesus, you took the time to pray and to be silent.
Be our vision,
that through our prayers, meditation and reflection
we may draw closer to you and find our way on this journey of faith.

Lord, hear our prayer,
and in your love, answer.

Lord, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart.
Be our vision,
that we too can live as people of peace
in the face of the world's many conflicts.
We pray for those who have died, especially Evelyn, William, Hallie, Mike, Cynthia, and Katherine.
May we hold your vision of justice and peace ever before us.

Lord, hear our prayer,
and in your love, answer.

Bless us, O Blessed One,
as we enter into the days ahead of us.
We will need your power and presence to sustain us
as we move through these difficult days together.
Spirit of Love and Life, stay close.

These and all the prayers of our hearts we offer in faith. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Community Announcements

The Offertory

Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/4 time. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system shows the beginning of the hymn, and the second system shows the end, marked with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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The Eucharist

When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:

Praise God through - out these for - ty__ days; Praise Christ, our Lord, whom

God__did raise; And praise the__Spir - it who im - parts God's

love in__ Christ in - to__our hearts. A - men.

The musical score is written for a single staff in 4/4 time. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into three systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 4, and 7). The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The third system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

MUSIC: TON-Y BOTEL, Thomas John Williams A.T.S.C. (1869-1944) TEXT: G.W. Dub Shepherd © Katie Cavallo Rholl 2023

God is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

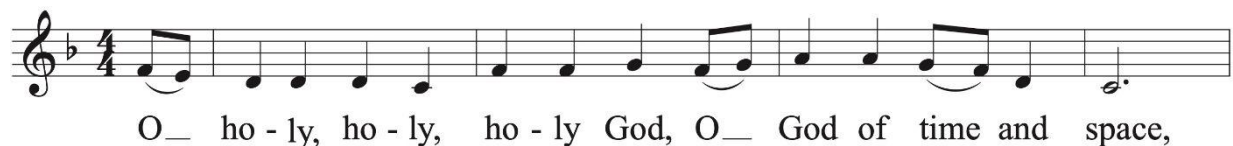
[Question Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.]

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You gave us Jesus, who was lifted high on the cross,
that he might draw the whole world to himself;
and, by his life, suffering, and death,
he became the source of eternal salvation
for all who put their trust in him.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:



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Ho - san - na in the high - est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise,

15

And bless - ed is the one who comes and bears your name al - ways.

MUSIC: KINGSFOLD, CMD. Trad. English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

We thank you, loving God,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*[Question Why do we share this bread and wine?
Answer Listen, and we will hear.]*

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
**'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'**

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
**'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'**

So God, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate Christ's love, death, and risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Savior.

*[Question How do we follow Jesus Christ?
Answer Listen, and we will hear.]*

Help us, God, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The bread is broken.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy. Both stations will offer bread and wine - the minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the person distributing bread. If you prefer to receive the bread only (and not wine), please come forward and say "bread only." Let an usher know if you would like a minister to bring communion to you in your seat. If you prefer not to receive communion, we invite you to come forward with your hands crossed at your shoulders, and the minister will offer a blessing for your presence with us today.

Communion Music

The Wonderful Cross

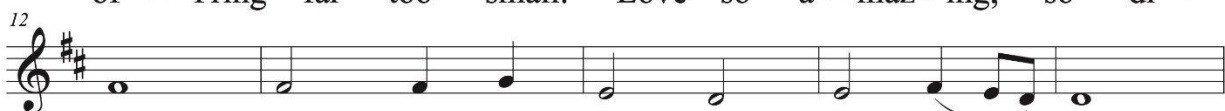
Verses



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and
3. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an



Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but
love flow - min - gled down; Did e'er such love and sor - row
of - fring far too small. Love so a - maz - ing, so di -



loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown.
vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Refrain



O the won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross bids me come



and die and find that I may tru - ly live. O the



won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross; All who gath -



- er here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

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Blessings and Celebrations

If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them. Amen.

The Blessing

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God. Walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High. Walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. And the blessing of the One, Holy, and Living God be with you today and always. **Amen.**

The Sending Song *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* *Worship & Rejoice 398*
Worship & Rejoice is the blue book in the pew rack.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Community Announcements

Holy Week Services

In Holy Week the church dramatizes the events leading up to and including Easter. From Palm Sunday through Easter, we have a series of special services to commemorate Jesus' final days and resurrection. We hope these ceremonies add meaning and depth to your Easter experience. Join us for any or all of them:

- **Maundy Thursday**, April 6, 5:30pm, community meal and foot washing outside on the patio; dinner provided
- **Good Friday**, April 7, service at 12pm; self-led stations of the cross for all ages in the church open 1 - 6pm.
- **Easter Saturday Vigil** and baptisms, April 8, 6pm at Fanuel Park. Bring your own beach chairs and blanket for this all-ages service on the bay. We will tell the story of salvation with bubbles and sparklers, light the first fire of Easter, and mark Christ's resurrection with this special service on the most holy day of the church calendar.
- **Easter Sunday**, April 9, service at 10:30am, community egg hunt after church

Easter Sunday Service, April 9

Celebrate Easter at our 10:30am service on Easter Sunday. The church will be decked out with flowers, and we'll sing with full voices as the organ fills the space. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this all-ages service of Holy Eucharist.

Community Egg Hunt, 12pm

We are hosting an Easter egg hunt for our neighborhood on Easter Sunday at 12pm. It will take place in the library lawn across the street, and all are welcome.

Easter Flower Donations

As we prepare to celebrate Easter back in our beautiful sanctuary, all are invited to make a special donation for the spectacular flowers that will decorate the church. You can make a donation on behalf of a loved one, or for another special intention. Use the envelopes provided today or give online: onrealm.org/standrewspb/-/form/give/now. Under "Fund" select "Flowers." *Donations must be made by Monday, April 3 to be included in the bulletin.*

Volunteer on Tuesday Nights

We serve a community meal every Tuesday, 5:30pm-7:30pm, that is free and open to all. Volunteers make it happen – from cooking, setting up, serving, cleaning up – they do it all. This is a great way to serve your community and make a real difference in the lives of those in need. Sign up to help out: volunteer@standrewspb.org.

Contemplative Service with Music and Meditation: Tuesday, April 18

Are you longing for more quiet in your life? Are you longing for a chance to slow down? On Tuesday, April 18, come at 5:45pm to sit quietly in the church; there will be quiet meditative music until the service begins. The service will be from 6 - 6:30pm. Come for silence, prayer, and candlelight. Join the community meal afterward.

Camp Stevens Parish Weekend

Register for our annual parish weekend at Camp Stevens in Julian! We'll spend a weekend together hiking, crafting, stargazing, s'mores-ing, singing, and just being together. Friday - Sunday, September 8 - 10. Register online to save your spot: standrewspb.org/events/parish-retreat. \$75 nonrefundable deposit. \$250 per adult and kids ages 11+. No cost for kids under age 2. Questions? Contact Family Minister Kari Robinson: family@standrewspb.org.

Support St. Mark's Maundy Thursday Event

We're supporting our fellow Episcopal congregation, St. Mark's in City Heights, as they provide breakfast, footwashing, hygiene kits and more on Maundy Thursday, April 6. They've asked us to donate socks and deodorant. Please bring your donations to church by Tuesday, April 6.

Considering Baptism?

If you're considering baptism for yourself or a loved one, please contact Mother Mary Lynn: marylynn@standrewspb.org. The next baptisms will take place on April 8 at the Easter Vigil or April 9 on Easter Sunday. Some preparation is required, so be sure to connect with Mother Mary Lynn soon.

Faith in Action: Protecting Our Neighbors

If you agree that no one should be discharged from the hospital late at night with nowhere to go, with only a bus pass, in their hospital gown and booties, with an empty stomach, into neighborhoods with no public restrooms open at night, then please add your voice to our request for legislative hearings to STOP PATIENT DUMPING! Visit housing4thehomeless.org/take-action to learn more and take action.

Good Friday Event at Friendship Park

Join with friends from San Diego and Tijuana this Good Friday, April 7, as we witness and lament the crucifixion of Friendship Park. US Border Patrol contractors are erecting two 30-foot walls across this historic and iconic binational meeting place, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The Mexican side of Friendship Park is fully accessible to the public. Experience the color, culture, and faith of our Mexican friends. Stand in solidarity with friends and families separated from their loved ones. Walk the Stations of the Cross overlooking the Pacific Ocean at 3pm. Take a bus trip to the Mexican side of Friendship Park, departing at 1:30pm and returning at 6pm. Meet at 1955 Julian Ave, San Diego, CA 92113. \$20 per person. RSVP: edsd.org/event/the-crucifixion-of-friendship-park.

Register for Summer Camp

Register your kids and grandkids today for a fun week at Camp Stevens! Weeklong sessions begin July 9 and conclude August 12. Teen wilderness trips, including a popular kayak trip, also available. Camp Stevens uses tiered pricing. Scholarships available. To register, visit campstevens.org. Families registering for the first time will need to create an account; returning families will need to update their passwords. Questions? Contact Kathy Wilder: kathy@campstevens.org