

# Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

## The Sunday of the Palms Jesus Arrives in Jerusalem

March 28, 2021

### Welcome to Grace Church!

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online on Zoom.

We have chosen to keep our online and in-person congregations together. For those at home on Zoom, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the Zoom invitation, and on our website. Printed copies will be available for the in-person congregation. If you are worshipping in the church and wish to use a bulletin on your electronic device, you must download it **before** coming into the church. Please be aware that we are recording this service for later upload to Facebook, YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording.

#### ***Please remember:***

Masks must be worn throughout your time at Grace for the protection of those near you.

Hand sanitizer is available at each of the entrances.

Sit only in the seats marked by bulletins and leave plenty of space between worshipers/families.

**Please put your smartphone or other device in airplane mode so that our internet capacity is reserved for our online streaming.**

At the time of Communion, the Vestry Coordinator will guide your approach to the chancel steps in the center aisle maintaining distance between communicants.

Reservations are required in advance and you will be checked in by the greeter and admitted through the Parish House entrance. If you did not reserve a seat, please check with the Vestry Coordinator to see if an open seat is available.

Baskets are available at the exits for your pledges/contributions.

**Should you become ill after attending worship, please notify the church so that others present may be contacted.**

At the end of the service, please depart from the church and maintain the six-foot distancing.

Conversations should take place outside.

As life continues to change, let us rejoice in God who continues to be revealed to us and give thanks for our ability to share in worship in hope for the time when all of us can be together again

***As we prepare ourselves for worship, please sit or kneel in quietness  
while the prelude is offered.***

### We gather to worship

**PRELUDE**

*Processional of the Redeemer*

*B. Logan*



Palm Sunday now begins Holy Week, and there is evidence that the commemoration of Jesus' last days was observed as early as 383 CE. Each of the four Gospels tells the story of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem during the time that the faithful were gathering to celebrate the Passover. As Jesus approached the city on a donkey, as foretold in the Old Testament scripture of Zachariah, great crowds gathered to cheer him, and they lay down their cloaks and palm branches on the path before him. Many of these same individuals were those who also called for Jesus' crucifixion later that week.

During today's service, the palms will be distributed. Palms may be taken home and saved throughout the year. Because they have been blessed, they should be buried or burned rather than placing them in the trash.

## 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 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 GOSPEL

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Presider: The Palm Sunday Gospel Reading: 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE PRAYER OVER THE PALMS

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 him thanks and praise.**

Priest: 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.**

Presider: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** **Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Word of God

### THE COLLECT

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with thy Spirit.**

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.

**People:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading.*

## THE LESSON

Lector: 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?

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

**PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29**

*(alternately by verse as directed by the lector)*

***Confitemini Domino***

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

**Let Israel now proclaim, \***  
**"His mercy endures for ever."**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
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 answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

**The same stone which the builders rejected \***  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

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.**

Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*  
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 upon 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.

## THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from **Phillipians 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.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

## We offer prayers

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Intercessor: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pay to you, O Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Paula, our own Bishop-Elect, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** **Lord have mercy.**

Lector: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those serving the public trust especially our President Joe, our Congressman, our Senators, and our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** **Lord have mercy.**

Lector: For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those who are ill and who suffer, that they may know the comfort of your presence and your healing love, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** **Lord have mercy.**

Lector: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** **Lord have mercy.**

Deacon: Lord, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through your son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## We share the peace of Christ

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*(The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

## We share the ministries of the Church

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

#### ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

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.

# The Holy Communion

Presider: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

*For those who have received the consecrated wafers and communion items, you may prepare your worship area as the priest prepares the table.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*All Glory Laud and Honor*

*J. Neale/M. Teschner*

*As the hymn is played, and the altar is prepared for Communion, you may reflect on these words:*

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

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels is praising thee on high;  
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

*This hymn text was written by St. Theodulph of Orleans in 820 while he was imprisoned in Angers, France, for conspiring against Charlemagne's son, King Louis I, with whom he had fallen out of favor. The text acts as a retelling of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The medieval church actually re-enacted this story on Palm Sunday using a standard liturgy that featured this hymn (which originally had 36 verses!). The priests and inhabitants of a city would process from the fields to the gate of the city, following a living representation of Jesus seated on a donkey. When they reached the city gates, a choir of children would sing the hymn, then in Latin: Gloria, laus et honor, and the refrain was taken up by the crowd. At this point the gates were opened and the crowd made its way through the streets to the cathedral.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Presider: 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:

*(Stand or kneel as able.)*

Presider and People: **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are 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.**

Presider:

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:

Priest and People:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Presider:

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**

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

People: **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.**

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## FRACTION

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Grant us thy peace.

Presider: 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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the communion table to receive a blessing or the wafer. Please approach the steps to the chancel by the center aisle, as guided by the Vestry Coordinator. Hold your hands crossed, palms up, to receive the wafer.*

*And, if you do not wish to receive the wafer, but desire a blessing, simply approach the priest with your arms crossed across your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. Please return to your seat by the side aisles and wait until you are seated before removing your mask to consume the wafer.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*For those who do not have the consecrated wafers, you may say this prayer as others receive.*

### PRAYER FOR WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO SHARE COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

-- The Prayer Book for the Armed Service

Presider: Let us pray:

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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Presider: Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people, pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

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

## POSTLUDE

*All Glory Laud and Honor*

*Teschner/Berry*

*The palms on the altar today are provided by the Altar Guild.*

## MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

\* Members and Guests, *Celebrants*  
\* Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, *Presider*  
\* Rev. Diane Luther, *Deacon*  
\* Richard Luther, *Lector*  
\* Debbie Kallback, *Intercessor*

\* Robin French, *Music Director*  
\* Nancy Cook, *Erben Organ*  
\* Eric Kallback, *Vestry Coordinator*  
\* Charlotte Stryker, *Altar Guild*  
\* Karen Serwich, *Greeter*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*for April 4, 2021  
Easter Sunday*

Acts 10:34-43  
or Isaiah 25:6-9  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18  
or Mark 16:1-8  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Prayers are Requested:** *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

**Cycle of Prayer:**

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Paula, our Bishop-Elect and all members of Grace Church.

**We pray for those who are sick or in need:**

Adele (Barg), \*Bob (Burton), Mark (Buttell), \*Bill (Calvert), Julia & TJ (Cellery), \*Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), \*Renee (Dowe), \*Al (Elsbree), Keith (Ferguson), \*Jennie (Fjelde), \*Jae (Hezlep) \*Barb (Hooper), Bishop Joseph, Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), \*Alice Maffit, \*Diann & \*Robert (Marsh), \*Mary (Nelson), Ruth (Niendorf), Sarah (Newton), \*Bill (Norton), Lisa (Prindle), Bob (Rafter), Lois (Rafter), Melody (Serwich), \*Kathy (Shannon), Gary (Smith), \*Pat (Terry), Marlys (Thompson), \*Tom (V.), Joe (Watts), Mina, Breckin, Marilyn, Dawn H. and Katie L.

**We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:**

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military; our Outreach partners: the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

**We pray for those who have died especially** \*Ruth (Beegle), and remember the anniversary of the deaths of: Virginia (Fitzgerald), Frederick (Roever), Samuel (Smith), Margaret (Hornung) and Harriet (Crawford).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of March 28th, 2021

**Zoom Poetry Meeting**

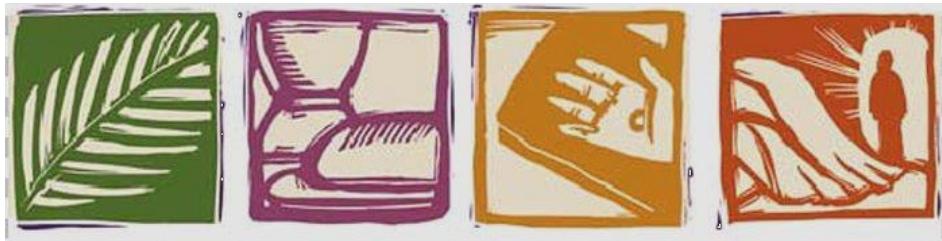
A Zoom Poetry group is meeting at Grace Church on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at [poston@sxu.edu](mailto:poston@sxu.edu) or call her at 815-777-0220 to receive the link to the meeting.

**EfM Meeting** is Monday, March 29th, at 6:30pm online.

**Mid-Week Eucharist** is this Wednesday, March 31st, at 7:30am in the church and online.

**Wednesday Morning Study Group** is Wednesday, March 31st, at 10:30am online.

**Meditative Prayer** meets Friday, April 2nd, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.



## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday March 28th, 10:30am

Holy Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday, April 1st, 7:00pm

Communion, Stripping of Altar and Reposition of Sacrament to the "Garden of Repose"

Good Friday, April 2nd, Noon

United Churches of Galena Good Friday Liturgy — Zoom Only

7:00pm

Liturgy of the Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Communion from the reserved sacrament

Easter Sunday, April 4th 10:30am

New Fire, Bells & Festal Eucharist

***In-person reservations (required):***  
<https://rsvp.church/r/T5dy083Z>

***Holy Week & Easter Zoom Link:***  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83858994861>



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