

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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*At St. Alban's Episcopal Church, we are transformed by the Holy Spirit
by welcoming the stranger and the outcast, striving for justice,
loving God and neighbor and pursuing peace.*

**April 13, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

*The Presider and People gather on the labyrinth
or in the parish living room if the weather is unfavorable.*

The Liturgy of the Palms

Presider Blessed is the King 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.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28-40

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**
Priest

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

THE BLESSING OF 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 our 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 proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these palm 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The palms are distributed to the People.

Presider Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The congregation follows the Crucifer into the church, singing verses 1-2 before the procession pauses for a prayer.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

"All glory, laud, and honor" — Theodulf of Orléans

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Fine

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

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - them be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

to Refrain

**The procession pauses for the prayer before singing verses 4-5*

COLLECT

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

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Presider Let us pray.

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 hymn continues with v. 4-5.*

The Word of God

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living 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.**

THE LESSONS *Please refer to the insert for the Lessons and the Passion; the response to the readings is*

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

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

"Ah, holy Jesus" — The Hymnal #158, vv. 1 and 3

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Luke 22:14-23:56

THE SERMON

The Rev. Beth Turner

The Creed and Confession of Sin are omitted for this service.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The People respond as prompted by the Intercessor.*

Intercessor Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider concludes the prayers.

Almighty God, in your love and goodness you have taught us to draw near to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.



The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Prepare the Way, O Zion" — Arr. Mark Schweizer
The St. Alban's Choir

PRESENTATION SONG

Sung 3x — Jacques Berthier

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O - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num Je - sum,
Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.

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o - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num nos - trum.
Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The People may stand or kneel as the Presider continues

Presider

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

Tune: *Southern Harmony*; Text: Marilyn Haskel

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name, comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel as they are able.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 all 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.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ.

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 Mary, the mother of Jesus, with blessed Alban, and with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

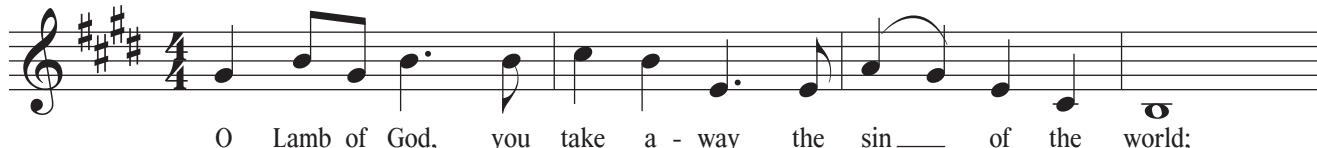
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

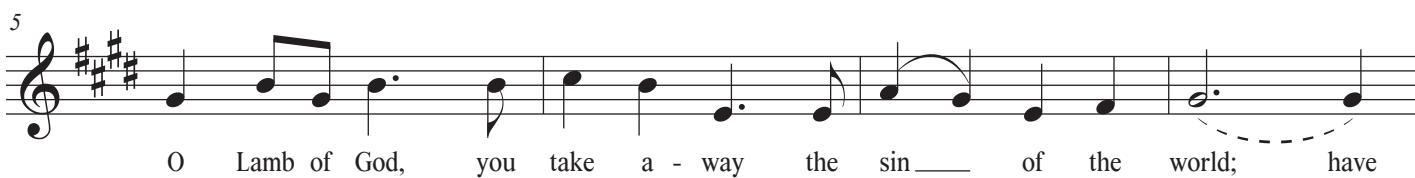
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

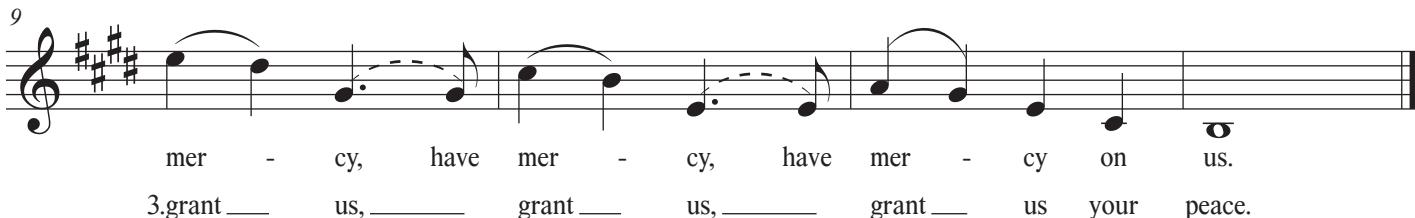
Sung 3x — John L. Bell



O Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world;



O Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have



mercy, have mercy, have mercy, on us.
 3.grant us, grant us, grant us your peace.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. *The people are seated for the time of Communion.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Galilean Sunrise" — Michael Shea
Dr. Karen Eckenroth, Pianist

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider and People

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER AND BLESSING OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

The People kneel or bow, as able, and the Presider says

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.**

HYMN OF SENDING

"At the name of Jesus" — The Hymnal #435

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"To Delight in the Lord" — Gerald Peterson
Dr. Karen Eckenroth, Organist

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2025 HOLY WEEK LITURGIES AT ST. ALBAN'S

Beginning TODAY, the coming week is a procession, a journey with Jesus. We have begun the observances of Holy Week, in which we will follow the ancient stories of Jesus' suffering and death. With its culmination on Easter Day, The Feast of the Resurrection, this is the most sacred week of the Christian year.

Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Foot Washing

April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy with the Veneration of the Cross

April 18 at noon and 7:00 p.m. (with music)

Easter Day / Feast of the Resurrection

April 20 at 10:00 a.m.