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**Sunday, March 24, 2024
Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday**

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The Liturgy of the Palms (BCP p. 270)

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
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. *Amen.*

Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then 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.

Blessing of the Palms

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.**

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.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Entrance Hymn

All glory, laud, and honor (H 154)

The Collect of The Day (BCP p. 357)

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. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
^{9a}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: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have 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.
¹¹I 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.

¹³For 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.

¹⁵My 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.”

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and 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: Mark 15:1-39

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Choir sings *Lacrymosa* (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do

for them according to his custom.⁹ Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.¹² Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”¹³ They shouted back, “Crucify him!”¹⁴ Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!”¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Choir sings *Inimici autem* (Roland De Lassos)

¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.¹⁸ And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).²³ And they

offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

Choir sings *Vere languores nostros* (Tomas Luis de Victoria)

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days,³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Choir sings *Tenebrae factae sunt* (Marc Antonio Ingegneri)

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave

a loud cry and breathed his last.³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Choir sings *Adoramus Te* (G. P. da Palestrina)

The Prayers of the People

Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ,
and lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead each member of your church in humility as we walk together. Guide our bishops and priests and deacons so that your glory may be revealed through them in your word and sacraments.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead the authorities of every country in the way of justice for all of their citizens and peace between neighbors and nations.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead each us to reach out our hands and hearts in love where there is suffering and anxiety, sickness and grief.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead us to lead lives that please you as we walk this earth so that with those who have died we may join you in our eternal home.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Members of the congregation are invited to add their own prayers and thanksgivings.

The Peace

The Holy Eucharist, Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

Sursum Corda (BCP p. 361)

Sanctus

S 130 Holy, holy, holy (BCP p. 362)

The Lord's Prayer (BCP p. 363)

Fraction Anthem

S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God (BCP p. 364)

Post-Communion Prayer (BCP p. 365)

Blessing (BCP p. 366)

Final Hymn

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended (H 158)

Dismissal (BCP p. 366)

Postlude

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (John Huston)



The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Philip Lucius and Janet Clark by Lori Lucius.

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Cash Counter: *Jack Seefeldt.*

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7pm.

Good Friday, March 29 at 7pm.

Great Vigil of Easter, March 30 5pm.

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 9am. and 11am.

Youth Events:

- Youth Group meets today, 5:30-7pm. We will be putting together Easter baskets to give to New Hope Ministries and filling a lot of plastic eggs for the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt. So don't miss the pizza and the fun!

- PEACE. Province 3 Spring Youth Event. Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center. **April 5-7**. Scholarships available.
- The Diocese is looking for Youth interested in attending the 81st General Episcopal Convention, **June 22-28**, in Louisville, KY. Scholarships available.

If interested in any of these events – please ask Melanie for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt: Please come celebrate with our parish family at either the 9am or 11am service on Easter morning. There will be an Egg Hunt between the services at 10am - it will surely be another joyous celebration!

MCP Women's Study Group: On Wednesday, **March 27**, in the undercroft during Holy Week, we will continue our discussion of the Beatitudes. We will be on Chapters 6 and 7 of *Following the Call - Living the Sermon on the Mount Together*. We welcome you! 6:45pm gathering time; 7-8pm discussion.

Adopt an Apartment: We are again furnishing an apartment for a family under the auspices of Brethren Housing Association. Please see the complete list of what is needed on the bulletin board in the narthex. Items can be brought into church through next Sunday. Please contact Brian at (717) 580-4369 or George at (717) 512-5640 for additional information.

Cuba Mission Trip: Jennifer Pridmore will be traveling to Cuba on a mission trip from **April 5-12**, taking medical supplies as well as other items to give to families in need. More information on the group going to Cuba and how to donate can

be found at <https://www.churchonthesquarebaltimore.org/cuba-mission>.

Book Club: Will meet Sunday, **April 7**, after the 10am service to discuss *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende. Contact Linda Farrell for more information.

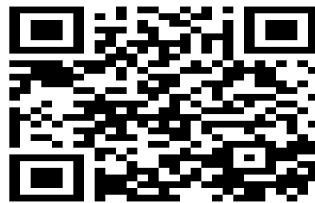
JOIN The Men's Breakfast Event in the Undercroft!

Saturday, **April 13**, from 8:30 to 9:30am. Jeff Becker will lead our discussion on Relationship, Work and Play of “The God Instinct” by Tom Stella. All men are welcome at this wonderful way to connect and share with one another! Join us and invite a guest! Coffee and breakfast bites provided. Questions, call, or text Dean Wharton 717-329-1200.

St. Stephen's School Fundraising Celebration: On Friday, April 12, 6:30pm here at Mt. Calvary. Includes appetizers, beverages, and party games. For tickets or to donate, e-mail churchadmin@ststep.org.

Recording of Service: The 10am Sunday service is being broadcast on Facebook Live and YouTube to reach parishioners who cannot join us. If you do not wish to be videotaped during the service, please sit in the last two pews and inform the ushers.

Giving: Offerings can be put in the plate today or mailed. To give online, please visit <https://onrealm.org/MtCalvaryCampHill/give/now>. You can also use this QR code to contribute with your phone. Thank you for your generosity towards the mission of Mt Calvary.



Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

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