

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

9:30 am



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HOLY EUCHARIST - Rite II

The congregation gather at the Church entry way and process into the Church waving the branches of palms.

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.**

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.**

THE ACCOUNT OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Matthew 21:1-11

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn 154

*Refrain: All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children make 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)



Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

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?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31: 9-16

All: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

Women: For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

Men: 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.

All: I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

Women: 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.

Men: But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

All: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

All: Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.”

THE 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

AA Hymn 250

**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 deflow'r?
O countenance whose splendor
The hosts of heav'n adore!**

**2 Thy beauty, long desired,
Hath vanished from our sight:
Thy pow'r 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.**

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 forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love for thee.

5 My days are few, O fail not,
With thine immortal pow'r,
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

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

See separate booklet.

Please remain seated for the first part of the Passion Gospel. All stand at the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha.

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Frederico Garza,
Food for the Poor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. We especially pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Mark, Gayle and Dabney, our Bishops; Marlene, our Rector and Frederico, our Guest Preacher and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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. I ask your prayers for Joe our President and Glenn our Governor. And all the leaders of our nation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

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.

Silence

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. Remembering the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially Marc Albertson, Trey Bankhead, Jean Boone, Cynthia Bentley, Shirley Brown, Sheila Carter, Janette Davis, Francis Dye, Mary Carter, Marilyn Chalmers, Alexander Corbett, Alice Flannigan, Eudora & Lewis Forrest, Marvis Hazel, Eva Hicks, Ester Hyatt, John Jenkins, Kevin Jiggetts, Francine L. Johnson, Richard LeTang, Alaina LaVonne, Mary Little, Steven Little, Barbara Lowe, Kay Mack, Christian Miller, Robinette Miller, Edmund Moore, Romaine Morgan, Lela Morris, Tonjia Philips, Tara Plummer, Hortense Powell, Henry Robinson, Brady Whaley,

Clementine Washington, Louise White, and Cynthia Smith Williams.

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer. Amen

Silence.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace of God

Eudora L. Forrest
2000

$\text{♩} = 90$

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 90. The lyrics are: 'The peace of God be al - ways with you, And may God's grace be al - ways in your heart. And may His love keep you in per - fect peace, The love of God, the love of God, the love of God keep you in per - fect peace.' The score includes measure numbers 6, 11, and 17. The final system ends with a double bar line. The word 'rit.' is written above the final system.

The peace of God be al - ways with you, And may God's

6 grace be al - ways in your heart. And may His love keep

11 you in per - fect peace, The love of God, the love of God,

17 — the love of God keep you in per - fect peace. *rit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND TRAVEL BLESSINGS

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY *Musical Offering*

DOXOLOGY

LEVAS 56

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures, here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Philip, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Be known to us Lord Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

All who seek a closer relationship with God are invited to receive communion. To receive the wafer of bread, the body of Christ, extend your open hands and we will gently drop a wafer into your hand. Once you have received the wafer, you can briefly remove your mask and consume the bread. If you do not wish to receive the bread and would like a blessing, come forward with your hands across your chest, and we will offer a blessing in the name of God. Gluten free wafers are available; just tell us of your need. Please follow the directions of the ushers on when to come forward.

COMMUNION HYMN

Down at the Cross

AA Hymn 248

**1 Down at the cross where my Savior
died, Down where for cleansing from
sin I cried, There to my heart was the
blood applied; Singin', Glory to His
name!**

Refrain:

**Glory to His name, Precious name.
Glory to His name, Precious name
There to my heart was the blood
applied; singin' Glory to His name,
His name!**

**2 I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;**

**There at the cross where He took me
in; singin' Glory to His name, His
name! [Refrain]**

**3 Oh, precious fountain that saves
from sin, I am so glad I have entered
in; There Jesus saves me and keeps
me clean; singin' Glory to His name,
His name! [Refrain]**

**4 Come to this fountain so rich and
sweet, Cast thy poor soul at the
Savior's feet; Plunge in today, and be
made complete; singin' Glory to His
name, His name! [Refrain]**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as is your prayer custom.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you above and beyond what you could ask or imagine.

Amen.

May the Lord's face shine upon you revealing the depths of God's infinite love. **Amen.**

May the Lord be gracious to you breaking your heart open with new mercies. **Amen.**

May the Lord's countenance be upon you reminding you that you are chosen and valued.

Amen.

May the Lord give you peace assuring you of the Holy One's constant faithful care. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever more.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Ride on, King Jesus

LEVAS 97

**Ride on, King Jesus,
No man can-a hinder me.
Ride on King Jesus ride on
no man can-a hinder me**

**King Jesus rides a milk-white horse,
No man works like Him,
De river Jord'n He did cross
no man works like Him. Oh**

**I know that my redeemer lives,
No man works like Him,
And of His blessing freely gives,
no man works like Him. Oh**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Beatty and Brad Mackey

Lector 1: Ernestine Armstrong

Lector 2 and Prayers: Joy Lee

The Passion Readers

Narrator: Rev. Marlene E. Forrest

Judas (JD): Larry Clark

Disciple (DI) & Centurion: Nigel Greene

Jesus (JC): Monte Carroll

Peter (PT): Bill Harris

Witness (WI), Bystander (BY): Jeremiah (JM) and Ernestine Gilpin

High Priest (HP): Harry Savage

Crowd (CD): Congregation

Servant Girl (SG), Pilates Wife (PW): Karen Savage

Pilate (PL): Jay Williams

Organist/Minister of Music: Dr. Willis L. Barnett

Verger: Nathaniel Lewis

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Welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning. It is good to have you here. We invite you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a Vestry Person. We are glad you are here and hope you will join us for worship again.

Holy Week at St. Philip's

Monday in Holy Week, April 3

7:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 4

Renewal of Clergy Vows

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 5

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer; Circle of Love

Maundy Thursday, April 6

6:00 p.m. Agape Meal

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist/ Rite II, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service

12:00 p.m. – Church Office Closed

1:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. – The Seven Saying Last Saying of God – Cedar Baptist Church of God

We invite you to walk each of 14 sequential stations around the church and pray and meditate about each event Jesus went through from his condemnation to the tomb. The 14 Stations invites us to walk Jesus' journey, standing witness to his descent from Pilate's court, his journey beneath his cross through the dusty streets of Jerusalem, his stripping, nailing, crucifixion, and descent to the tomb.

Saturday, April 8

Easter Flower Decorating

7:30 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil; Holy Eucharist II

Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, April 9

Please bring a flower for the flowering of the cross (at each service), a symbol of the life that God brought out of death.

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist/Rite II

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite II with Holy Baptisms

11:30 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt & Light

Refreshments (after the 10:30 a.m. service)

Easter Monday & Tuesday, April 10 & 11

Church Office is Closed

Please note that the church office will be lightly staff after Holy Week and Easter. It is the rest week for clergy and lay staff.

Newsletter Submission must be emailed to office@stphilipsrva.org by Tuesday at Noon.