



**Liturgy of the Word**  
**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 28, 2021**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**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.

**Celebrant:** 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.*

**Hymn 156 (vs. 1-3) “Ride on! ride on in majesty”**

**Susan Hollinger**

**THE LESSON**

**Mark 11:1-11a**

**Reader:** 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.

**Hymn “All glory, laud and honour”**  
**King’s College Choir Cambridge, England**

**A Media Presentation**

**A Meditation**

**The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. “Larry” Packard**

**The Passion Gospel according to Mark 15:1-39**

**Narrator:** As 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. Pilate asked him,

**Pilate:** “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered Pilate,

**Jesus:** “You say so.”

**Narrator:** Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

**Pilate:** “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

**Narrator:** But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then Pilate answered them,

**Pilate:** “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

**Narrator:** For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

**Pilate:** “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

**Crowd:** “Crucify him!”

**Pilate:** “Why, what evil has he done?”

**Crowd:** “Crucify him!”

**Narrator:** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**Soldiers:** “Hail, King of the Jews!”

**Narrator:** They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. 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. 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. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**Crowd:** “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!”

**Narrator:** In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**Chief Priest:** “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.”

**Narrator:** Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

**Jesus:** “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

**Narrator:** “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Crowd:** “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.”

**Narrator:** And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

**Crowd:** “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

**Narrator:** Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

The reading pauses...

**Narrator:** And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 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!”

**Hymn 172 (vs. 1-2) “Were you there when they crucified my Lord”**

**Susan Hollinger**

## THE PRAYERS

### Prayers for those on Our Prayer List

**Reader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

### Reading of Names

### Prayer for the Nation

**Celebrant and People:** O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We beseech you so to guide and bless our leaders and officials in our Nation and Commonwealth that they may enact such laws as shall please you, and that we as your people might respect our liberties and use them for the common good of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Prayer for the Church Universal

**Celebrant and People:** Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon your Church your Holy Spirit of grace and make us worthy to further the mission of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### Prayer for the Church of Our Redeemer

**Celebrant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone – a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes

understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Prayer to Begin Holy Week**

**Celebrant and People:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant and 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.*

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**Celebrant:** Please remember the words of the Lord Jesus and how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

### **THE BLESSING**

**Celebrant:** Most merciful God, send your Spirit upon us as we begin this Holy Week that we might walk in the walk in the way of the Cross and live no longer unto ourselves alone for him who died and rose again. *Amen.*

### **THE DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant:** I invite you to remain for our special presentation of the postlude.

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ to walk the way of the Cross.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude "Ride on, ride on, in majesty"**

**Winchester New**

**A Media Presentation**

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redeemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redeemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Rev. Larry Packard by email [l.packard@verizon.net](mailto:l.packard@verizon.net) or phone (703) 425-8315.

### “For those whose concerns are known only to God”

All Those Afflicted by the Virus and  
Those Who Care for Them

Barbara Wooten  
Stella Waltemeire  
Toni & Adrienne  
The Hollinger Family  
Don & Chris  
Bob Stewart  
Alan White  
Fred Warren  
TJ Hill  
Russell & Lula

Kathy  
Candi & Taylor  
The Fairweather Family  
Gwenivere Black  
Barbara Pavone  
Nettie Stevens  
Evan Hansen  
The Rollins Family  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family  
Church of Our Redeemer  
Church of Our Redeemer Vestry Members

### Serving Our Country

Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.

Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*