



**The Sunday of the Passion
Saturday, April 9, 2022**

WELCOME TO PALM SUNDAY!

It is aptly said that “Once you begin the Palm Sunday service, you are off on a journey!” For us at our parish, we start outside with “The Liturgy of the Palms,” gathering by the “large tree by the parking lot” where we have held other outside services. Then we will follow the processional cross, just as Jesus entered Jerusalem, and walk carefully into the Church. We will pause at the steps of the Church for a prayer before entering the nave. Please find your pews, and once there, we will sing the traditional “All glory laud and honor.” The service continues with the lessons, especially the dramatic Passion Gospel that moves us from the trial of Jesus to his crucifixion and burial. Keep in mind that the Holy Communion culminates the service. The message of Palm Sunday and the Passion is that ultimately Christ makes us one with him as the Body of Christ in our world. Our journey continues as we leave into the solemnity of Holy Week.

Covid Protocol Instructions for Receiving Holy Communion

1. *We are following the CDC guidelines for Loudoun County, masks are optional.*
2. *The Celebrant sanitizes his hands prior to the consecration of the elements and remains masked for the reading of the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution.*
3. *At the distribution, we ask that you come forward, socially distanced with no more than 3-4 people at the altar rail at a time.*
4. *Stand or kneel at the rail. The Celebrant will drop the wafer into your hands. Partake the bread at the altar rail.*
5. *The Celebrant or Lay Eucharistic Minister will bring a tray of cups with wine to you. Take one and partake the wine at the altar rail.*
6. *Place the cup in the receptacle on your way back to the pew.*
7. *Please wait until those who have received Communion return to their seats so that we avoid passing each other in the aisle.*
8. *If you discover that you had Covid during this worship service or for a 2-week period following worship with us, please notify the office at redeemeraldie@gmail.com.*

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

(The people gather by the tree next to the parking lot. The ushers distribute the bulletins and palms before the service.)

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.*

THE LESSONS

Luke 19:29-40

Reader: A reading from Luke.

When Jesus 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

(The people raise palm fronds.)

Celebrant: 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 forever. *Amen.*

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace;

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

(The people follow the processional cross and walk carefully to the front doors of the church. The Collect for Palm Sunday is read from the steps of the Church.)

THE COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: 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.*

(The people enter the Church and go to their seats.)

Hymn “All glory, laud and honor”

Hymnal 154

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: A reading from Philippians.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn “Were you there when they crucified my Lord”

Hymnal 172

The Passion Gospel: Luke 22:39-23:49-56

(The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.)

NARRATOR: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

EVANGELIST: Then Jesus went out and made his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, accompanied by the disciples. When he reached the place he said to them,

JESUS: Pray that you may be spared the hour of testing.

EVANGELIST: He himself withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and began to pray:

JESUS: Father, if it be thy will, take this cup away from me. Yet not my will but thine be done.

EVANGELIST: And now there appeared to him an angel from heaven bringing him strength and in anguish of spirit he prayed the more urgently; and his sweat was like clots of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and came to the disciples he found them asleep, worn out by grief. He said,

JESUS: Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may be spared the test.

EVANGELIST: While he was still speaking a crowd appeared with the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, at their head. He came up to Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said,

JESUS: Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?

EVANGELIST: When his followers saw what was coming, they said,

CONGREGATION: Lord, shall we use our swords?

EVANGELIST: And one of them struck at the High Priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered,

JESUS: Let them have their way.

EVANGELIST: Then he touched the man's ear and healed him. Turning to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders, who had come to seize him, he said,

JESUS: Do you take me for a bandit, that you have come out with swords and cudgels to arrest me? Day after day, when I was in the temple with you, you kept your hands off me. But this is your moment—the hour when darkness reigns.

EVANGELIST: Then they arrested him and led him away. They brought him to the High Priest's house, and Peter followed at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat round it, and Peter sat among them. A serving-maid who saw him sitting in the firelight stared at him and said,

SERVING-MAID: This man was with him too.

EVANGELIST: But he denied it and said,

PETER: Woman, I do not know him.

EVANGELIST: A little later someone else noticed him and said,

FIRST CHALLENGER: You also are one of them.

PETER: No, I am not.

EVANGELIST: About an hour passed and another spoke more strongly still:

SECOND CHALLENGER: Of course this fellow was with him. He must have been; he is a Galilean.

PETER: Man, I do not know what you are talking about.

EVANGELIST: At that moment, while he was still speaking, a cock crew; and the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the Lord's words, "Tonight before the cock crows you will disown me three

times." The men who were guarding Jesus mocked at him. They beat him, they blindfolded him, and they kept asking him,

CONGREGATION: Now, prophet, who hit you? Tell us that.

EVANGELIST: And so they went on heaping insults upon him. When day broke, the elders of the nation, chief priests, and doctors of the law assembled, and he was brought before their Council. They said,

CONGREGATION: Tell us, are you the Messiah?

JESUS: If I tell you, you will not believe me; and if I ask questions, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of Almighty God.

CONGREGATION: Are you the Son of God?

JESUS: It is you who say I am.

CONGREGATION: Need we call further witnesses? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.

EVANGELIST: With that the whole assembly rose, and they brought him before Pilate. They opened the case against him by saying,

CONGREGATION: We found this man subverting our nation, opposing the payment of taxes to Caesar, and claiming to be Messiah, a king.

EVANGELIST: Pilate asked him,

PILATE: Are you the king of the Jews?

JESUS: The words are yours.

EVANGELIST: Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

PILATE: I find no case for this man to answer.

EVANGELIST: But they insisted:

CONGREGATION: His teaching is causing disaffection among the people all through Judaea. It started from Galilee and has spread as far as this city.

EVANGELIST: When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean, and on learning that he belonged to Herod 's jurisdiction, he remitted the case to him, for Herod was also in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus he was greatly pleased; having heard about him, he had long been wanting to see him, and had been hoping to see some miracle performed by him. He questioned him at some length without getting any reply; but the chief priests and lawyers appeared and pressed the case against him vigorously. Then Herod and his troops treated him with contempt and ridicule, and sent him back to Pilate dressed in a gorgeous robe. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends; till then there had been a standing feud between them. Pilate now called together the chief priests, councillors, and people, and said to them,

PILATE: You brought this man before me on a charge of subversion. But, as you see, I have myself examined him in your presence and found nothing in him to support your charges. No more did Herod, for he has referred him back to us. Clearly he has done nothing to deserve death. I therefore propose to let him off with a flogging.

EVANGELIST: But there was a general outcry,

CONGREGATION: Away with him! Give us Barabbas.

EVANGELIST: (This man had been put in prison for a rising that had taken place in the city, and for murder,) Pilate addressed them again, in his desire to release Jesus, but they shouted back,

CONGREGATION: Crucify him, crucify him!

EVANGELIST: For the third time he spoke to them:

PILATE: Why, what wrong has he done? I have not found him guilty of any capital offense. I will therefore let him off with a flogging.

EVANGELIST: But they insisted on their demand, shouting that Jesus should be crucified. Their shouts prevailed and Pilate decided that they should have their way. He released the man they asked for, the man who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and gave Jesus up to their will. As they led him away to execution they seized upon a man called Simon, from Cyrene, on his way in from the country, put the cross on his back, and made him walk behind Jesus carrying it. Great numbers of people followed, many women among them, who mourned and lamented over him. Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; no, weep for yourselves and your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Happy are the barren, the wombs that never bore a child, the breasts that never fed one." Then they will start saying to the mountains, "Fall on us", and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if these things are done when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

(Please stand.)

EVANGELIST: There were two others with him, criminals who were being led away to execution; and when they reached the place called The Skull they crucified him there, and the criminals with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said,

JESUS: Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

EVANGELIST: They divided his clothes among them by casting lots. The people stood looking on, and their rulers jeered at him:

CONGREGATION: He saved others: now let him save himself, if this is God's Messiah, his Chosen.

EVANGELIST: The soldiers joined in the mockery and came forward offering him their sour wine. They said,

CONGREGATION: If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.

EVANGELIST: There was an inscription above his head which ran: "This is the king of the Jews." One of the criminals who hung there with him taunted him:

FIRST CRIMINAL: Are not you the Messiah? Save yourself, and us.

EVANGELIST: But the other rebuked him:

SECOND CRIMINAL: Have you no fear of God? You are under the same sentence as he. For us it is plain justice; we are paying the price for our misdeeds; but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come to your throne.

JESUS: I tell you this: today you shall be with me in Paradise;

EVANGELIST: By now it was about midday and a darkness fell over the whole land, which lasted until three in the afternoon; the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus gave a loud cry and said,

JESUS: Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.

EVANGELIST: And with these words he died.

(Silence is kept for a few moments, during which some may wish to kneel.)

EVANGELIST: The centurion saw it all, and gave praise to God, saying,

CENTURION: Beyond all doubt, this man was innocent.

EVANGELIST: The crowd who had assembled for the spectacle, when they saw what had happened, went home beating their breasts. His friends had all been standing at a distance; the women who had accompanied him from Galilee stood with them and watched it all.

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. "Larry" Packard

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

Reader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, the unemployed or any kind of trouble;
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader: For our Presiding Bishop, and our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; For our vestry, staff, lay leaders and clergy.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Prayers for those on Our Prayer List

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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

Carter Harrigan
Stephen Brown
Tisha Austin
Patrick Farragher
Althea Prins
Fred & John Warren
Stella Waltemeire
The Hollinger Family
Bob Stewart
TJ Hill
Russell & Lula
Candi & Taylor
Gwenivere Black
Evan Hansen
Laura Harrigan
Liam Ferguson
The Pisciotta Family

Reader: Are there other prayers?

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those with special ministries, especially:

Those Serving Our Country

Shawn Austin
Amity Hess
All First Responders
All Front Line Workers
All Hospital and Emergency Room Workers

Our Children, Our Schools, and Our Neighbors

Reader: We will exalt you, O God our King.

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Reader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Reader: Let us pray together for the Church of Our Redeemer.

Reader 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.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Announcements

The Presentation “Doxology”

Hymnal 380 (vs. 3)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Celebrant: 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:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, 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.

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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. *Amen.*

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: 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.

Post Communion Prayer

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

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Remember that life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind...and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love this day and forever more.

Closing Hymn “Ride on! ride on in majesty!”

Hymnal 156 (sung to hymn tune 75)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the way of the Cross of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Thanks to the Following

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

Organist: *Emma E.J. Cochran*

Soloist: *Allan Palacios Chan, Jr.*

*We also want to recognize the work of our
Altar Guild and Ushers, as well as, those who read during the service.*

Please join us after service for our Fellowship Dinner in our Parish Hall.

LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at msflip925@aol.com. You may also contact the office by email 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 or phone (703) 425-8315.