Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020
10:00 a.m.

St. Martin’s-in-the-Field Episcopal Church
The Reverend Matthew Hanisian, Rector
The Reverend Nathan Erdman, Associate Rector and Chaplain
The Reverend Dr. John Price, Priest Associate
Dr. HyeSung Hwang, Director of Music Ministries

Our mission is to gather as a welcoming community of Christ called to love and serve God, our neighbors and each other in joyful presence in the world.

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The Entry into Jerusalem; Lake Van, Turkey, 1386. Black ink and watercolors on paper bound between wood boards covered with dark brown kidskin.
LIVESTREAM Holy Week Services at St. Martin’s Start Today

With the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the US we have been challenged to “do church” in new and different ways the last three weeks. St. Martin’s has been livestreaming our Sunday morning worship services, we have prayed Morning Prayer together virtually as a community. Now we will be both livestreaming and recording all of our worship for Holy Week, starting this morning. Join us for each and every service below—if you can’t be with us virtually for the livestream, please visit our website and watch the recording of the service.

Now more than perhaps at any point in our past we need to experience the transcendent power and love of God, made known in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Each of our lives have been changed and our need of God’s presence in our lives has perhaps never been greater. Holy Week will both challenge your faith, and bring you to a depth of faith perhaps you never have experienced before—that is the incredible transformative way that Holy Week reaches us and helps form us as more-engaged, more faith-filled disciples of Jesus.

Our schedule for our livestreamed Holy Week services is as follows. Please note Good Friday and The Great Vigil of Easter services that will be livestreamed from the Cathedral in Baltimore at the request of Bishop Sutton—our whole diocesan family will come together and worship as one.

Make time every day to worship during Holy Week and your life will be transformed.

April 6: Liturgy for Monday in Holy Week with a service of Holy Eucharist, 7:00 p.m.
April 7: Liturgy for Tuesday in Holy Week with a service of Holy Eucharist, 7:00 p.m.
April 8: Liturgy for Wednesday in Holy Week with a service of Holy Eucharist, 7:00 p.m.
April 9: Maundy Thursday with Stripping of the Altar, 7:00 p.m.
April 10: Good Friday Liturgy Livestreamed from Cathedral of the Incarnation, 12:00 p.m.
        Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.
April 11: Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
        The Great Vigil of Easter Livestreamed from Cathedral of the Incarnation, 7:00 p.m.
April 12: Easter Day, 10:00 a.m.

This journey of Holy Week will be challenging at moments and we will learn a great deal about Jesus and about ourselves as well. If we are intentional about our faith and our full participation in these Holy Week worship services, we will find our faith in God strengthened and that Easter Day will bring us all a clearer and deeper understanding and belief in the abiding love of God for us all.

I look forward to walking this path with each of you this Holy Week.
Welcome to St. Martin’s-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), The Hymnal 1982 (H), and Lift Every Voice and Sing II. All are invited to participate fully in our worship of God this morning.

Palm Sunday

The Liturgy Of The Palms

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter into joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Reading From The Gospel Of 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. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God 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 forever. Amen.

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.


**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *His mercy endures for ever*. Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCE**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*
Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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.

A Reading From The Book of Isaiah

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 118:1, 22-29

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
22 The same stone which the builders rejected; has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! LORD, send us now success.
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.
27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

A Reading From Paul's Letter to the 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
The Passion

Matthew 27:11-54

Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, nor even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!” So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

The Passion

is read this day to give the entire story of the last week of Jesus’ life before his crucifixion. Each of the days of Holy Week retell this story and help us enter more fully into Holy Week. You are invited to worship with us each day of Holy Week starting tomorrow evening.

All stand at the mention of “Golgotha.”

It is customary to observe silence in the reading at the moment of Jesus’ death.
The Reverend Nathan Erdman

Sermon

One minute of silence.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People - Form II

During the silence between the petitions, the People add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for The Anglican Church in Uganda; and we pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Eugene, our Bishop; for Robert, our Assisting Bishop; for Matthew, Nathan, and John our clergy; and those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Redemption, Locust Point; Redeemer, Baltimore; and St Paul's, Baltimore; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Donald, our President; the Congress and Supreme Court of the United States; for Larry, our governor; Steuart, our county executive; pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison: in our parish family this week we pray for Rob, Kellie, Carter, Jenny, Neal, Nadine, Lynn, Christopher, Mark, Jocelyn, Andrew, Bill, John, Cole, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Annie.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. Pray for all all those whose lives have been affected by the COVID-19 virus and all health care providers, as they tend to those who have been infected; for those who are recovering from addiction and do not have access to recovery meetings; for those affected by natural disasters, who live in fear, or whose lives have been affected by gun violence and acts of terror, both domestically and abroad; for those serving in our Armed Forces; and for all of our children and grandchildren.

We especially pray for those who celebrate their birthday this week: Elijah, Sarah, Beckett, Grace, Chad, Emerson, Alex, Ward, and David. And we pray for Rolph and Joan Townshend and Jeff and Barbie Hider who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to stay current with your pledge and to give to the work of Christ through St. Martin’s ministries which continue in the world daily. See: stmartinsinthefield.com/giving.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: Lift High the Cross

H 473, v. 1, 4

The Dismissal

asserts the relationship between worship and living. It is a call to mission, a call to live the baptismal and Eucharistic life in the world.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Hosanna!

Franklin D. Ashdown
HOLY WEEK SERVICES  |  APRIL 5-12

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