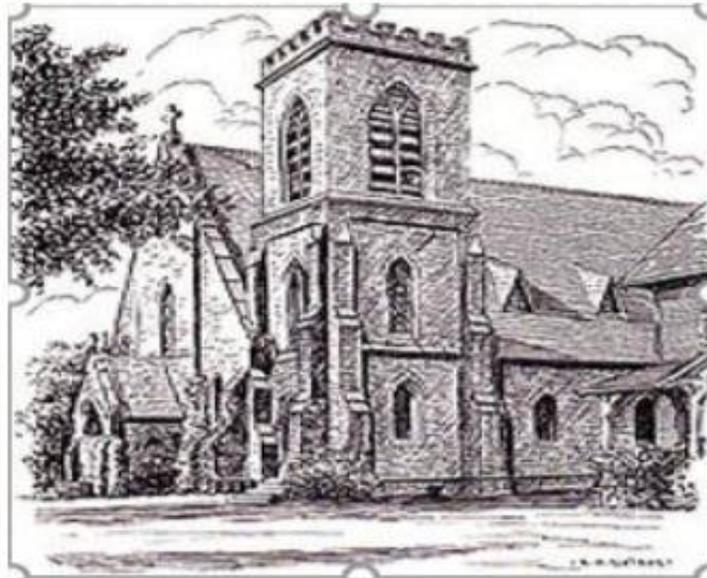


Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020 9:30am
Online Service
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“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Grace Episcopal Church
336 Main St, Old Saybrook, CT

The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, *Bishop*

The Rev. Charles B. W. Hamill, *Rector*

The Rev. Judith A. Cowper, *Pastoral Associate*

Christina Burnham, *Minister of Music*

PRELUDE :

Hosanna

Ruth Elaine Schram

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Liturgy of the Palms

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

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.**

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 Celebrant then says the following blessing

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.**

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.**

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 154 v. 1-3

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring;*

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One! (*Refrain*)**

**The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply. (*Refrain*)**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. (*Refrain*)**

THE COLLECT *of the DAY*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

THE WORD *of* GOD

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

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?

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16

The congregation remains seated

9 Have 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.**

11 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.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 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.

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

15 My 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."

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

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14-35

Then, all still standing, the Minister reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

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

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one

after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,
the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Charles B.W. Hamill

THE NICENE CREED *The congregation stands*

**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.

THE PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE Form 1 BCP p. 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all
peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, Bishops;
Charlie and Judy, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good
Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, the AA and DBSA groups that meet at Grace
Church, the Early Head Start Program, Boy Scout Troop 51, Alex Treser and Cru Ministry, The
Rev. Stacey Kohl and Christ Church Norwich and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our
Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for: St. Andrew’s, Kent; Emmauel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime
Rock; St. Michael’s, Litchfield. Collaborative ministries and all Ministry Networks; Joining Jesus in

the New Missional Age, ECCT Regions and Region Missionaries.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, for the leaders of the nations, for those in the service of our country: Travis Board, J.C. Glick, Dornn Harris, Christopher Parham, Joshua Rinier, Nathaniel Burnham, Daniel Martin, Christian White, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randal, Daniel Kronz, Tom Cote, Branden Peace. And for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town, Old Saybrook, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, for all our first responders and medical and health professionals, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, We pray for: Connie, Kate, Kent, Chad, Myra, Mark, Jennifer, Lisa, Janice, Nancy, Cassidy, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Darren Murray, Barbara Zahkar, Jon Zakhar, Dee Labelle, Anita, Lennart Nicholson, Thomas Burnham, Earlene Bell, Fran Tarrío, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Filiz, Joyce, Marjorie, Sophie, Len Pass, Jon-Scott, Eugene Williams, James, Marguerite, Jackie, Matthew Hundt, Michael and Elisa Hundt, Ron and Jane Millen, Marla, Kay Hall, Mike Trask, Meredith, Frank Roman, Jessica MacArthur, Penny, Jane, Marsha, Justin Iondo, Margie, Bill Ross, Jordan Forest, Tom, Bjorn, Laura, AJ, Tony, Shelley, Michelle, Nathaniel and Tanya Burnham, Maya, Elisa Hundt, Erin, Barbara and Jim Donahue. Please add your own petitions...(Pause)...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed... let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *the people say*

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory

The Celebrant continues

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 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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The following may be said

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

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.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever-living 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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN 167 v. 1-3

THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY

Horsley

**There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where our dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.**

He died that we might be forgiven,

He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious blood.

THE DISMISSAL

After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Celebrant and People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Lamb of God

Twila Paris, arr. Bill Wolaver

Thank you to our Minister of Music Christina Burnham and our cameraman Kyle Trask-Kuchta for their presence and assistance with creating and working through the service together. Certainly, we will adapt things and work kinks out in the weeks to come.

A BIG THANKS GOES OUT THIS WEEK TO ALAN BUROFF WHO SPENT MANY, MANY HOURS IN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS WIRING THE CHURCH FOR INTERNET SO THAT WE COULD HAVE A MUCH BETTER LIVE STREAMING EXPERIENCE...THANK YOU ALAN! Thank you also goes out to Kathy Bartus, Alan's wife, for all her assistance with running cables and wires, as well as for letting Alan stay out so late to finish the work. Thanks Kathy!

We are glad you could join with us today online. Please continue to keep praying and studying Scripture alone and together at home. If you need any resources either for prayer, study or even material resources, please contact Pastor Charlie or go to our website graceoldsaybrook.org and click on the "COVID19" button for more updated info and resources.

May the God who peace who delights to dwell with and save us, be with you all in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit unto ages of ages.

AMEN