

ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Musical Prelude

Welcoming by Fred Malaby

Liturgy of the Palms (BCP 270)

Officiant Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. **People** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

The Officiant then reads the Palm Sunday Gospel: Mark 11:1-11a:

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.

Officiant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Officiant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise

Officiant: 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.

May we offer ourselves and our ministries as continued proclamation of Jesus' divinity and we ask that we be allowed to continue to 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.

People	Amen.
Officiant	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People	Hosanna in the highest.
Officiant	Let us go forth in peace.
People	In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor (H-154)

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made 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 prayer 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

Liturgy of the Passion

The Collect of the Day (BCP 168)

OfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.OfficiantLet us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4–9

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? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: My Song Is Love Unknown (H-458, vs. 1,2,4,7)

1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2. He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow, but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.

4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

7. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King! never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Second Lesson: 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.

Lector	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus (H-158)

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.

3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

4. For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

The Passion Gospel

Evangelist The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them:

Jesus I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Evangelist Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Evangelist Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Evangelist And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Evangelist Then the apostles began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among the apostles as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them,

Jesus The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table?

But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Evangelist And Peter said to Jesus,

Peter Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

Evangelist Jesus said,

Jesus I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

Evangelist Jesus said to his apostles,

Jesus When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

Evangelist They said,

Disciple No, not a thing.

Evangelist Jesus said to them,

Jesus But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

Evangelist They said,

Disciple Lord, look, here are two swords.

Evangelist He replied,

Jesus It is enough.

Evangelist Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Evangelist Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

Evangelist Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JesusWhy are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.EvangelistWhile Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the
twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Evangelist When those who were around Jesus saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciple Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Evangelist Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus No more of this!

Evangelist And he touched the slave's ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness! Evangelist Then the crowd seized Jesus and led him away.

The crowd brought Jesus into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing Peter in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant 1 This man also was with him.

Evangelist But Peter denied it, saying,

Peter Woman, I do not know him.

Evangelist A little later someone else, on seeing Peter, said,

Servant 2 You also are one of them.

Evangelist But Peter said,

Peter Man, I am not!

Evangelist Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting,

Servant 3 Surely this man also was with the prisoner; for he is a Galilean.

Evangelist But Peter said,

Peter Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Evangelist At that moment, while Peter was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,

Jesus Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.

Evangelist And Peter went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldier 1 Prophesy!

Soldier 2 Who is it that struck you?

Evangelist They kept heaping many other insults on Jesus. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Elder 1 If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Evangelist Jesus replied,

Jesus If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Evangelist All of them asked,

Elder 2 Are you, then, the Son of God?

Evangelist Jesus said to them,

Jesus You say that I am.

Evangelist Then they said,

Elder 3 What further testimony do we need?

Elder 2 We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

Evangelist Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus, saying,

Elder 1 We found this man perverting our nation,

Elder 2 forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor,

Elder 3 and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Evangelist Then Pilate asked Jesus,

Pilate Are you the king of the Jews?

Evangelist Jesus answered,

Jesus You say so.

Evangelist Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Evangelist But they were insistent and said,

Elder 1 He stirs up the people

Elder 2 by teaching throughout all Judea,

Elder 3 from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Evangelist When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign.

Herod questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.

That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Evangelist Then all the elders shouted out together,

Elder 2 Away with this fellow!

Elder 3 Release Barabbas for us!

Evangelist (Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd Crucify, crucify him!

Evangelist A third time Pilate said to them,

Pilate Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Evangelist But the Elders kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. Pilate released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Evangelist Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with

him. All stand, as able.

Evangelist When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Evangelist And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Elder 1 He saved others;

Elder 2 let him save himself

Elder 3 if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Evangelist The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldier 1 If you are the King of the Jews,

Soldier 2 save yourself!

Evangelist There was also an inscription over Jesus that read, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying,

Criminal 1 Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Evangelist But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2 Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Evangelist Then he said,

Criminal 2 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Evangelist Jesus replied,

Jesus Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Evangelist It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Evangelist Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence is kept during which some people may wish to kneel.

Evangelist When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, **Centurion** Certainly this man was innocent.

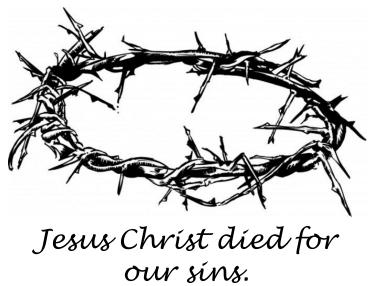
Evangelist And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all Jesus' acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Reflection: Sue Hurn



Prayers of the People and Intercessions

Intercessor: As we enter this holy week, together let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. (silence) Let us pray for the church throughout the world, that our sisters and brothers in every land be renewed in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Keep us in hope of new life. Hold all those who are ill in your loving arms. Keep safe those who are at risk as caregivers, medical and essential staff, praying especially for Lynne Schoer, Cheryl Boscia, Lyndsey Bain, Amy Sundstrom, Karen Furia, Rachel Briden, Paul Correa and Alan Cotnoir. Be with all those who have died from the pandemic and comfort all that mourn for their loss. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Be present, Holy One, with all who are in fear or anxiety; all who face financial uncertainty; those who have lost employment; those who are isolated from loved ones. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the fragile gift of creation, that our world's many scars and sufferings find healing in God's mercy. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the nations of the world, especially where betrayal and injustice reign and God's children perish by the sword of violence. We especially pray for our service members: Jake Knight, Elizabeth Butler and Matthew Paiva. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for those in need-for those who are grieved or distressed, lonely or despairing, ill or in pain especially: Sue, Vinny, Ronnie, Norman, Ray, Denise, Paul, Brad, Elaine, David, Michael, Bob and MJ and any you wish to name silently or aloud....(pause)...Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great**.

Let us pray for all seeking renewal amid these holy days, that we might all be transformed in Christ's love poured out for the word. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great**.

Finally, let us give thanks for the saints, whose faithful witness, even unto death, has given to us the gift of the gospel. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great**.

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

All: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer (BCP 364)

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

Our Father, who are 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 trespassed against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer

Officiant Bow down before the Lord. *All kneel as able.*

Officiant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Dismissal

All stand as the Officiant dismisses the People, who respond: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: O Sacred Head Sore Wounded (H-168)

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 deflower? O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!

2. Thy beauty, long-desired, hath vanished from our sight; thy power 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 for ever! 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 power, 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.