

Welcome to
ST. MARK'S CHURCH

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Red" Book of Common Prayer

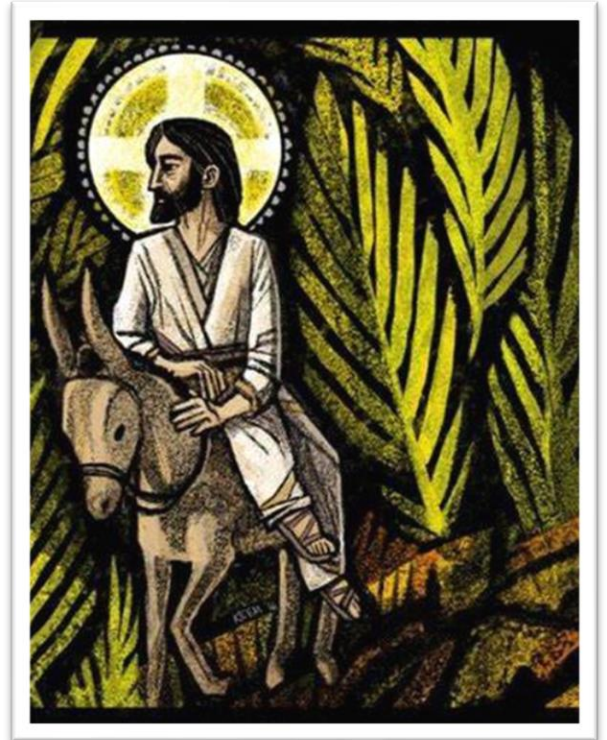
Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal
(Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

Please silence your cell phone



NOTES ON TODAY'S READINGS

Welcome to St. Mark's Church. Today's liturgy is in two parts. The Liturgy of the Palms celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week of his Passion. After we hear Matthew's account of that event, the celebrant gives thanks over the branches of Palm, which we carry. In many congregations, a procession with branches follows as we enact the event that led directly to Good Friday.

The second part of today's liturgy changes from triumph to tragedy as it focuses on the suffering and death of Jesus. The account of the Lord's Passion is read from Matthew's Gospel so that we may have a fuller sense of sharing with him in his redemptive acts of dying and rising for our salvation. The reading from Philippians is an early Christian hymn announcing that Jesus' Lordship is revealed not in power and divinity, but in self-giving love to the point of dying for us, his beloved.

Today we enter into the celebration of the mighty acts of God that brought about our redemption. During this week we will rediscover what God has done for us, rediscover the meaning of our baptism, rediscover the meaning of our sharing in Eucharist.

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Prelude

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER

Celebrant + Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

Celebrant Together, 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.

THE BLESSING OF HOLY WATER

Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into new life, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanses and sanctifies your people: + Bless, we pray you, this water for the service of your holy Church; and grant that it may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Celebrant then says the following blessing over the palms

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.*

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 for ever. *Amen.*

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

LEM Let us go forth in peace.
People *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty and ever living 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 sit.

The Word of God

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi (Pray psalm responsively by half verse)*

- 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

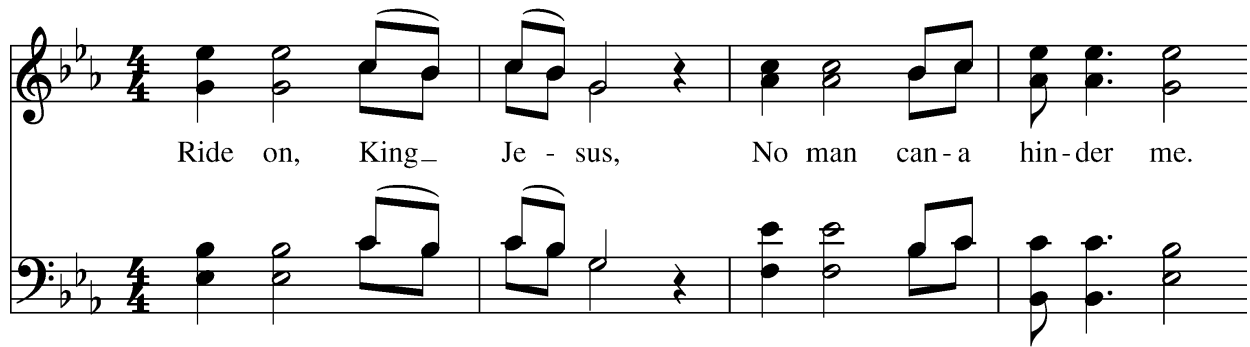
Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from the Book of Paul 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

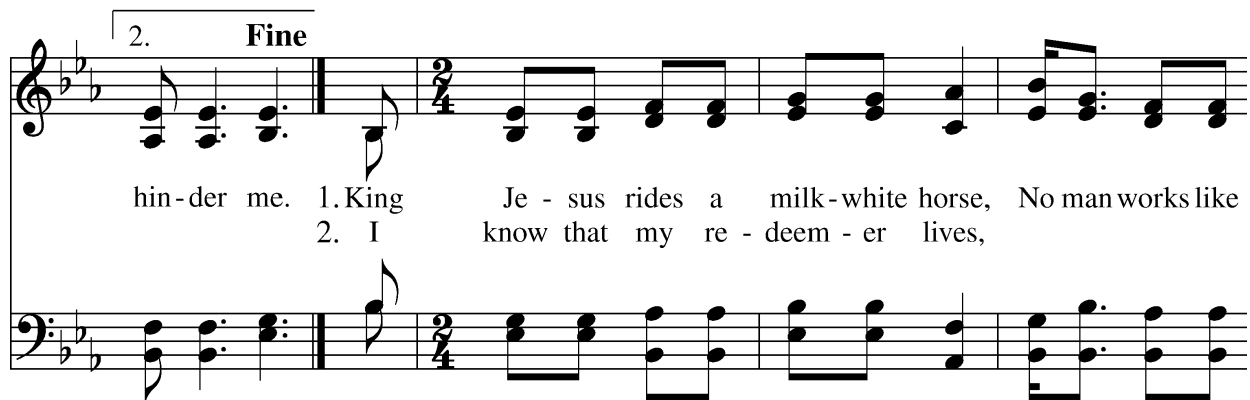
The people stand as they are able.



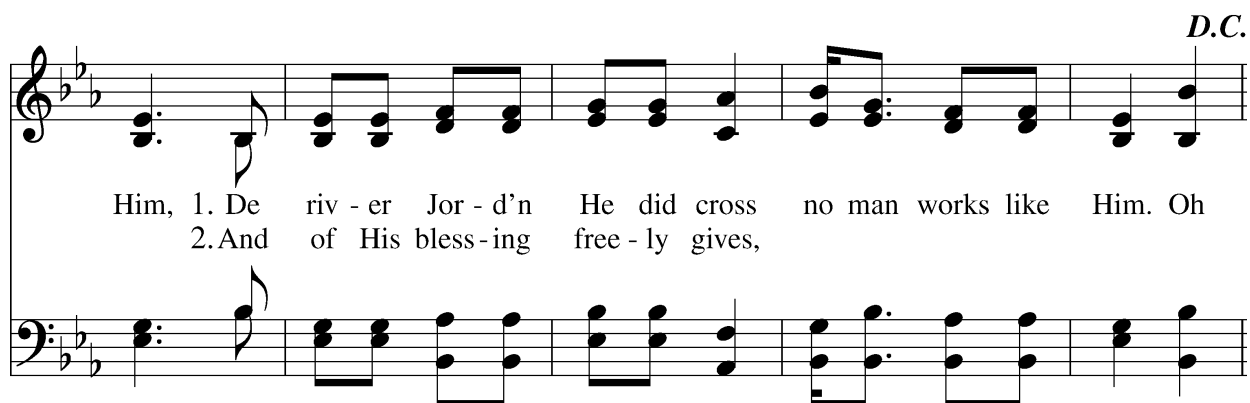
Ride on, King_ Je - sus, No man can - a hin - der me.



Je - sus, ride on, no man can - a hin - der me. 1.
Ride on, King_ Je - sus, ride on, no man can - a hin - der me.



2. **Fine**
hin - der me. 1. King Je - sus rides a milk - white horse, No man works like
2. I know that my re - deem - er lives,



D.C.
Him, 1. De riv - er Jor - d'n He did cross no man works like Him. Oh
2. And of His bless - ing free - ly gives,

The Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

+ *May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.*

The people sit. After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant

As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us pray to God in the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name, saying: ***Hear our prayer, O God.***

Lay Eucharistic Minister

For the Church, that we may be strengthened to take up our cross, follow in his way, and share in his redeeming work. ***Hear our prayer, O God.***

For this parish family, that we who are called to be the community of the crucified One, may empty ourselves as Christ did, serving with unselfish love. ***Hear our prayer, O God.***

For peace in all the world and an end to war and violence, that those in positions of leadership may respond to all who cry out for food, justice, dignity, and peace. ***Hear our prayer, O God.***

For the people of Nashville in their affliction, that they may trust in the God of mercy who will give them the strength to endure. *Hear our prayer, O God.*

For all who must bear the cross each day: for those far from home, those who endure shame or threat, and for the weary and all who suffer, remembering especially the people of Mississippi, the people of Ukraine, those on our prayer list and others commended to our prayers. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* We pray that we may feed on the bread of life and not the bread of anxiety, we pray to you, O God. *Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died. *(The people may add petitions for those they wish to remember.)* May they rest in Christ and be raised into his glory. *Hear our prayer, O God.*

We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life. *(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)* We give thanks this week for Kieran Quinn, Stephen Turner, Marjorie Kulesa and Jason Andria who are celebrating their birthdays.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Kieran, Stephen, Marjorie and Jason as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Palms are given to the Glory of God by John & Diane Stewart in Thanksgiving for their loving church family.

In the communion of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Hear the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

The Announcements

Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you, sisters and brothers, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Amen.* *Romans 12:1*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

The Presentation of Gifts

(At 8:00 a.m.)

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee, Amen.

*6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the

6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er

6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in

6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer C*)

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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
 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Mass of Communion

Holy, Holy, Holy 

Matt Maher, Tam Le, Ike Ndolo Ho . ly, Ho . ly, Ho . ly Lord God of Hosts...

5 

Heaven and earth are full of your glo . ry. Ho . san . na in the high . est...

9 

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho . san . na in the high .

12 

est. Ho . san . na in the high . est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. + Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



The people remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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 – Agnus Dei

Mass of Communion
Lamb of God
Matt Maher, Tam Le, Ike Ndolo

Lamb of God, you take a way the
sins of the world, mi-se-re-re no-bis. Lamb of God, you take a way the
sins of the world, mi-se-re-re no-bis. Lamb of God, you take a way the
sins of the world, do-na-no-bis pa-cem na-no-bis pa-cem.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into four systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 2, 8, 14). The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world, mi-se-re-re no-bis. Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world, mi-se-re-re no-bis. Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world, do-na-no-bis pa-cem na-no-bis pa-cem.'

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. *Amen.*

Communion Norms--*We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris when you come to the rail for communion. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest.*

Communion Hymn

What wondrous love is this

Hymnal 439

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

The Post Communion Prayer for Palm Sunday*(Church of England)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
 2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
 3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
 their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
 for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
 Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
 Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
 thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
 Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

The People Sit.

The Passion Gospel—Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

NARRATOR: Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE: "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

NARRATOR: But he gave him no answer, not 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,

PILATE: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: 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,

PILATE'S WIFE: "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

NARRATOR: 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,

PILATE: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

CONGREGATION: "*Barabbas.*"

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: All of them said,

CONGREGATION: "*Let him be crucified!*"

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CONGREGATION: "*Let him be crucified!*"

NARRATOR: 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,

PILATE: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,

CONGREGATION: *"His blood be on us and on our children!"*

NARRATOR: 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,

CONGREGATION: *"Hail, King of the Jews!"*

NARRATOR: 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.

(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)

NARRATOR: 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,

WOMEN: "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."

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

MEN: "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.'"

NARRATOR: 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,

JESUS: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: that is,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

WOMEN: "This man is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: 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,

WOMEN: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

NARRATOR: 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,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

MEN: "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

NARRATOR: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The people sit.

MEDITATION AFTER THE GOSPEL

Chopin Prelude In B minor, Op. 28 No. 6

The people stand as they are able.

The Blessing for Palm Sunday

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; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Holy Week

From early times Christians have observed the week before Easter as a time of special devotion. As the pilgrim Egeria recorded in the late fourth century, Jerusalem contained many sacred places that were sites for devotion and liturgy. Numerous pilgrims to the holy city followed the path of Jesus in his last days. They formed processions, worshipped where Christ suffered and died, and venerated relics. From this beginning evolved the rites we observe today on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These services provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection. The BCP provides special liturgies for each of these days. The eucharistic lectionary also provides proper readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week. Some parishes observe the service of Tenebrae on one of these days in Holy Week. In many dioceses, the diocesan clergy will make a reaffirmation of ordination vows in the context of a eucharist during Holy Week, usually before Maundy Thursday. The three holy days, or Triduum, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are at the heart of the Holy Week observance. In many Episcopal parishes, the liturgical color for Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday is red. Holy Week ends at sundown on the Saturday before Easter, or with the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

Source: An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S 2023

PALM SUNDAY (SUNDAY OF THE PASSION)—APRIL 2

10:00 a.m. Procession and Holy Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

HOLY WEDNESDAY—APRIL 5

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae (*A service of shadows and light*)

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 6

6:00 p.m. Simple Potluck Supper in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 7

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Beach Methodist Church

41 Mill Rd Westhampton Beach NY 11978

7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 8

6:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter and Holy Baptism

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 9

6:15 a.m. Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Swordfish Beach Club

245 Dune Rd, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir

11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt in churchyard

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by request.



April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday (A)
Week 6: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at iam.ec/lifetransformed or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Week 6

Sunday, April 3

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 6. The topic is based on the practice "Worship" and is titled, "The Gathering of God's People".

Read: Zephaniah 3:12-20

Monday, April 4

Today's Prompt: Listen to the daily office today at missionstclare.com

Read: "Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he will hear my voice." - Psalm 55:17

Tuesday, April 5

Today's Prompt: How do you want to prepare people to remember you?

Read: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God." - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Wednesday, April 6

Today's Prompt: When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open?

Read: "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but it finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When it comes,

it finds it empty, swept, and put in order." - Matthew 12:43-44

Thursday, April 7

Today's Prompt: Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God?

Read: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." - Psalm 119:105

Friday, April 8

Today's Prompt: How did you turn back towards God's love when you made a big mistake?

Read: "I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.'" - Luke 15:18

Saturday, April 9

Today's Prompt: Who can support you in living a Jesus-centered life?

Read: "Our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." - 2 Corinthians 3:6

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Holy Monday (04/03)

Parish Office Closed

Holy Wednesday (04/05)

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae (a service of shadows and light)

Maundy Thursday (04/06)

6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper in Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday (04/07)

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Beach Methodist Church

7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday (04/08)

6:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter and Holy Baptism

(10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Winter Market in the Parish Hall)

Easter Sunday (04/09)

6:15 a.m. Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Swordfish Beach Club

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice in the Church

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt in churchyard

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Serving April 2 at the 10:00 a.m. service

LEM

Madeline Glover

Lector

Dick Gardner

Ushers

Rich Caccavano, Tom Horan

Altar Guild

Victoria Garcia, Lee Wadelfton

Congratulations on the Birthdays of Kieran Quinn, Stephen Turner, Marjorie Kulesa and Jason Andria.

The Palms are given in the Glory of God by John & Diane Stewart in Thanksgiving for their loving church family.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, and Michael Keegan.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Randall Conradi (Req. by Carol Smith) Darrie Cosban (Req. by Jinny Gilmore) Nancy Fraser (Req. by Ki Nobeletti), Roberta Good (Diane Stewart's Sister), Anthony Graviano (Jeannine Graviano's Father), Elaine Hanes (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), Barbara Ireton (Req. by Carol Smith), Cathy Jones (Farmers Market), Stephen Jones (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Cheryl Grove (Friend of Marj Kulesa), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), Fred Meyer (Parishioner), Jock McLean (Parishioner), Sean McLean (Req. by Jock McLean), The Reverend Abigail Murphy (Priest in EDLI), Jeanette Navas (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Sudie Nostrand (Carol John's Sister), Paul Oele (Parishioner), Cassie Panzarino (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Joan Petrella (Parishioner), Rosemary Rees (Victoria Garcia's Sister), Betty-Rose & Stuart Richardson (Req. by Victoria Garcia), Jean Scopinich (Parishioner), John Stewart (Parishioner), and Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia).

If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome Victor Vaccaro from Hampton Pipes who will lead us in our procession this morning.

Easter Candy--We are looking for donations of candy and plastic eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 9th. For safety reasons, we are looking for individually wrapped candies that do not contain nuts.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are now available during each service. If you require one, please ask Fr. Chris at the communion rail.

If you are a new parishioner, we would most appreciate your filling out our Parish Survey form. They are located at the back of the church for your convenience. Completed forms can be returned to the church office. Thank you.

Coffee Hour– Hosts/hostesses are needed to volunteer for Coffee Hour following the 8 & 10 am services. There is a sign-up sheet for April outside of the Parish Hall. Whatever assistance you can offer will be most appreciated. Help is needed for Sunday, April 16, 23 and 30th. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

We Need Your Help on Sunday Mornings as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Acolyte. Please contact John Kern at John@jkernlaw.com.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to dedicate Altar flowers for the Altar in April contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at laura.bott17@gmail.com. There are two vases available for April 16th and one for the 23rd. Each vase is \$40.

Ways to Help the People of Ukraine...When the donated non-perishable items were delivered to the Ukrainian Church in Riverhead we were told that what they need right now are bandages, pain killers, burn care products and **NEW clothing**. A complete list is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please help us collect as much of these necessary items as we can. There is a box for them in the narthex. You can also visit our website at www.stmarkswvb.org for ways to help.

Maureen's Haven: "Thank you" for donations to Maureen's Haven. A box for donations, along with a list of suggested items such as individual containers of non-perishable food, is in the office lobby.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2023: Winter Market in the Parish Hall 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Sunday, March 26 8:00 AM: 20
 10:00 AM 40 (plus 50 households prayed with us online.)
 Total: 60

3/29 Soup and Salad with Movie: 10
3/30 Lenten Book/Video Study: 8
3/30 11:00 AM Midweek Service: 4
3/30 Way of the Cross: 8

Reflection Questions for Today's Readings: Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

1. How would you explain the meaning of the cross as a symbol of your faith? (Matt 27:32-54)
2. What is the biggest challenge, difficulty, or puzzle in your life of faith today? (Isaiah 50:4-9)
3. How has your understanding and vision of a triune God changed in your lifetime? (Phil 2:5-11)

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Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Both services are followed by Coffee Hour

Thursday Services

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing
5:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline

Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Barbara Pettus and Steve Turner.

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