

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting, we offer you a special welcome. If you are with us on Zoom and would like more information about our parish, please send the Zoom Usher a chat message, or email office@stjamesvt.org with your name, where you're from, and your email address. On Zoom, please keep microphones muted for most of the service. If you are reading a lesson or adding a prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself, then mute yourself again. In person, sitting distances may be observed as possible and masks may be worn. Please be mindful of the comfort of others.

The congregation gathers in the Parish Hall to begin this service.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Presider Let us pray.

All 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.

Gospel of the Palms: Luke 19:28-40

The Deacon reads the following

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

The Presider continues the prayer of blessing

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.*

Presider Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People *Hosanna in the highest.*

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace;

People *In the name of Christ. Amen*

Those in person hold branches in their hands and follow the cross into the sanctuary singing the following hymn. If you are at home, hold branches, plants, pieces of cloth or whatever is meaningful, wave them, move around space, or to a porch if you are able.

Hymn: All glory, laud and honor

Hymnal 154

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,

The image shows musical notation for a hymn. It includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Below the staff, there are five numbered lines of lyrics. The first line is the refrain: 'All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!'. The second line continues the refrain: 'to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.'. The third line is the start of the main hymn: '1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,'. The fourth line is: '2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;'. The fifth line is: '3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;'. The sixth line is: '4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;'. The seventh line is: '5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,'. The notation includes various note values, rests, and a double bar line at the end of the piece.

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.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect of the Day

St. Helena Breviary

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you*

Presider Let us pray.

All may say together

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for humanity you sent Jesus to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us an example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we too may walk in the way of the cross, and share in the resurrection; through the one who is our Savior and Redeemer and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector: 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?

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People *Thanks be to God*

The Psalm, Psalms or Canticle Appointed

St. Helena Psalter

Read in a manner chosen by the Presider: direct recitation (unison), antiphonally (side to side) or responsive recitation (leader and people) alternating either by verse or at the asterisk.

Psalm 31:9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O God, 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 the dead, 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 God. *
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."

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Lector: A reading from the Letter 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People Thanks be to God

Bell Anthem: Remembering

John A. Behnke

The Passion Narrative According to Luke 22:14-23:56

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. We will be using St. Gregory's Passion Narrative; the standard reading can be found below.

When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "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." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "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." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "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!" Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "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." And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." He said to them, "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." They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

He 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, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." 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, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

While he 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, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his 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, "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!"

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him 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 him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he 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, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he 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, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" They kept heaping many other insults on him.

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, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "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." All of them asked, "Are

you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

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. He 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, "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."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This 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, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "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." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He 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 him 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, "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?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 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, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "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." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." 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 his 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.

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People

The people stand as able and say the response in italics. During the moments of shared prayer, the Intercessor invites prayers to be offered aloud, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. For those online, please unmute to offer your prayers aloud and then mute again.

Deacon

Like the followers of Jesus before us, we often fail to recognize His claim on our lives. Let us together offer our desires to following in the ways of discipleship and lift our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession saying, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Open our hearts to see you as you draw near to us in our daily lives. Give us eyes that see your truth and hands that open to you in welcome, and give us the will to live this week with you in your journey from triumphant king to crucified messiah. Help us to carve out time to worship fully this holy week.

During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers of thanksgiving to be offered aloud, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People *bear our prayer.*

Send the imperative of love into the leadership of all nations that we might move forward in finding lasting peace.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People *bear our prayer.*

Make us living banners of welcome to those who fear rejection and to those who experience disconnection from you and your church. Draw those who need you most into the circle of a supportive and welcoming congregation. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Luke's Church, Chester; the Rev. Bruce MacDuffie, Transition Priest and in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of England.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People *bear our prayer.*

Give us hands that reach out to the poor and suffering with food, clothing, shelter, and companionship. Give us your heart that we might walk the way of love.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People *bear our prayer.*

Heal the body, mind, and spirit of those who suffer with illness and despair. Bring hope and wellness to all your people. We pray especially for Grace; Kristen; Marie; Foster Borch; David; Laurie Rheame; Neil Eklund; Connie; and Steve.

During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers of intercession to be offered aloud, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Gather the dying to you and relieve those who grieve. Keep us mindful of the promise that we might abide with you now and in the world to come. We pray especially for The Rev. Janet Brown, for Jean her spouse, and for her family and friends as they mourn; and for The Rev. Reed Brown, for Gail his spouse, and for his family and friends as they mourn.

During a pause the Intercessor invites prayers for the dead and for those who mourn to be offered aloud, first from the in-person group and then from online worshippers. After all prayers have been offered, the Intercessor continues.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Presider

God of love and God of suffering, send your spirit to us now that we might companion with you in this special week of worship that leads us to the cross. Unite us to one another in your Son, Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

If you are in person, please feel free to share the peace with those near to you. Please be mindful that some may want a “touchless” peace. In this case, the peace may be shared in various ways such as the prayer to heart position. Please be mindful of others’ need to keep distance. On Zoom, please either open your microphone to share the peace aloud or visually give a sign of peace or share your peace in the chat box.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Presider says

Let us offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good our vows to the Most High.

The people's offerings are gathered and brought to the altar by the ushers to be offered to God. All stand as able.

Offertory Hymn: My song is love unknown

Hymnal 458

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
5 stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

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.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.
Music: Love Unknown, John Ireland (1879-1962)

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Enriching Our Worship Prayer 1

The people remain standing as able. The Presider says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy,*

through Jesus Christ our Savior. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Presider and People

Sanctus

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out

for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Whoever eats this bread

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Principal Canon

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The Presider invites the people to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and adds

All are welcome at God's table.

A moment of silence is observed.

Ushers will guide the congregation to communion. Please come forward to receive communion at the step. We receive communion in both kinds, bread and wine, using a Pouring Chalice and individual cups. If you would like to receive wine, pick up a communion cup in the tray on your right as you approach the steps and leave your empty cup in the other tray as you return to your seat. If you are unable physically to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Please also let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

Communion Hymn: At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal 435

1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 *5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 *6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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Postcommunion Prayer

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The people stand as able. The presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Community Announcements

CLOSING RITE

Solemn Prayer

The Deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people bow or kneel as able and the Presider says

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. *Amen.*

Dismissal

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

Sending Hymn: Would you share Christ's passion?

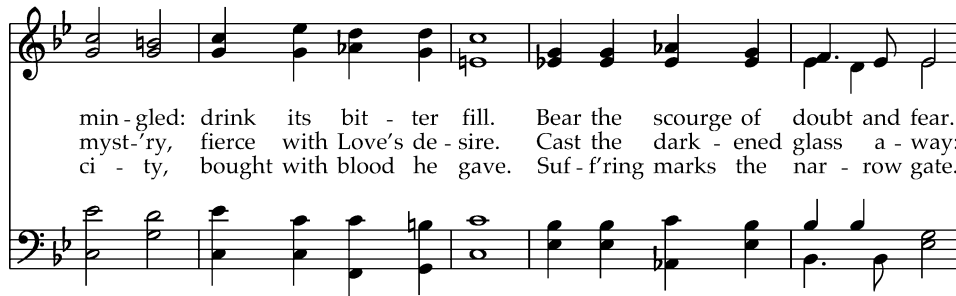
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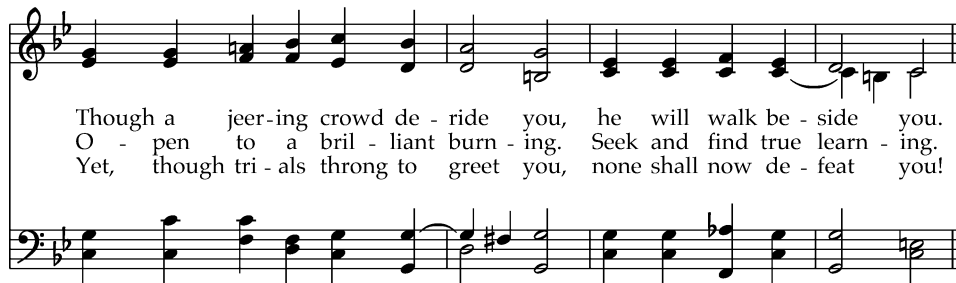
1 Would you share Christ's pas - sion? Take your cross and fol - low;
2 Would you know Christ's mean - ing, daz - zling in its ra - diance?
3 Would you join Christ's tri - umph, o - ver death vic - to - rious,



climb Gol - go - tha's hill. Taste the cup of sor - row, wine and gall com -
Lie down in the fire. Brave the flames of Wis - dom, sear - ing with their
ris - ing from the grave? Pain and grief are fore - courts of the heav'n-ly



min - gled: drink its bit - ter fill. Bear the scourge of doubt and fear.
myst - ry, fierce with Love's de - sire. Cast the dark - ened glass a - way:
ci - ty, bought with blood he gave. Suf - f'ring marks the nar - row gate.



Though a jeer - ing crowd de - ride you, he will walk be - side you.
O - pen to a bril - liant burn - ing. Seek and find true learn - ing.
Yet, though tri - als throno to greet you, none shall now de - feat you!

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Postlude

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Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall.

In addition, please join us for Holy Week and Easter Services listed below.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

April 17th: Maundy Thursday:

Simple Supper (you are invited to bring bread, soup, and/or cheese to share) at 5:30 p.m. at St. James; Worship at 6:15 p.m.

April 18th: Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross at 12:00/Noon – in person at St. James Church

Ecumenical Good Friday Walk—Starting time is 12:30 at St. Thomas Catholic Church, Underhill Center

April 20th: Easter Day:

Festival Eucharist, 10:45 a.m. – PLEASE NOTE TIME – in person and online at St. James Church

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday—Year C

Welcome to St. James Episcopal 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 Luke's account of that event, we give thanks over the branches that we carry. A procession then moves into the church building with festive songs of "Hosanna in the highest!"

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 from Luke's gospel often is read with individuals and congregation taking various parts so that we may have a fuller sense of sharing with him in his redemptive acts of dying and rising for our salvation.

The Old Testament reading is one of Isaiah's poems about the suffering servant of God whose suffering atones for the sin of the people. This passage and others like it are understood by Christians to foretell the suffering and death of Jesus.

The reading from Philippians is an early Christian hymn which announces that Jesus' Lordship is revealed not in the power of his divinity but in self-giving love to the point of dying for us, his beloved. This is the ultimate restoration from exile brought about by Jesus.

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

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Seminarian Intern: Heather Caulfield-Mills

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Narrator: Peggy Bonesteel

Jesus: Monica Moskovics

Peter: Livy Hitchcock

Bystander 1 & 2: Jeannie Pizii

Servant Girl: Karen Robinson

Pilate: Ian Ogelby

Criminal 1 & 2: Frances Huessy

Centurion: Elijah Moskovics

Intercessor: Heather Caulfield-Mills

Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Bonesteel

Musicians: Nancy Roff; Bell Choir: Amy Dandurand—Interim Bell Choir Director

In-Person Ushers: Ron Belair, Jeanette Racine

Minister of Technology: Helen Donahey

Digital Usher: Brian Garland

In Our Prayers

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We remember and pray for St. Luke's Church, Chester; the Rev. Bruce MacDuffie, Transition Priest in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and for The Church of England in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

We pray for those who are sick, recovering from injuries, lonely or grieving, and others who have asked for our prayers: Grace; Kristen; Marie; Foster Borch; David; Laurie Rheaume; Neil Eklund; Connie; and Steve.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn: especially for The Rev. Janet Brown, her spouse Jean, and her family and friends as they mourn; The Rev. Reed Brown, his spouse Gail, and his family and friends as they mourn; the people who have died in global conflicts, especially in Ukraine, Sudan, and Israel and Gaza; the people who have died from violence; and for all the people who mourn these losses.



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