

The Sixth Sunday of Lent: Palm Sunday

Today is a unique day in Lent, and indeed of the whole church year.

The first half of our service remembers days of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, one week before his resurrection. As Jesus entered the holy city, he neared the culmination of a long journey toward Golgotha, a skull-shaped hill where Jesus' crucifixion would unfold. Palm Sunday is the beginning of the end of Jesus' work on earth.

The readings, sermon and music recall this as a day of high emotion – joy and anxiety, honor and fear. Along with the crowds in the reading, we too lift our voices to honor the Redeemer, singing and waving our palm branches.

The celebration does not last. Even as the multitudes lay down their cloaks and wave the palm branches and shouted for joy, the voices who cry out “Hosanna!” will be the same voices who will later cry out “Crucify him!” when we read the Passion.

The Passion (Latin for suffering) is the story of Jesus Christ's arrest, trial and death. It ends with his execution by crucifixion. To remember that we take some part in this story in our own lives, the congregation reads this story as a group. You may have been assigned a specific role last Sunday, but if not, you will be part of the crowd demanding the crucifixion.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 5:30 p.m.

We commemorate three events this night. The washing of the disciples' feet is remembered with handwashing. The institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is celebrated with an Agape feast (Barb Morales has the food sign-up sheet). And the all-night Vigil continues through the night until Friday at noon.

Good Friday

March 29, 12:00 noon

Good Friday is a day of fasting within the wider Church. Our service is quiet and subdued, and consists of prayer, and a re-telling of the Passion.

Ministers

Altar Guild	Mary Dillivan
Sound	Robert Rumbolz
Hospitality Greeter	Laura Greathouse
Liturgy Greeter	Martha Moewes
Worship Leader	Steve Nickles
Reader	Doug Ramier
Preacher	Charlotte Patrick
Intercessor	Katy Lytle
Musicians	Tom & Kathy Walker
	Rob Rumbolz
	Mike Galagan
	Martine Grant
	Kasandra Fells
Presider	Megan Nickles
Communion Servers	Jim Morales
	Tim Glatzer
Communion Bread	Doug & Lynda Ramier
Coffee Hour	Meg & Steve Nickles

Prayers

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa
 Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee; Diocesan Staff;
 St. Barnabas', Saratoga

Richard & Jennifer; Richmond & Rich; Nelson & Nancy; Carolyn & Family; Laurel & Rusty; Hunter, Charlotte & Mike; Hugh B. & Marge; Lee & Kelly; Margie & Josey; Tim & Alex; Tim & Lynnae; Bobbi & Bentley; Bob & Charlotte; Douglas, Mickey, Mike G., Cynthia, Carra, Rob R., Kathy E., Martha, Tammy, Rob K., Bobby B., Larry, Irene, Nancy, Alan, Katy, Marlynn, Sue, Kahli, Ron and Jane	Daryn, Justin, Jacob, Patrick, Reece, Coleman, and Bryce who are serving in the military. Ann & Don who reside in care centers.
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Celebrations

Birthday: Nancy Fees—25th, Grant Dillivan—26th, Natalie Dillivan—26th, Charlotte Grover—28th, Rebekah Mason—29th

Gather

The chimes sound. We are called to quiet.

Hymn

We stand.

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die, O Christ, your tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
pomp ride on to die, Bow your meek head to

sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes to see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said: "The most important commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

and with all your soul

and with all your mind

and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

There is no commandment greater than these."

Psalm One Hundred Eighteen *Selected verses*

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Litany of Forgiveness

Gracious God, we acknowledge that we need not be delivered from demons that possess and control us; but that we must know that we are constantly and quietly influenced by them.

We keep silence.

Deliver us from the ordinary demons eager to corrupt and pollute, dissuading us from choices which cultivate faith and virtue.

Lord, in your mercy, deliver and redeem us.

Deliver us from vain worries for the future, and the comfort of imaginary virtue. Guide us to seek first your kingdom, living into our calling in the present, sharpening active virtue against the whetstone of the needs of today.

Lord, in your mercy, deliver and redeem us.

Deliver us from the refusal which prevents us from following your call into the desert. Guide us through the peaks and valleys, help us to rejoice in times of plenty and in scarcity.

Lord, in your mercy, deliver and redeem us.

Deliver us from the indifference that allows our spirits to drift; deliver us from the slow parting from you that unfolds over a thousand tiny steps. Guide us with the rude interruptions to our spiritual slumber which remind us to move toward you with joy.

Lord, in your mercy, deliver and redeem us.

Deliver us from the desire of conquest, the need to crush enemies, and dominate neighbors. Guide us to be gardeners of your creation.

Lord, in your mercy, deliver and redeem us.

Deliver us from seeing our faith as a vehicle to some personal or political end, no matter how lofty that end may be. Guide us to release our ego from our actions and to learn holy discernment from Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy, deliver and redeem us.

Deliver us from fatigue and weakness, from faltering steps, and from surrender to the false rest of complacency. Guide us into passionate active service, loving others, and proclaiming the resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy, deliver and redeem us. Amen.

Kyrie

The cantor sings through once, we then sing twice together.

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Lord have mer – cy.

Christ have mer – cy.

Lord have mer - cy

Scripture

We sit.

Good and gracious God, as we turn our ears to scripture,
we ask that you turn our hearts:
may your words be a beacon, guiding us from darkness to light,
despair to hope, and from fear to security
in your eternal embrace. **Amen.**

A reading from _____.

After the Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing the Palms

We stand.

Holy God, you reveal the truth about your people and the ways of our world
in the suffering of the Son and his steadfast love.


On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed as
King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his
way. Let our palms be for us signs of his love and compassion, and grant that we who
bear them in his name may ever welcome him as our liberator,
and follow him in the way that leads to freedom, justice and joy.

Amen.

Palm Celebration


The cantor sings the verses, we sing the verse response and the refrain. We repeat the refrain the last time through.

Cantor:




1. When they heard that Je - sus was com - ing,
2. Spread their cloaks and branch - es be - fore him,
3. Blest is he, like Da - vid be - fore him.
4. Guid - ing cloud and pil - lar of fire,
5. Word of God, and first - born of peo - ple,

Assembly:



Sing ho - san - na to the cho - sen one!

Cantor:



All the peo - ple went out to meet him.
Chil - dren sang with palm branch - es wav - ing.
Blest is he, God's bless - ing up - on him.
Sa - tan's foe and friend of the sin - ner.
Prom - ise kept, the crown of cre - a - tion.

Assembly:



Sing ho - san - na to the cho - sen one! Sing ho - san - na,



sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na to the cho - sen one!

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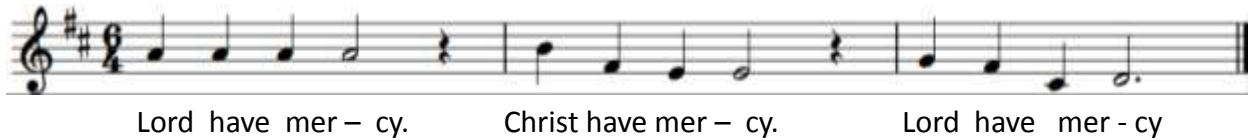
Sermon

Prayers

In this Holy Season of Lent, a time for repentance, reflection, and renewal.

We respond to "Let us pray to the Lord," singing together:

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God of steadfast love, guide us through this season, that we may open ourselves to renewal and growth and answer your call to return to you with our whole heart. Grant that the prayers we offer may be a channel for new and abundant life through faithful word and works. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior taught us, we now pray.

**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.

Peace

We stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We may greet one another in the name of God.

Offertory

As we entrust our lives to your care, O Lord,
so do we entrust our offerings to your service.

Music

"What the Lord Has Done In Me," Reuben Morgan.

Great Thanksgiving

We stand.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you always, Creator God, because you have made the world in all its complexity. You have given humanity abundant good things. Yet you have also given us the capacity for dark choices and anxiety. You have provided us with paths leading to wisdom through deprivation and suffering.

And you have shown us, through the incarnation of your love in Jesus Christ, the way of reconciliation through letting go of self and material concerns, seeking first the compassionate realm of God.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with all the company of the heavens, and with all the creatures of the earth, who forever sing their hymns to proclaim the glory of your name:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ever Living God, you have created the world out of nothingness. You are present in both the darkness and the light. You have created humanity from the dust of the earth, and have given us the ability to choose between good and evil.

You have called your prophets and champions from among the lowly. You have formed your people through wanderings in the desert and through exile in foreign lands. In your creative thirst to be known to us, you have entered into our struggles, coming among us in the human person of Jesus, the Christ.

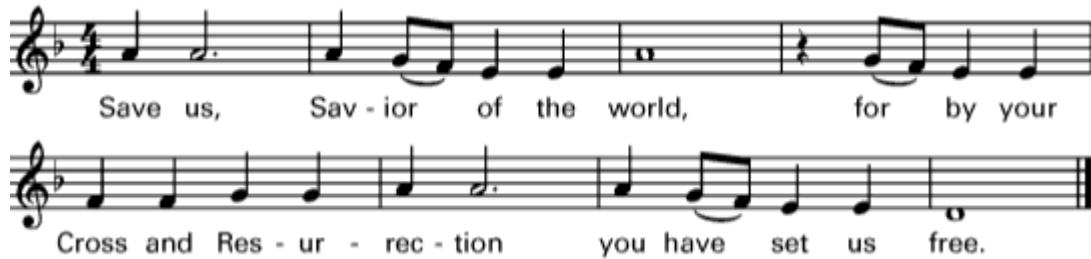
He was conceived amid scandal, born in want, raised in obscurity. With us he embraces hunger and thirst, temptation, rejection, doubt, grief, suffering and death. On the night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying,

“Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said,

“Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim this mystery of faith:



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

Now in this sacred rite of thanksgiving and praise we celebrate the saving work of Jesus. For in him the cross, the instrument of torture and death, has been transformed into the sign of reconciliation and abundant life.

Recalling his life, his teaching, his death and resurrection, we offer these gifts of bread and wine. Spirit of Compassion, breathe upon them now, making them for us the very body and blood of your incarnate love, the Christ.

And breathe your Spirit into us so that, having partaken of this sacramental meal in faith, we may serve you in unity, constancy and peace, and may dwell forever in the joy of communion with you.

All this we ask through the Christ, who is the human and cosmic incarnation of your Love. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of your Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Creator God, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Breaking Bread

The leader breaks the bread. Silence is kept.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.

We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. You may receive only bread or only wine, or both. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.

Receiving the bread and wine is a central act of worship in the Episcopal Church.

Music

“How Deeply I Need You,” Darrell Evans.

“I Need You More,” Lindell Cooley.

The Passion

We read together the events of the final period before the death of Jesus, described in the four canonical gospels.

When the communal reading is over, we leave in complete silence.

Sources

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