



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist

April 5, 2020

The Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***
Celebrant 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 Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:1-11*

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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.
People ***Hosanna in the highest.***
Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People ***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

Entrance Hymn 154: "All Glory, Laud, And Honor"

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

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels is praising thee on high;
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to St. Matthew

The Gospel Narrative: *(Pages 2-4)*

EVANGELIST: Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples:

JESUS: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

EVANGELIST: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them:

JESUS: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

EVANGELIST: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed:

JESUS: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me: yet not what I want but what you want.

EVANGELIST: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter:

JESUS: So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

EVANGELIST: Again he went away for the second time and prayed:

JESUS: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

EVANGELIST: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them:

JESUS: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

EVANGELIST: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying:

JUDAS: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

EVANGELIST: At once he came up to Jesus and said:

JUDAS: Greetings, Rabbi!

EVANGELIST: And kissed him.

JESUS: Friend, do what you are here to do.

EVANGELIST: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him:

JESUS: Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

EVANGELIST: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds:

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

EVANGELIST: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said:

CONGREGATION: This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and build it in three days."

EVANGELIST: The high priest stood up and said:

HIGH PRIEST: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

EVANGELIST: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him:

HIGH PRIEST: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

JESUS: You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

EVANGELIST: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said:

HIGH PRIEST: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

CONGREGATION: He deserves death.

EVANGELIST: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying:

CONGREGATION: Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

EVANGELIST: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came to him and said:

SERVANT GIRL 1: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

EVANGELIST: But he denied it before all of them, saying:

PETER: I do not know what you are talking about.

EVANGELIST: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders:

SERVANT GIRL 2: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

EVANGELIST: Again he denied it with an oath:

PETER: I do not know the man.

EVANGELIST: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter:

CONGREGATION: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

EVANGELIST: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath:

PETER: I do not know the man!

EVANGELIST: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

EVANGELIST: When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said:

JUDAS: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

CONGREGATION: What is that to us? See to it yourself.

EVANGELIST: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said:

HIGH PRIEST: It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

EVANGELIST: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him:

PILATE: Are you the King of the Jews?

JESUS: You say so.

EVANGELIST: 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?

EVANGELIST: 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?

EVANGELIST: 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 "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priest and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them:

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

CONGREGATION: Barabbas.

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

CONGREGATION: Crucify Him!

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done?

EVANGELIST: But they shouted all the more:

CONGREGATION: Crucify Him!

EVANGELIST: 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.

EVANGELIST: Then the people as a whole answered:

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

EVANGELIST: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging the 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!

EVANGELIST: 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. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

(Here, all stand, if they are not doing so already.)

EVANGELIST: 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:

CONGREGATION: 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.

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

CONGREGATION: 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."

EVANGELIST: 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?

EVANGELIST: That is, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said:

CONGREGATION: This man is calling for Elijah.

EVANGELIST: 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:

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

EVANGELIST: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

*(Silence is kept for a few moments,
during which some may wish to kneel.)*

EVANGELIST: 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. 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!

Sermon

"Ya Baby, We Can Do This"
The Rev. Roger Hungerford

Hymn: "Above All"

*Stephen Bell
Leanne Whalen Klauss*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements

Prayers of the People

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

For the Universal Church, its members, and your mission into the world through it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the United States of America, for our government and our military, and for all who are in positions of authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the world; especially for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the concerns of this community, especially concerning this pandemic. Please, Lord, put down this virus that it might take no more lives and cause no more suffering.

(Pause) We also pray for all those who are on our church’s prayer list, for those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and for those who are suffering silently among us today, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the courage to ask honest questions of ourselves and to seek your truth in our lives; help us, Lord, to stand strongly for the weak, to speak loudly for the oppressed, and to defend boldly the innocent, that one day you may speak to us those blessed words, “Well done good and faithful servants, come into my joy.” Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.* Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Closing Hymn 172: “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh!

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Blessing & Dismissal

Flower Dedications

Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer:

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Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

Great Expectations

The coming birth of a baby to Clay & Tiffanie Coleman

Prayers for Discernment

Rachel Iversen

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Lance Breeding, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston,

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