



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**  
**April 9, 2017 at 8:00am**

**Welcome!** Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Holy Communion.

**The Liturgy of the Palms**

*Palm branches will be distributed.*

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

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving 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 Blessing of the Palms**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God 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. *(Please raise palms for blessing.)*

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.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## 1st Lesson

## Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 118:19-29 *read responsively, by verse*

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

**"This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

**The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD'S doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*  
LORD, send us now success.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

**"You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

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

**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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** *Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher*

*The Rev. Mike Angell*

**The Prayers of the People** *standing or kneeling*

*Book of Common Prayer, p.388*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for George Wayne, our Bishop; for our companion relationship with the Diocese of Lui in South Sudan; and in this diocese for All Saints' Church in St. Louis and Church of the Ascension in Northwoods. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those who will celebrate their birthday this week: Jeanette Robey, Mary Allen, Joy Last, Kristi Mochow, Ajike Deinbo, Babatunde Dienbo, Cathryn Scoopmire, Pat Redington, and Suzy Wagy; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially all those on our prayer list and those we pray for now, silently or aloud; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

**The Peace** *Please stand*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements** *seated*

**Presentation of the Offering** *please stand*

All things come of thee, O Lord.

**And of thine own have we given thee.**

**Eucharistic Prayer B** *standing*

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.*

*In response all say:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The presider gives thanks to God for the redeeming work of Christ, and remembers the last supper between Jesus and his disciples. The people are invited to respond to the words:*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The presider concludes with prayer for the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and the gathered congregation. The Eucharistic prayer concludes with a plea for the coming of the Reign of God.*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer, p.364*

**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**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**Grant us peace.**

### **Administration of the Sacrament**

*You are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the consecrated bread and wine. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar rail during communion and cross your arms across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available, on request, from the minister.*

**Post Communion Prayer** *kneeling or standing*

*Book of Common Prayer, p.365*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew**

*Please be seated. At the mention of the word "Golgotha", please stand as you are able.*

*The priest and congregation will depart in silence.*

**Worship Leaders**

Celebrant	The Rev. Marc Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Mike Angell
Lector	Alison Nash
Passion Gospel Reader	Lisa Hummel
Intercessor	Marvin Alexander
Chalice	Butch Sterbenz
Acolyte	Earl Bonds
Usher/Greeter	Sondra Ellis
Altar Guild	Earl Bonds, Martha Bonds

*Lord, hear our prayer...* Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Betty Adams	Dick Johnson	Clydia Powers
Anne Burdett	Doris Jones	Richard Powers
Larry Bushon	Jim Krieg	Alma Shuler
Henry Cummings	Ernie Last	Liz Tarpy
Gayle Danielson	Bryan Miller	Jerry Taylor
Marie-José Fraley	Erin Murphy	Eduardo Teming
Sara Green	Chris Nawrocki	
Regina Hoernschemeyer	Amy Ondr	

To request prayers for a family member or yourself, or remove a name from the list, contact the parish office at 314-721-7401.

## *Holy Week and Easter Schedule*

### **Maundy Thursday, April 13**

7:00pm Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing  
and Stripping of the Altar

8:00pm Potluck Soup Supper

*Please sign up to bring soup, salad, bread or fruit.*

### **Good Friday, March 25**

12:00pm Spoken Service

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Choral Service

### **Holy Saturday, April 15**

*Please bring a small flashlight.*

10:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

*A reception follows in Mitchell Parish Hall. (See details below.)*

### **Easter Sunday, April 16**

8:00 am Spoken Eucharist

10:30am Choral Eucharist

11:45am Easter Egg Hunt

## **Announcements**

**Easter Flower** dedications are now being received. Sign up in the Lounge. Donations may be **made** online (holychommunion.net) or by check in the alms basin, noted “Easter Flowers”, together with your dedication text.

**Adult Forum** (9:00) The clergy lead an inter-generational conversation about Holy week, giving us a preview of the week ahead. There will be no Adult Forum on Easter.

**Sunday Morning Breakfast** (9:00) A delicious, hot breakfast is served every Sunday morning (except Easter) in Mitchell Parish Hall. (Suggested donation of \$2 per person)

**Reception following the Great Vigil of Easter** If you need additional incentive to attend the Great Vigil of Easter at 10:30pm on Saturday, April 15, the festivities aren’t just about worship. After the Vigil we’ll pop corks on sparkling beverages. You’re invited to bring your favorite chocolate or other treat to share.

**The next dates for Holy Baptism** are April 15 at the Great Vigil of Easter and Sunday, April 23. Please speak to the Rector to schedule a baptism.



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