

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

PRELUDE... ..Nimrod... .. Edward Elgar

The Liturgy of the Palms

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing. The following said, the people standing

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.*

Here a Deacon reads the following

A reading from the Gospel of 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."

Deacon: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

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.*

The following may then be said

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People ***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn

Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #154

Celebrant: 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.***

Old Testament A Reading from Book of Isaiah (50:4-9a)

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? The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 31:9-16 Confitemini Domino Page 623, BCP

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." Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*

Epistle

A reading from Paul's Letter to the 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. Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 458 (1-3)

The Holy Gospel

The shorter form of the Passion begins here.

[*Matthew 27:11–54*]

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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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 the crowd,

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

Narrator For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and the elders had handed Jesus over.

While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

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 the crowd said,

Servant 1 Barabbas.

Narrator Pilate said to them,

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

Narrator All of them said,

Servant 2 Let him be crucified!

Narrator Then Pilate asked,

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator But the crowd shouted all the more,

Servant 1 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,

Servant 2 His blood be on us and on our children!

Narrator So Pilate 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 Jesus 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,

Soldier Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator They spat on Jesus, 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, the soldiers came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross.

All stand.

And when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

Over Jesus' head they put the charge against him, which read,

Soldier This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Narrator Then two bandits were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

- Passerby 1* You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself!
- Passerby 2* 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 Jesus, saying,
- C. Priest* He saved others; he cannot save himself.
- Scribe* He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.
- Elder* He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said, "I am God's Son."
- Narrator* The bandits who were crucified with Jesus 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,
- Bystndr 1* 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,
- Bystndr 2* Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.
- Narrator* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence may be kept.

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!

Sermon Hymn-Hymnal 1982- #458 (4-7)

The Sermon

Cn. Donald Woodrum

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your lovingkindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Priest says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn- 1982 Hymnal- #585

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***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.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymnal 1982 - S130 – Sanctus (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in

this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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 your 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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Hymnal 1982 – S164 – Fraction Anthem - Agnus Dei (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 313

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***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.***

Blessing:

The Priest offers a blessing.

Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 474

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

The People respond Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE... ..Fugue in D Major... . J.S. Bach

PRAYER LIST The prayers of the parish are requested for: The family of Robert Cannon (Roylyn Johnson's brother), the family of Martie Erskine, the family of Norma Morton, the family of Robert Hebble(Thom Thomas colleague), Jan Gurniak, Meredith Mobley, Fr. George Hinchliffe, the family of Jim Poulos, the family of Mary Davis, Elaine Fletcher, the family of Sarah Grantham (Tammy Boggus' mother), the family of Lillian Mayfield (Stevan McCall's grandmother), Katie Daniels, Frances Decker, Allison Scott, Dan Daniels, the family of Tom Dennis, DeLaine Cribb, Craig Jacobsen, Kris Cheatham, Joy Galler, Ann Thompson, Betty Sue Halberg, Kaila Hardee, Kristen Braddy, Johnny & Kimberly Cole, Fifika Shearer, Glenn Miller, Vivian Bass, Bill Green, Nicholas Hammond, Kim Buchannan, Sister Maria Ann, Ted Doty, Susan Jordan, Brent Trost, Mtr. Tulia, Louise Daughtry, Pam Sheley, Brisa, Lucille Stranch, David McDowell, Robbie Finley, Hunter Finley, Joan Miller, Bill Taylor, Jane Davis, Fr. John Dixon, Larry Coleman, Brittany Smith, Morgan Shrubbs, John Evan Burt, Raymond George, Jeannie Bey, The Rev. Godsmark, Dotty Stone, Lucy DeMartino, Dina James, Terrance Webb, James & Jackie Kent, Eleanor Bennett, Bill & Diana Kosty, Tyla Edwards, Jean Peters, Gail Mickel, Laura Ann Fouraker Gardner, Linda Sealy, Austin Richmond, Hasan, Susanne Walters, Russell Johnson, Nikki Landrum, Phyllis Taylor, Bob Stross, Janice Revet, Pat Ritter, Robert Cannon, Chris & Kathy Thomas, Cole Thomas, Gwyn Herrington, Carolyn Crosby, Mendy Morgan, Darlene Jones, Christine Bush, and Nick Poulos

Our soldiers deployed: Jonathan Richichi, James Smith, Casey Brewer,

Sean Beegle, Cody Beegle, Edward Owen and stateside; Matthew Beegle, Lincoln Queale, Brent Trost, Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, and Robert Ice.

Pray for the Diocese of Cuba, our companion church: Fielés á Jesus, and their rector Mtr. Tulia. Pray for Dukatole and the children. St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Madison, The Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church - Newberry and their new school.

CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Mark's in Jacksonville, Trinity Parish in Saint Augustine, St Teresa Prison Ministry at Wakulla Correctional Institution, St. Paul's by the Sea in Jacksonville Beach, St. Mary's Mission in Jacksonville, St. Peter's in Jacksonville, St. Christopher's Episcopal Mission in Flagler Beach.

ALL CHURCH WORSHIP AND PHYSICAL MEETINGS ARE BEING SUSPENDED UNTIL APRIL 30 OR FURTHER NOTICE. We will reassess then and keep you up to date on all correspondence with Diocese, State and Local Officials.

Please keep in touch by phone, email and other virtual means.

*****Recorded services on the WATCH SERVICES page of stlukesliveoak.org.*****

DEACON'S CORNER Henri Nouwen put it very simply, "Prayer heals." Prayer heals not only because of God's answer to our prayers, but it also heals the one who prays. So as we go through this time of separation and fear of the Corona virus, my prayer for all of us is that as we pray, we

will also find profound healing for our own souls. May we be free from anything that would prevent us from being radiant with the glory and peace of God. We do trust Him to provide protection for us and for those we pray for. Please remember to pray for our friends in Cuba – their lives are much worse than ours.

FOOD PANTRY- The food pantry will remain open at this time on Mondays and Thursdays 9a-12:30p. We are allowing for pick up outside and adhering to social distance protocols.

SICK? IN THE HOSPITAL? Please do not hesitate to call Deacon Lydia (386) 362-8737 or call the church office (386)219-0122 to coordinate a visitation or be put on the prayer list. Stay in Touch!

THANK YOU CALL MINISTRY A coordinated effort of parishioners are calling each member of St. Luke's to check on them and make sure important information is being communicated during this time. Thank you call missionaries! Stay in touch!

TITHES CONTRIBUTIONS AND OFFICE: Several members of St. Luke's have made contact asking how best to contribute their tithes or offerings for our various other ministries. Checks for all offerings may be mailed to the address provided below.

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 1238
Live Oak, FL 32064**

You can also set up your online banking (bill pay) for regular or one-time contributions. If you need help setting this up, Jasmine can be reached at (386) 362-1837 or via email at jasmine@stlukeslive.org.

She will be able to walk you through the process.

Due to the nature of the COVID-19 virus, we are also taking steps to limit exposure to our church staff. Please, to the extent possible, conduct church business by email or telephone. Also, as part of this transition, Lynn will conduct bookkeeping and financial operations on Thursdays from 9:30-4:30 and will be available by telephone or email to answer questions or discuss financial matters with members of the church. Jasmine will be available for normal business hours, although may be working from home when possible.

This week, as you know, is Holy Week and there are plenty of opportunities to tune into a service at facebook/stlukesliveoak.org:

Maundy Thursday @6pm

Good Friday @12pm

Easter Sunday @ 11am

***These are also available on our website: stlukesliveoak.org on the "Watch Services" page (note name change). They aren't LIVE, but should be available within 24 hours of service