

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday March 24, 2024

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.
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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *Out of the Depths: Three Essays on a Chorale* Joel Martinson (b.1960)
III. Fugue

Processional Hymn 156: *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*

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.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Lesson: *Mark 11:1-11a*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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.**

Celebrant 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 your palm branches.*

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 the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn 154: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

THE WORD OF GOD

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

The 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Hymn 168: *O Sacred Head*

The Passion Gospel

Hymn 172: *"Were You There"*

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence* O God, your Son endured triumphs and terrors in his return to Jerusalem. Give endurance to your people this holy week, and help us to enter into the account of Jesus's last days.

People **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

We give thanks to you for all those who walk this life with us, especially those closest to our hearts. Strengthen the bonds of our affection and turn our hearts to one another in compassion and grace. Be with those who struggle with loneliness; fill them with the knowledge of your care, and help us to be agents of your love to them. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

O God, you have filled the world with beauty. We thank you for the sun, the greening grass, and the spring crocus. Open our eyes to behold the beauty of your creation in this and every season and help us to be good stewards of the earth.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Almighty God, guide the nations of the world in the way of justice and truth, and establish among us that peace which passes all understanding. We pray that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

God of peace and justice, we pray for all involved in the conflict in the Middle East, Ukraine, Haiti, and all those in war-torn countries. Provide safe havens for civilians and refugees, sustain those working to provide relief, and comfort those who mourn the dead. Guide the global community on the path to end the conflict and violence. Gather all your people under the banner of the Prince of Peace. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who are sick or sorrowing, including those on our prayer list, and all whose struggles are known to you alone. *Pause* Bless them with your presence, comfort, and healing power, and help us to do what we can to turn their sorrow into joy. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for those we love but see no longer. May they have rest and peace in your presence. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

O God, we acknowledge that you are the God of all people, the God of all generations. We gratefully acknowledge the love that you have shown to us by way of Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for our lives, which are in your hands; for our souls, which are in your keeping; and for the signs of your presence we encounter everyday. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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Offertory Anthem: *Was Ever Love Like Thine?* Paul A. Aitken (b. 1970)
The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Behold the Savior of mankind nailed to the shameful tree; how vast the love that him inclined to bleed and die for thee! Hark how he groans! While nature shakes and earth's strong pillars bend! The temple's veil in sunder breaks, the solid marbles rend. 'Tis done! the precious ransom's paid! "Receive my soul!" he cries; see where he bows his sacred head! He bows his head and dies! But soon he'll break death's envious chain and in full glory shine. O Lamb of God, was ever pain, was ever love like thine?

Offertory Hymn 171: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

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

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.
People **Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

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

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has 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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: *O Lamb of God*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Voluntary: *Ah, Holy Jesus* arr. Matthew Compton
The St. Andrew's Junior Handbell Choir

Communion Hymn 173: *O Sorrow Deep*

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The Blessing

Celebrant 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.**

Closing Hymn 158: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Please remain standing for the silent procession

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**