

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024
10:00 AM



A warm welcome to all who come to worship at St. John's this day. We are glad you are here! If you are visiting with us, we would like to get to know you better, so please fill out a visitor's card found in the pew and place in the offering plate.

There is no wrong way to worship. The people's responses are in bold and instructions for sitting, standing, and kneeling are in italics. We invite you to participate in the way that feels most comfortable and authentic to you.

The congregation is invited to gather in the church courtyard, weather permitting. Palm crosses will be distributed. Those who would prefer not to stand and process may be seated in the Nave.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant
People

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

John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

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. 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.**

The congregation is invited to process into the church while the organ plays. Once in your pew, please remain standing. Once the congregation is in the pews, the following Collect is said.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 154, omit verse 5

All glory laud and honor

Sung by all.

Valet will ich dir geben

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and ever living 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 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, on God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

LEM The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

All sing antiphon as indicated.



⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

Antiphon

¹¹I 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.

¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

Antiphon

¹³For 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.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God.

Antiphon

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.”

Antiphon

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LEM The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 158, verses 1-3

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Sung by all.

Herzliebster Jesu

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ (see insert)

Mark 15:1-39

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. You are invited to participate at the **bolded** verses. At the underlined verse, all stand as able.*

Sequence Hymn 158, verses 4-5

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Sung by all.

Herzliebster Jesu

The people are seated.

The Sermon

The people stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

Lector Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ,
People **and lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

Lector Lead each member of your church in humility as we walk together. Guide our bishops and priests and deacons so that your glory may be revealed through them in your word and sacraments.

People **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

Lector Lead the authorities of every country in the way of justice for all of their citizens and peace between neighbors and nations.

People **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

Lector Lead each us to reach out our hands and hearts in love where there is suffering and anxiety, sickness and grief.

People **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

Lector Lead us to lead lives that please you as we walk this earth so that with those who have died we may join you in our eternal home.

People **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

Celebrant All this we ask, O Lord, in Jesus's name, the one who lived and moved among us in our broken world, and who loves us still. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we now prepare ourselves for the gift of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, both in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. Here at St. John's, it is tradition that people stand as the elements are brought forward and are seated once the bread and wine are on the altar.

Offertory Anthem

When I survey the wondrous cross

Gilbert Martin

Doxology

Hymn 380, verse 3

Sung by all.

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

Together

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____

Hea-ven and earth are full _____ full _____ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes _____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant 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:

Together **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is your, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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 Fraction

Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



The Invitation to Holy Communion

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. While we believe that it is most meaningful when done as a baptized Christian, no one will ever be turned away from God's table.

Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

***We encourage everyone to receive the bread, consume it, and then drink from the common cup. For more information on the relative safety of this practice, please see the E-Signs from February 9th. While we encourage you to drink from the cup or receive only the bread, there is also an option for the priest to intinct (dip) your wafer before placing it in your hand. Please indicate if this is your preference by cupping your palms together as the priest reaches you. If you choose to receive bread only with no wine, you may simply cross your arms across your chest when the chalice reaches you. ***

The people stand or kneel as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The people stand as able.

Hymn 435, verses 1-4

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow

Sung by all.

King's Weston

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

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