



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, YEAR B

Liturgy of the Palms & Liturgy of the Word

March 28, 2021

10 A.M.

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## INTROIT

Oculi omnium

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine  
et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.  
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
Glory be to God. Amen.

Words: Psalm 145:16 Music: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

*The invitation to worship is sounded with the ringing of the bell. If you have “palms” (either crafted or cut from your lawn), have them ready for the hymn following.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider: 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

MARK 11:1-11

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

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

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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

All glory, laud, and honor (154, *The Hymnal 1982*)

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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 FIRST LESSON**

ISAIAH 50:4-9

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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 31:9-16**

John Goss

- 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."

## THE SECOND 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.**

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3 and 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.  
 Music: *Herzlich tu mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hessler (1564-1612), adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

*The Passion Gospel is read by members of the congregation. Please see the separate leaflet, and join in saying the parts for the Crowd. We will NOT stand. At the end of the Gospel, a period of silence is observed before the Prayers of the People.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [The Rev. Keri Aubert]

### *Intercessor and People*

Even the most barren landscapes contain seeds of life awaiting a season favorable for emergence. With gratitude for God's creative and re-creative power, we pray for the church and for the world.

We pray for Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic church, that all who proclaim Jesus' name may find unity of purpose in humble service to others. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all in authority around the world, including the elected and appointed officials of this nation, that they may see in every person the image of God. We pray especially for the President and Vice-President, Congress, Supreme Court, governors of all states, and mayors of all towns. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all that you have created and named good, especially the land, sea, sky, and life surrounding us, that it may be cherished in the present and preserved for the future. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray that our nation will continue the turning necessary to resolve its sinful legacy of slavery and racism, that all Americans may at last attain the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for St. Thomas's Church and Day School, that we may continue to cultivate our unique gifts for making this a better world. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for the children and youth of this and every community, that they may know love and safety, and grow in wisdom and kindness. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find solace, strength, and healing. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all who have been most touched by the coronavirus pandemic, especially those who have lost loved ones, those suffering from lingering health effects, and those who work in health care, that they may know peace. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may join the saints in your eternal glory. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for the intercessions and thanksgivings that we now name before you, either silently or aloud. [*You may unmute yourself to offer a prayer intention.*]

*Presider*

God of compassion, hear the prayers of your people: help us look past the temporary desolation of our earthly trials, and reach toward the eternal majesty of your heavenly kingdom, where all divisions dissolve, all creation prospers, and all believers rejoice; we pray through our redeemer Jesus Christ, in our advocate the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is especially appreciated at this time. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you can simply [CLICK HERE](#). Know also that the Church office is able to process checks that have been mailed. Thank you!

## HYMN

Carry me, O crying Savior (Gabriel Rhys Simerson, 2021)

1. Car - ry me, O cry - ing Sav - ior; hold me in Thy love.  
 2. Car - ry me, O bleed - ing Sav - ior; hold me in Thy love.  
 3. Car - ry me, O pierc - ed Sav - ior; hold me in Thy love.  
 4. Car - ry me, O soar - ing Sav - ior; hold me in Thy love.

Form me in Thy stay - ing fa - vor; guide me from a - bove.  
 Form me in Thy plead - ing fa - vor; guide me from a - bove.  
 Form me in Thy liv - ing fa - vor; guide me from a - bove.  
 Form me in Thy warm - ing fa - vor; guide me from a - bove.

Bonds of joy to sor - row quick - en; teach me when they dark - some turn.  
 Bonds are bro - ken, wis - dom spo - ken; emp - ty cham - bers me to save.  
 Cold sur - round - ing, night con - found - ing; show me light that death fore - sees.  
 Morn - ing dawns on sigh - ing moun - tains, fro - zen rooms in me a - glow.

Car - ry me, O cry - ing Sav - ior, in Thy heart that burns.  
 Car - ry me, O bleed - ing Sav - ior, fall - ing toward the grave.  
 Car - ry me, O pierc - ed Sav - ior, prom - is - ing Thy peace.  
 Car - ry me, O soar - ing Sav - ior, e'er Thy strength be - stow.

Music: *Manassas*, Gabriel Rhys Simerson (b. 1998)  
 Text: Gabriel Rhys Simerson

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.*

**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.**

## A PRAYER OF COMMUNION *[The Rev. Keri Aubert]*

*Presider and People*

**Holy God, we are your people,  
bound to you by Jesus Christ,  
through whom you assumed our fleshly vulnerability,  
and in whom we find salvation and reconciliation.  
We remember his birth, and grow in joy;  
we remember his life, and grow in love;  
we remember his passion, and grow in compassion;  
we remember his resurrection, and grow in hope;  
for all this, we give thanks.  
As we course through our days,  
make us ministers of your abiding Word,  
with the power of your eternal Spirit. Amen.**

## THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Presider*

Bow down before the Lord. *[Silence is kept.]* 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.**

## DISMISSAL

**Presider:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

Were you there

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual

*After the Anthem, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour. Please see the Parish Enews for the latest announcements and information.*

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## Announcements

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**Holy Week Worship.** We’re offering do-it-yourself and Zoom worship. See the Enews for details.

**Next Sunday is Easter Day!** Don’t forget to (1) bring a bell to ring and (2) wear your Easter hat!

### Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Musician:** Dr. Noah Horn  
**Lectors:** Madeleine Anderson, Bob Herdt  
**Intercessor:** Sally Edwards  
**Passion Readers:** Keri Aubert, Jenny Chavira, Don Edwards, William English, Jennifer Herdt, Denise Terry, Judy Thompson, Jocelyn Tidwell

### This Week’s Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:**  
Cynthia (Sally Edwards’ sister-in-law), Franklin (Heather and Alexandria Robison’s grandfather), Sally (Edwards)

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**  
those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including all who have lost loved ones, all frontline workers, and all who lack the income necessary for adequate food and shelter

**Pray for those have died.**

**In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:** Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter’s, Hebron; St. James’, Higganum; All Saints’, Ivoryton

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:**  
Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

### Leadership at St. Thomas’s

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