



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
Liturgy of the Palms & Liturgy of the Word

April 5, 2020 10 A.M.

INTROIT

Rejoice greatly

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem;
behold, thy King cometh unto thee:

He is the righteous Savior,
and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

Words: Zechariah 9:9-10 Music: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), *Messiah*, 1742

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

MATTHEW 21:1-11

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

People: 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."

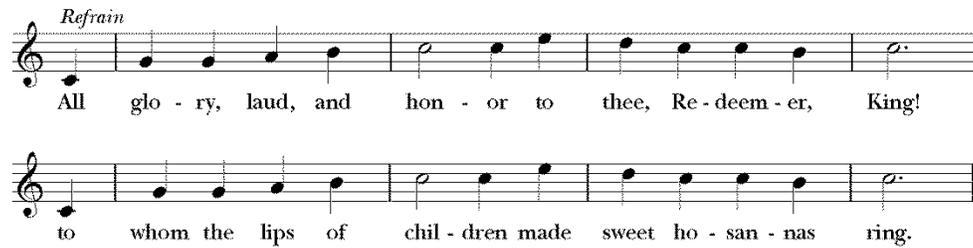
Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

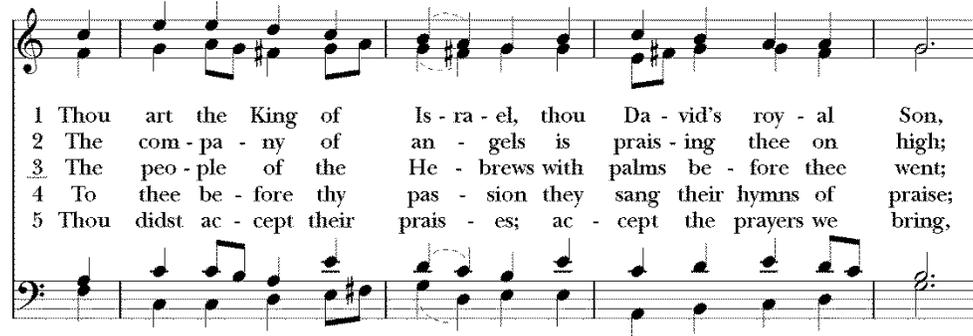
HYMN OF PRAISE

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

Refrain

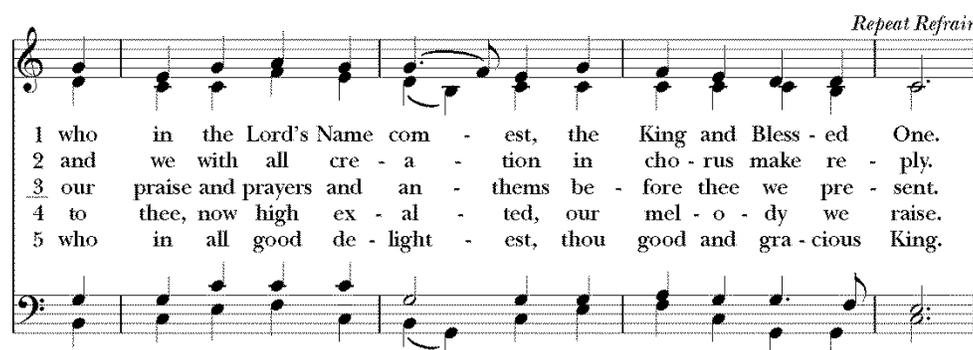


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

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.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

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 50:4-9a

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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16 (*sung by soloists from the Choir; the People respond with the Antiphon*)



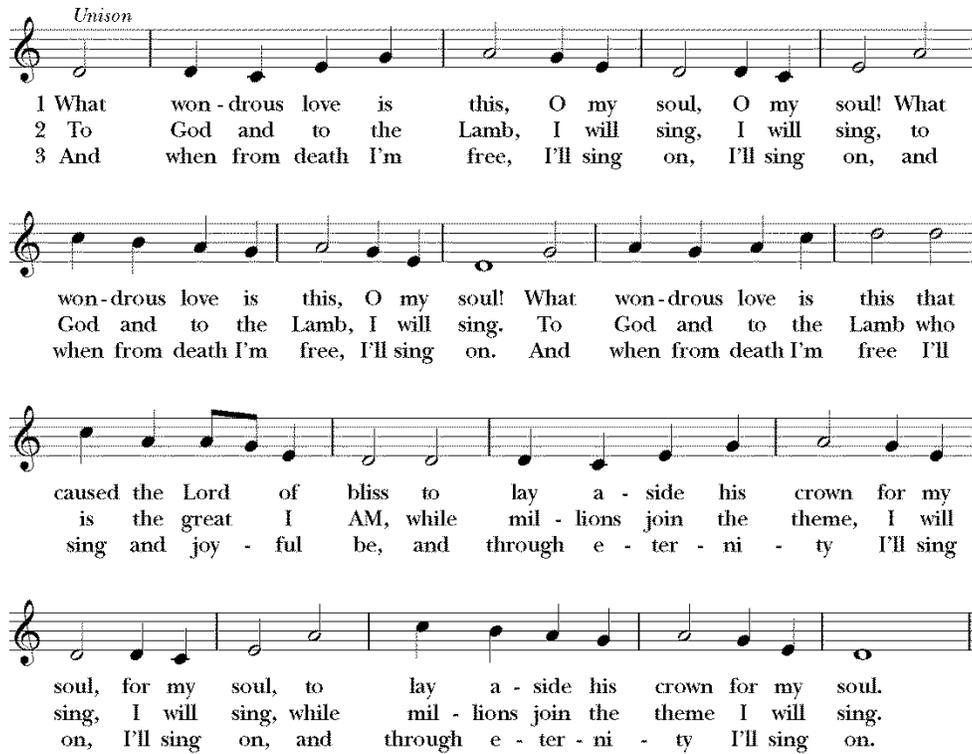
In - cline your ear to me, O LORD; make haste to de - liv - er me.

- 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. **[Antiphon]**
- 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. **[Antiphon]**
- 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." **[Antiphon]**

SEQUENCE HYMN

What wondrous love is this (439, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Unison



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

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.

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider

The season of Lent reminds us that seeds of life are present in even the most barren desert. With faith that the Holy Spirit is with us, we offer our prayers for the church and for the world.

Intercessor and People

We pray for Christ's one holy catholic church, that all who minister in Jesus' name may find unity of purpose in service to him. Lord, have mercy.

We pray for all in authority around the world, and especially for the elected officials of this nation, that they may see in every person the image of God. Lord, 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.

We pray for St. Thomas's Church and Day School, that we may help one another to cultivate our unique gifts for making this a better world. Lord, 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.

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

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

Overshadowed by coronavirus concerns, we pray for: those who mourn their dead; those who have contracted the virus; students who cannot assemble for school; parents with inadequate child care; those who have lost their employment; those who work in health care and medical research; those who provide food to their communities; those responsible for developing adequate and wise governmental policies; and all who face fear and isolation, including ourselves. Lord, have mercy.

Presider

O God of all creation, hear the prayers of your people: lead us from the wilderness of earthly trials into the garden of your heavenly kingdom, where we will no longer hunger or thirst, but be filled with your life forever; through Jesus Christ our savior. **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. If you are not set up for automatic giving, know that our online donation system may be accessed from the Home page of the Church website, and that the Church office is able to process checks that have been mailed.

OFFERTORY HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross (474, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

("A General Thanksgiving when Communion Cannot Be Shared," The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips, adapted)

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Holy and Eternal God, we give you thanks for the blessings of life,
and for gathering us always to your heart
when we pray, and when we forget to pray, and when we cannot pray.
We bless you for nourishing us with your abiding presence
through the toils of our labor
and through the hours we cannot work as we would or rest as we need.
Continue beside us to sanctify our time;
turn our minds and hands to the work of love
in this world you have made and filled with your goodness.
Help us to follow patiently and bravely
in the path of your son Jesus—
he who came among us in our mortality
to lift us to the life immortal;
and who lives and reigns with you
in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God,
to the ages of ages. Amen.**

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Presider

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

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Thy rebuke hath broken his heart

Thy rebuke hath broken his heart,
he is full of heaviness:
he looked for some to have pity on him,
but there was no man,
neither found he any to comfort him.

Behold, and see if there be any sorrow
like unto his sorrow.

Words: Psalm 69:22; Lamentations 1:12 Music: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), *Messiah*, 1742



Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Musician: Dr. Noah Horn

Lector: Bob Herdt

Intercessor: Claire Scully

Passion Readers: Alisa D'Andrea, Greg D'Andrea, Keri Aubert, Jenny Chavira, Ricardo Chavira, Don Edwards, Sally Edwards, Bill English, Jakki Flanagan, Bob Herdt, Jennifer Herdt, Claire Scully, Jesse Stricklan, Denise Terry

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, especially those who work in healthcare and those who have lost their livelihood

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; St. Michael's, Litchfield; Collaborative ministries and all Ministry Networks; Joining Jesus in the New Missional Age, ECCT Regions and Region Missionaries

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

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