# The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



# St. Francis Episcopal Church

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During the service, please sit, stand or kneel as is comfortable

#### The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant, the Rev. Tom Ackerman Deacon, the Rev. Ken Castello Musician, Shala Johnson

During the Processional Hymn, the people follow the cross, taking their seats on the final procession down the center aisle.

#### The Liturgy of the Palms

(Begins in the Narthex)

*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.

*Celebrant* 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.** 

#### 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."

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.

Blessed Palms are handed to the people who follow the cross in procession, waving their palms and singing "All glory, laud, and honor"

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.** 



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. Wiliam Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* 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.** 

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah

#### 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 BCP p. 622

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.

- For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \* my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 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.
- I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \* I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 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.
- My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me."

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the of Philippians

## The Epistle - 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.



Celebrant The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Holy Gospel - Matthew 27:11-54

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he 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 them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." 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, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

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, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he 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 him 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, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, 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, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves

by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him 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, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." 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, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. 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, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Tom Ackerman

### The Prayers of the People, Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.** 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Episcopal Church: Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffery, Provisional Bishop; Steve, Rector, Tom, Assisting Priest; Sue, Priest Emerita; and Ken, Deacon;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; For Joe, our president, Tony, our governor and for all in positions of public trust **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.** 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.** 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.** 

Give to the departed eternal rest. For those who have died: Terry **Let light perpetual shine upon them.** 

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For those needing healing; We pray for Cameron, Jean, Lauren, Jon, Scott & family, Cherry, Sandra, Marian, Jack, Joyce, Sue, Barbara, John, Zuzu, Steve, Damien, Cooper, Diane, Zane, Dennis, Jim, Audrey, Tom, Robert, Rick & family, J.D., Jeff, Matt & family, Julius, Bob, Carly, Larry, and all those listed on Episcopalians on Facebook,

For expectant parents; for Katie & Jon, Brittany& Mike

For all members of the United States Armed Forces serving at home and abroad, for Nic For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of April – Shala Johnson, Ernie Valentine, Chuck Sherry, Ann Sherry, Jan Leisner, Jean Armitage, Allyson Martin For those who do not have enough to eat.

For those who can't pay their rent and bills.

For victims of domestic abuse.

For those who have been discriminated against because of who they are.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

**The Peace** All stand

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

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### **Offertory**

The people stand as are able

#### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

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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 him thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

#### Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

#### By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

#### Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as are able

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore, let us keep the feast.

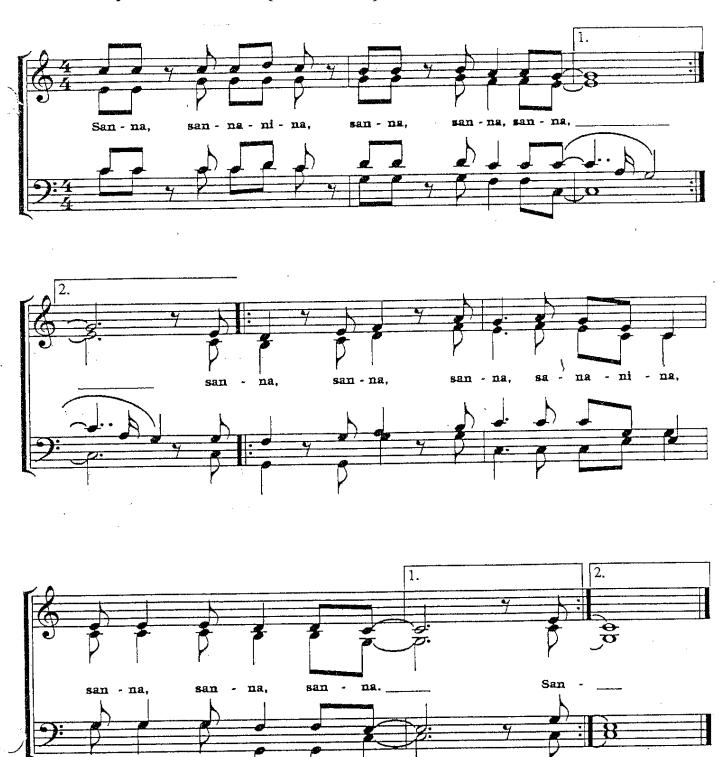
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to come forward to the altar rail to receive communion. You may choose bread & wine combination, just bread or separate communion cup & bread.

# **Communion Hymns: 1 –** *King of Love (Evan Cooper)*



# **Communion Hymns: 2 -** 'Sanna' (follow as led)



#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving 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

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

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**.



#### The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Today we are collecting for the Bishops' Purse. There is an envelope for an offering in your bulletin.

Please sign up for Easter flowers on lower bulletin board.



#### On EASTER SUNDAY

Bring your bells to ring during the Alleluias in *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* 

MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE SERVICE: Thursday April 6 at 7:00pm at St. Francis GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Friday April 7 at 7:00pm at St. Alban's

Wednesday Evening Prayer 6pm and/or Adult Christian Formation 6:30pm

Please join us for either or both sessions in person or on Zoom

We studying the Psalms. Please contact Craig Korn for more information.

**Monday Morning study at 11:00am** *Please join in person at church or on Zoom* We are reading "What's the least I can still believe and still be a Christian" by Martin Thielen. Questions about the next book, please contact Evelyn Castello.

**Friday Morning Prayer at 9:30am streams on Facebook:** Please join us live on Facebook for Morning Prayer on Fridays with Chuck Sherry.

Volunteer to be an usher, lay reader, prayer leader, or pledge counter. Training provided. Contact Craig Korn, ckorn@wi.rr.com, so you can be added to the list.

On the last Sunday of each month, there will be envelopes for an offering to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

The flower chart and coffee hour sign ups for 2023 are posted.

The Lectionary Readings for April 9, 2023; Easter Sunday, Yr A: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

Serving This Week, 4/2/2023	
Celebrant	Tom Ackerman
Deacon	Ken Castello
Crucifer	Shade Longe
Server	Evelyn Castello
Chalice	Chuck Sherry
Lay Reader	Barbara Spain
Prayers of People	Jan Leisner
Ushers	J.D. Polley
	Sally Polley
Altar Guild	Barbara Spain
	Barbara Spain
Counters	Jan Leisner
	Barbara Spain
Coffee Hour	Guss
Flowers	LENT – No flowers

Serving Next Week, 4/9/2023	
Celebrant	Steve Capitelli
Deacon	Ken Castello
Crucifer	Craig Korn
Server	Ron Johnson
Chalice	Ron Johnson
Lay Reader	Chuck Sherry
Prayers of People	Barbara Spain
Ushers	Jan Leisner
	Barbara Spain
Altar Guild	Barbara Spain
	Barbara Spain
Counters	Wade Greenisen
	Shala Johnson
Coffee Hour	
Flowers	EASTER

