

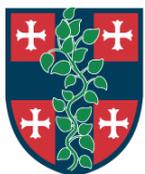
# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026, 9:30 AM



*Hosannah! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord*



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*We seek to worship God, welcome all, and serve Christ in one another.*

*On Passion Sunday, the Eucharistic feast is rent between the jubilation of Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the story of his passion. We are both the children of Jerusalem who hail the Anointed One and the people who have failed to know him in the faces of our sisters and brothers. Bring home your palms to place over your door, tuck behind a sacred image where you pray or slip it into a prayer book.*

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the One 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.**

### GOSPEL

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."

### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*The people hold out their palm branches, and the Celebrant says*

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 our thanks and praise.**

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE PROCESSION

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Following the choir, all waving their palms, we enter the church chanting:*

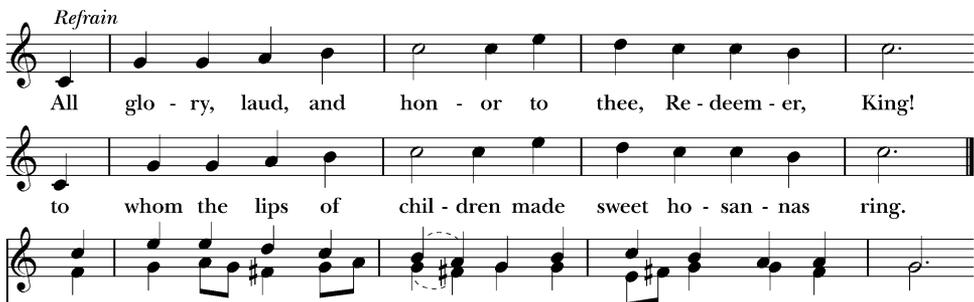
***Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King***

### Hymn 154

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*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.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

SPH 2

## 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.**

## FIRST READING

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?

### PSALM 31:9-16

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.**

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."**

### SECOND READING

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.

**ANTHEM** Antiphonal Hosanna Aram Smith

**THE PASSION GOSPEL** Dramatic Reading (see the red booklet)  
*A period of silence will follow the Passion Gospel*

**HOMILY** The Rev. Mary Beth Mills-Curran

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Form VI BCP 392

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** BCP 360

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**The PEACE**

## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive communion but feel called to come forward for a blessing, please indicate so by crossing your arms across your chest. We have gluten free Eucharistic bread for people who are gluten intolerant.*

**OFFERTORY** Horsley Hymn 167

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

We seek to wor-ship God, wel-come all,  
and serve Christ in one a-noth-er.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

S 130

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 164

Alone Thou Goest Forth

*Bangor*

Hymn 458 vs. 1, 2, 7

My Song is Love Unknown

*Love unknown*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 365

**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.**

SOLEMN PRAYER

THE DISMISSAL

*All leave in silence.*

# Parish Prayers

## **Our Parish Prayer List:**

Patti Pzegeo, Barbara (Sargent) Johnson, Marjory Kelley, Liz Lannigan, Roberta Smith, Prakash and Santhi Mathews, Robert Bringhurst, Will Kullman, Ethel Neusch, Deanie Reinhardt, Justina Trevorow, Brian Paciulan, Nancy Wood, Mary Sargent, Rebecca DuPont, Lauren Shultz, Paula Tamaro, Carol Jugenheimer, Jessica Guard, Shelley, Namira Evans, Kathryn Dunn, Bob Moore, Ruth Hobbs, Ruth-ann and Shannon, Elizabeth Padd, Kyle Lane, Caroline and Charlotte Harrison, Nikki Golden, Michael LaGasse, Bob Furtado, Hank Gagnon, Monica, Dick Saikevicz, Scott Scifres, Charlie Roy, David Petroski, Callan Sanger, Stephanie, Judy Ackroyd, Nyria Shaw, Kate Wedemeyer, Zev Rieser, Mary Ellen McDonough, John Moynihan, Anne Harvey, Bette Wright, Brentley Lozzi, Carolyn Detato, and Hannah Malik.

We pray for those who have died, especially Diana Bragg Parks, sister of Dan Bragg.

## **Pray during this week for our parish families:**

Lisa Dennehy

John, Renee, Aubrey and Caroline Desjardins

Cynthia and Raymond Dow

### **Assisting in the Service of Worship today are:**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister**

Sally Nelson

**Lectors**

Noel Cartwright

**Second Chalice**

Penny Sullivan

**Altar Preparation**

Jonathen Billeci-DeLong and Carol Bates

**Usher**

Marie Ortler and Jackie These

**Flower Committee Member**

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