

# palm sunday

CHURCH *of the*  
**INCARNATION**

**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

**March 28, 2021**

*Contemporary Service*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## SONG

*Hosanna*

*Please stand.*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People shout* HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*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.*

*Please remain standing.*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–11

*Deacon* ☩ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The following is sung during the procession of palms.*

## **SONG**

*Hosanna*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*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.*

## **SONG**

*Lead Me To The Cross*

## READING

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 27:1–66

*The people say in unison the verses attributed to the Crowd.*

*Narrator*     The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*Narrator*     When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death; and they bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

*Reader*        I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.

*Narrator*     And they said,

*Reader*        What is that to us? See to it yourself.

*Narrator*     And throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

*Reader*        It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

*Narrator*     So they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Reader* Are you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* You have said so.

*Narrator* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

*Reader* Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?

*Narrator* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

*Reader* Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

*Narrator* For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

*Reader* Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream.

*Narrator* Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,

*Reader* Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

*Narrator* And they all said,

*Crowd* **Barabbas.**

*Narrator* Pilate said to them,

*Reader* Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?

*Narrator* They all answered,

*Crowd* **Let him be crucified.**

*Narrator* And Pilate said,

*Reader* Why, what evil has he done?

*Narrator* But they shouted all the more,

*Crowd* **Let him be crucified.**

*Narrator* So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

*Reader* I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

*Narrator* And all the people answered,

*Crowd* **His blood be on us, and on our children!**

*Narrator* Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying,

*Reader* Hail, King of the Jews!

*Narrator* And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross.

### ***The congregation stands.***

*Narrator* And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

*Reader* 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.

*Narrator* So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

*Crowd* **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, "I am the Son of God."**

*Narrator* And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying,

*Jesus* Eli, Eli, lama sabach-thani?

*Narrator* That is, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

*Crowd* **This man is calling Elijah.**

*Narrator* And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

*Crowd* **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

*Narrator* And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

*A period of reverent silence is kept.*

*Narrator* And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and 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, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said,

*Crowd* **Truly this was the Son of God!**

*Narrator* There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

*Reader* Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore order the sepulchre to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has risen from the dead," and the last fraud will be worse than the first.

*Narrator* Pilate said to them,

*Reader* You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

*Narrator* So they went and made the sepulchre secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

## **THE SERMON**

### **CONFESSION**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel and say*

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.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

*The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution and the Comfortable Words, after which all sit.*

***The Peace is not said in commemoration that Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss of peace.***

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

*The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

## **SONG**

*River*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*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.

*The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Celebrant & 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.

*All kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

*Celebrant & 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*Celebrant* We do not presume  
*All* to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose property is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please remain kneeling. Holy Communion will be brought to you in your pew.*

## Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who come forward in faith and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are welcome to do so on this occasion.

Communion is received in the following way: a priest places the Bread in the palm of your hand, which you then consume. If you do not wish to receive Communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

If one is not able (e.g. because of a medical condition), or prefers not to receive Communion, the Church has always taught that a person still receives all the benefits of Holy Communion.

Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

## SONG

*Before the Throne of God Above*

## PRAYER

*Celebrant & People*

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.

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The people depart in silence.**

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION\*\*, MONDAY–WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29-31

Priests will hear confessions Monday–Wednesday in Holy Week at 12 noon & 5 pm. At those times, please wait in the Main Church, socially-distanced, and you will be brought to Memorial Chapel individually for Confession.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

- NOON Holy Eucharist of Maundy Thursday, *Church*
- 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday History & Traditions, *Online\*\**
- 7 PM Holy Eucharist of Maundy Thursday, *Church*  
Contemporary Service, *Ascension Chapel*  
Outdoor Contemporary Service, *North Parking Lot*
- 8 PM Vigil at the Altar of Repose until 8 am on Good Friday, *Memorial Chapel*,  
*Sign up to keep watch for 1-hour increment.\*\**

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

- NOON Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, *Church\**  
Contemporary Service, *Ascension Chapel\**
- 5:30 PM Good Friday History & Traditions, *Online\*\**
- 6 PM Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, *Church*  
Contemporary Service, *Ascension Chapel\**  
Church in the Lot Service, *North Parking Lot*

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

- 7:30 PM Easter Vigil History & Traditions, *Online\*\**
- 8 PM The Great Vigil of Easter, *Church\**, *Reservation required\*\**

### EASTER DAY, APRIL 4

- 7 AM Traditional Service, *Church*, *Reservation required\*\**  
Contemporary Service, *Ascension Chapel*, *Reservation required\*\**
- 9 AM Traditional Service, *Church*, *Reservation required\*\**  
Contemporary Service, *Ascension Chapel\**, *Reservation required\*\**  
Contemporary Service, *North Parking Lot*
- 10:20 AM Easter Egg Hunt, *Cloister Garden*
- 11:15 AM Traditional Service, *Church\**, *Reservation required\*\**  
Contemporary Service, *Ascension Chapel*, *Reservation required\*\**  
Contemporary Service, *North Parking Lot*

*No evening services or Sunday School on Easter Day*

*\*Also available via Livestream*

*\*\*For more information, please visit [incarnation.org/holy-week-easter/](http://incarnation.org/holy-week-easter/)*

# ON THE CALENDAR

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## **MY NEXT 90**

LENT AND EASTERTIDE

Begin a spiritual discipline this Lent to read essential passages from the Bible. Sign up to receive the daily readings and devotionals at [incarnation.org/mynext90](https://incarnation.org/mynext90).

## **HANNAH**

TODAY • 4 PM **ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

This is an open discussion for women and couples experiencing infertility, miscarriage, or infant loss. Meets every other Sunday.

## **LENTEN DAD CHECK-IN**

TODAY • 8 PM **ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

Join other dads for an informal check-in to connect and be strengthened by a brief devotional from our clergy and prepare for the week with prayer.

## **CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

MONDAY, APRIL 5

## **CHURCH IN THE LOT**

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 • 10:30 AM **NORTH LOT**

Join us for an outdoor family-friendly worship service at the Main Campus North Parking Lot with communion and singing. This 30-minute service is accessible to families, but all ages and stages are welcome.

## **READING THE NEW TESTAMENT FOR ALL IT'S WORTH**

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 • 10:20 AM **WELCOME CENTER AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

## **DISCIPLESHIP: JOURNEYING WITH JESUS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 • 9 AM & 11:15 AM

DiscipleShip is a fun and engaging 30-minute children's program that teaches the Bible through liturgy, story and activities, and shares how we can all grow up to be like Jesus!

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 • 10:20 AM

## **MEMORIAL CHAPEL OR ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

Join us for the 4-week Baptism Prep Class for parents and godparents on April 18, April 25, May 2, and May 16 from 10:20 am-11:05. Godparents are required to attend the first three classes.

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## WEEKLY ENEWS

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## WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 956, Holy Week.

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TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I AM A:  FIRST-TIME GUEST

RETURNING GUEST  REGULAR ATTENDEE

CIRCLE ONE: MR. MRS. MS. DR. OTHER

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN NAMES & AGES \_\_\_\_\_

## NEW TO INCARNATION *or* NEED TO UPDATE US?

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

- SIGNAGE/BANNERS
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- FRIEND
- SPECIAL EVENT
- WEBSITE
- CONCERT
- DRIVE PAST
- INC. ACADEMY
- FACEBOOK
- WRR 101.1
- INSTAGRAM
- WEEKDAY CLASS

## SERVICE(S) I ATTENDED TODAY:

- 7:30 AM TRADITIONAL
- 11:15 AM TRADITIONAL
- 9 AM TRADITIONAL
- 11:15 AM CONTEMPORARY
- 9 AM CONTEMPORARY
- 5 PM EVENSONG
- 10:30 AM CHURCH IN THE LOT

## I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON:

- BECOMING A MEMBER OF INCARNATION
- CLASSES & PROGRAMS FOR:
  - CHILDREN
  - YOUNG ADULTS
  - STUDENTS
  - ADULTS
- MUSIC AT INCARNATION
- OUTREACH, MISSIONS, & COMMUNITY SERVICE
- GROWTH GROUPS
- PLEASE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY CONTACT ME. THE BEST TIME IS: \_\_\_\_\_

