The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020
Traditional Service
The Holy Communion

Organ Voluntary

*Valet will ich dir geben, bwv 735 & 736* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The Liturgy of the Palms

Antiphon

Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed is the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

People shout: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Palm Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.
The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The people hold their palms high to be blessed.

The Celebrant continues

It is right to praise thee, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy 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. We beseech thee, O Lord to bless these branches of palm, that they might for us signs of the victory of thy dearly beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that we who bear them in his Name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leadeth unto eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Hymn 154

All glory, laud, and honor (music and text on next page) Valet will ich dir geben

Celebrant People Celebrant
The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.
Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
2 The company of angels is praising thee on high;
3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
4 To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord’s Name comest, the King and Blessed One.
2 and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
3 our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.
4 to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
5 who in all good delight est, thou good and gracious King.
The Lessons
The Epistle

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 73:22–28

Nevertheless, I am alway by thee: for thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel: and after that receive me with glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee?: and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that are unfaithful unto thee. But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God: and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew

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.

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.
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,

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.

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

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.”

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,

Eli, Eli, lama sabach-thani?

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

This man is calling Elijah.

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,

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

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

A period of reverent silence is kept.

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.

**Sermon**

Father Thomas Kincaid

**Confession of Sin**

_The Minister says_

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God,

_All_

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution and the Comfortable Words.

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

Offertory

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Motet

Orlando Lassus (1532–1594)


Thy rebuke hath broken my heart, I am full of heaviness: I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man: neither found I any to comfort me: they gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,
SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

The Canon of the Eucharist

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer on BCP page 334. The prayer concludes By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

Communion Devotions

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

Celebrant and People say the Lord’s Prayer.

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.

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy 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.
For those watching at home who are unable to make their Communion today:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee.
That with thy Saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN 313  (music and text on next page)

Let thy blood in mercy poured

Jesus, meine Zuversicht
1 Let thy Blood in mercy poured, let thy gracious
2 Thou didst die that I might live; blessed Lord, thou
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my peni-

Body broken, be to me, O gracious Lord,
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
and the nailing, by the pain and death, I now
tence I give thee; thou art my exalted King,

Refrain

of thy boundless love the token.
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thy-
of thy matchless love forgiving me.

self for me, now I give myself to thee.

Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925)  Music: Jesus, meine Zuvorsicht; melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after The Chorale Book for England, 1863
Concluding Rites

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God,

Celebrant and People
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

In place of the blessing, the Celebrant prays this Solemn Prayer over the People

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Hymn 168 (music and text on next page)

O sacred head sore wounded
   Herzlich tut mich verlangen

The service ends in silence.
1 O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
2 Thy beauty, long desired, hath vanished from our sight;
3 In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,
#4 What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
#5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine immortal power,

1 O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:
2 Thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light.
3 With thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.
4 For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end:
5 To hold me that I quail not in death's most fearful hour,

1 What sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom delover?
2 Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace;
3 Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,
4 Oh, make me thine for ever! and should I fainting be,
5 That I may fight befriended, and see in my last strife

1 O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!
2 Show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.
3 To mourn thee, well beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.
4 Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for thee.
5 To me thine arms extended up on the cross of life.
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1 PETER

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