



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

The Liturgy of the Palms

Officiant Blessed ✝ is the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.
People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Officiant Let us pray.

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. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *The Deacon then reads the following*

The Gospel

MATTHEW 21:1-11

Deacon ✝ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AND WHEN THEY DREW NEAR TO JERUSALEM and came to Beth'phage, 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.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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

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

¶ The People now raise their Palm Branches as the Officiant continues with this blessing

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. 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 leadeth to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *¶ People Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

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

Officiant Let us pray.

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, one God, for ever and ever. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ Then all are seated

The Word of God

The Old Testament Lesson

ISAIAH 50:4-9a

THE LORD GOD HAS GIVEN ME the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

Miserere mei, Domine

¶ *The Psalm is read antiphonally, alternating by whole verse*

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble, *
and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

For my life is waxen old with heaviness, and my years with mourning. *
My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

I became a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours; *
and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me;
and they that did see me without, conveyed themselves from me.

I am clean forgotten as a dead man out of mind; *
I am become like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude, and fear is on every side; *
while they conspire together against me,
and take their counsel to take away my life.

But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord; *
I have said, Thou art my God.

My times are in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, *
and from them that persecute me.

Show thy servant the light of thy countenance, *
and save me for thy mercy's sake.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ All remain seated

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

MATTHEW 27:11-54

NOW JESUS STOOD BEFORE THE GOVERNOR; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" 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 Barab'bas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barab'bas or Jesus who is called Christ?" 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, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barab'bas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barab'bas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified." And he said, "Why, what evil has he

done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified.” 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, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” Then he released for them Barab’bas, 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, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 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.

¶ *All stand*

As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyre’ne, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Gol’gotha (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, “Eli, Eli, la’ma sabach-tha’ni?” that is, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “This man is calling Eli’jah.” 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 Eli’jah will come to save him.” And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

¶ *All kneel and keep silence for a period, then stand again*

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, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

¶ *All are then seated*

The Prayers of the People

¶ *The Deacon says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

¶ *All kneel*

ALmighty and Everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless † thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

¶ *People Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

¶ *The Officiant says*

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

¶ *People and Officiant*

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 Supplication

Officiant O Lord, arise, help us;
People And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Officiant O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us,
the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

People O Lord, arise, help us;
and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

People O Lord, arise, help us;
and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Officiant From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
People Graciously behold our afflictions.

Officiant With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
People Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Officiant Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;
People O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;
People Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Officiant Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

Solemn Prayer over the People

¶ *The Officiant faces the People and says*

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE PRAY THEE graciously to behold this thy 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 liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

And the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be upon you and remain with you forever. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

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

The recording of the Fantasia super *Valet will ich der geben* (*All glory, laud, and honor*) by Johann Sebastian Bach is taken from the CD *Music of J. S. Bach* recorded by Robert Lehman at Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut.

The recording of *Christus factus est* by Felice Anerio is taken from the Liturgy of Palm Sunday in 2007 at Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut. It is sung by the Christ Church Choir under the direction of Robert Lehman, Organist and Choirmaster.

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et De-us exaltavit illum, et dedit illi nomen, quod est super
omne nomen.

*Christ became obedient for us even unto death upon the cross.
Wherefore God also hath exalted him, and hath given him a name which
is above every name.*

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