



Palm Sunday **(The Sunday of the Passion)**

Holy Eucharist IIA

2 April 2023

**The Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio**

Seeking to know and serve Christ
in loving service to the campus, the
community, and the world.

Today's printed [Order of Worship](#)

Lessons

Lessons for Palm Sunday

Old Testament – Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm – 31: 9-16 (Sung)

New Testament – Philippians 2: 5-11

Gospel – Matthew 27: 11-54



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The Liturgy of the Palms

The 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."

The Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

The Sermon

Mother Deborah's sermon this morning was outside at the Blessing of the Palms, was interactive, and one that doesn't translate well in writing. In lieu of that one Mother Deborah decided to put in the church email a reflection about Palm Sunday she wrote for the Living Compass Lent devotional.

Please follow this Facebook link ["God's Liberating Love"](#).

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect

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.*

The 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!"

Please include in your prayers

IN OUR WORLD, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; we pray for peace with justice throughout the Middle East. We pray for all families and law enforcement affected by gun violence. We pray for the victims of the coronavirus. We pray for all people affected by natural and environmental disasters. We pray for the people who are suffering from war, especially the people of Ukraine, and we pray for all asylum seekers, immigrants and refugees. We pray for Joe our President, Kamala our Vice-President, Mike, our Governor, the Supreme Court and the members of Congress.

IN OUR DIOCESE, we pray for our Provisional Bishop Wayne, the search process for a new bishop, and for Kenneth, Nedi, and Wendell our assisting bishops.

IN OUR PARISH, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, Rev. Leslie Flemming, and Rev. David McCoy, for our ministry to students, the university, and the community.

THOSE WHOM OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED: Al S., Bud and Carol, Chris L., Jean R., Lia, Miriam, Sharon, R.C., Douglas and Gwynne Campbell, Ann Carswell, Zelma Coleman, Lee Kembell-Cook, Richard DeNune, Norm Fox, Lindsey and Regina Golden, Debbie Hunsberger, Bob and Nancy Jackson, John Jefferson, Peter Kachenko and family, Christine McGinn, Jeff Maiden, Julie Nehls, Rev. Ed Payne, Dan and Nancy Reedy, Virginia Richards, Flo and Jack Roach, Katyana Sayrs, Annette Secoy, Dale Showman, Michael Vaughn, and we pray for all who care for them. **

BIRTHDAYS: Bob Spero (4/4), Kate Ortman Cottrill (4/5), Susan Karageorge (4/8), John Ortman (4/8), Joanne Worstall (4/8)

** Full names are normally not published online. However for the Sunday 10:30 service we will publish full names unless requested otherwise. If you have a name to be added to the prayer list, Lynn Graham maintains this information. Lynn may be reached at **740-593-5098** or grahammowery@aol.com.

At-Home Worship

Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati live streams its services Sundays at 10 a.m. These are saved and can be watched anytime later.

<https://cincinnati.cathedral.com/ccclive-stream>

Washington D C -- there's much to explore at the the National Cathedral's online portal. <https://cathedral.org/worship/>

Coming up on the Calendar

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Maundy Thursday)

Friday, April 7, 12:00 noon - - Good Friday

Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. - - Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Easter)

Sunday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

. More Calendar details forthcoming.

Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. - - Celebration Concert III

Coffee Hour Schedule

April 9	David Burton
April 16	Anne Walker
April 23	Alex Buckley
April 30	Lynn Graham

Open Dates for Altar Flowers

[To Altar Flower Procedure](#)

Notes & Announcements (additional items in the Friday Bulletin)



Invitation to Observe Holy Week

Holy Week starts April 2. The observation of Holy Week is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian Church and was a significant spiritual season for the earliest Christians. For them, and for us who follow Jesus today, the invitation is the same: to be with Christ by remembering his final days of ministry, life, his death, and his resurrection. Doing so can have a profound impact on our own spiritual lives and help us learn to recognize how Christ is present in our lives and how our lives can reflect Christ to the world.

Each liturgy of Holy Week is uniquely participatory. They incorporate all five of our senses and include prayers, music, and rituals that are ancient. When we pray the Exultet, strip the altar, pray the Solemn Collects, ring bells at the return of the Alleluia, we are connecting with the many Christians who have gone before us and those who come after us.

Please join us as you are able for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday - - Sunday, April 2, 10:30 a.m.

What makes it unique:

Palm Sunday begins outside with the blessing of palm branches to celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We all get the opportunity to wave the palm branches just like the people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem over 2000 years ago. We follow the cross into the church building to represent our commitment to follow Jesus, even to the cross and the tomb and look for the Risen Christ in the world.

Maundy Thursday - - Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

What makes it unique:

Maundy Thursday can have two rituals that make it unique: washing feet and stripping the altar. The emphasis of this service is the institution of the Eucharist and how for Christians we encounter the living Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. One beautiful way this is emphasized is the stripping of the altar and the washing of the altar with water and vinegar. This symbolizes the significance of the altar as our physical connection to Christ.

Good Friday - - Friday, April 7, 12:00 noon

What makes it unique:

Good Friday has beautiful prayers said only on this day. It is the day we remember all the injustice and horror of Jesus' death, and how we as individuals and society continue to reject the Love of God Jesus brings. Part of the service features a cross that will be carried through the congregation. This year, a small cross made of 200 year of wood repurposed from the wooden frame that held a church bell gifted to Mother Deborah will be carried through the congregation. This is to symbolize the connection all parishes share no matter our location.

Great Vigil of Easter - - Saturday, April 8 7:30 p.m.

What makes it unique:

The Great Vigil is the oldest of all the church services. It has three parts: 1) lighting a new fire, to symbolize hope. 2) telling the story of salvation in the dark of the church, symbolizing what followers of Jesus do in difficult or frightening times, we remember how God is always with God's people. 3) celebrating resurrection, we bring back the exclamation of alleluia that has been missing during Lent with joyous ringing of bells.

Coming up

For Bishop Transition News and Updates

[-- Follow this link --](#)

If you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by climate disaster and war anywhere in the world (including Ukraine) please consider contributing to [Episcopal Relief and Development \(ERD\)](#) which is the official ministry of the Episcopal Church.



During the winter the fire hydrant is the most colorful object on the bank, but this small tree, which produced a good second batch of flowers after earlier blooms were frozen earlier this year competes pretty well with the hydrant.
(Ted Foster)



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In light of local conditions, we still recommend wearing masks inside the church building **regardless** of vaccination status.

Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Masks recommended.

The **Church Building** is not open for public meetings and gatherings but during office hours the thrift shop and chapel are available for individuals. Masks recommended.

CrossRoads Café is temporarily closed.

Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

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