St. George's on-the-Hill Anglican Church

Palm Sunday

April 2nd, 2023 10:30am Holy Eucharist

The crèche (nursery) is attended and available for babies and toddlers.

Lay Anointing and Prayers for Healing are available after communion when lay anointers are present.

Prelude: Pie Jesu G. Fauré

Welcome & Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

We join Jesus on the journey to the cross

The Greeting

Presider: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal

mystery. On this day, our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his

resurrection and new life.

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us begin our journey.

The Gospel of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11

Narrator 1: Jesus and the disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead

of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside

again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying,

People: See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief

priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after

three days he will rise again.

Narrator 2: When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of

Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them,

People: Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a

colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you

doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."

Narrator 1: They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying

it, some of the bystanders said to them,

People: "What are you doing, untying this colt?"

Narrator 2: They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the

colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

Narrator 1/2: Hosanna!

People:

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Narrator 1/2: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Hosanna!

Narrator 2: Then Jesus entered Jerusalem.

The palm procession begins during the hymn:

Hymn: #191 All Glory, Laud and Honour

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

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one. *Refrain*.

The company of angels are praising thee on high, And we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain*.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*.

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; To thee now high exalted our melody we raise. *Refrain*.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*.

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING

Narrator 1: Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who

were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to

carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying,

People: "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?' But you

have made it a den of robbers."

Narrator 2: And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for

they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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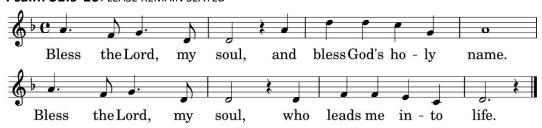
A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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?

The word of the Lord. Reader: Thanks be to God. People:

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 31:9-16 PLEASE REMAIN SEATED



Choir: 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.

All: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Choir: I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, 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.

All: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Choir: 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."

All: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Choir: "My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute

Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

All: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi.

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

PLEASE STAND

Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (*Tune: Morning Light*)
Hosanna, loud hosanna the happy children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,

The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
The victory palm-branch waving, and singing clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Content that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, For Christ is our Redeemer; earth, let your anthems ring. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, And in his humble presence eternally rejoice!

Palm Sunday Reflection: Fr. PJ

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

The Apostles' Creed PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his

only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People

PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND AS YOU PREFER

Please respond to the petition "Living God, breathe into us" with "that we may live in you."

Confession & Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites

them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and

strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace PLEASE STAND

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

(We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn: CP #533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

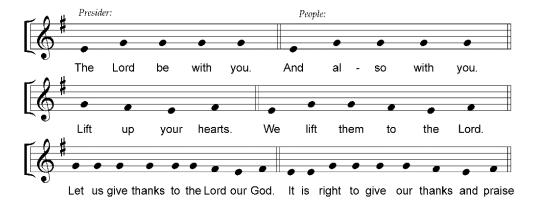
Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee. Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; Cover my defenceless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find!
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness:
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee; Spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

Prayer Over the Gifts

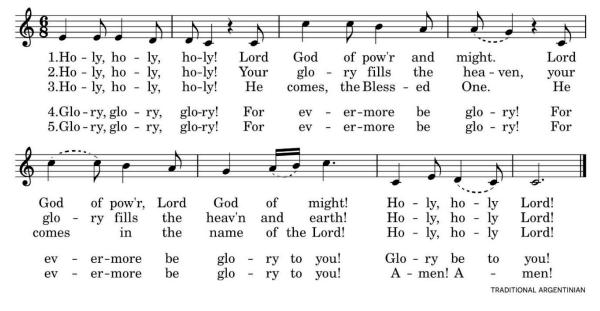
Eucharistic Prayer



The Presiding Celebrant will begin the Eucharistic Prayer by either singing or saying the preface to the prayer. The preface will conclude with the words "to proclaim the glory of your name."

We then sing verses 1-3 of the Sanctus as follows:

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The Presiding Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing verse 4 of the Sanctus:

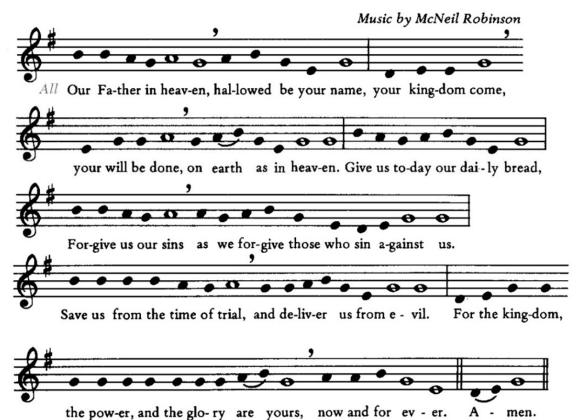
People: (verse 4) Glory, glory! For evermore be glory! For evermore be glory to you! Glory be to you!

The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing verse 5 of the Sanctus:

People: (verse 5) Glory, glory, glory! For evermore be glory! For evermore be glory to you! Amen, amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



The Breaking of the Bread #7

Presider: We break this bread,

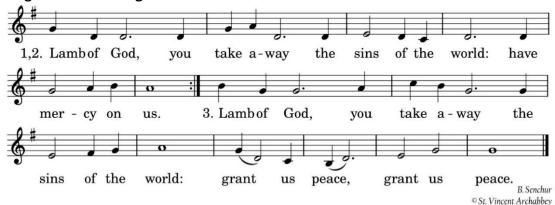
All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Song for the Breaking of Bread: Lamb of God



Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Communion PLEASE BE SEATED

All are welcome to come forward, including children and infants. Those who are baptised may receive holy communion. Those who do not take communion are welcome to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your hands over your chest when you are presented with the chalice. Dipping the bread in the chalice is not permitted. Receiving in one kind is considered full participation in the sacrament. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

All are welcome to receive Lay Anointing and Prayers for Healing when lay anointers are present. If you wish to receive anointing, please go to the Lady Altar and/or Book of Remembrance after partaking in communion. Please state your name and your prayer request, if desired, to the anointer.

Music During Communion

Communion Hymn: Let Us Be Bread



Choir: I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more.

All: Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured.

Let us be one in the Lord.

Choir: You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends.

All: Let us be bread . . .

Anthem: Sanctus G. Fauré

Prayer after Communion PLEASE STAND

The Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from

generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP #182 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes "Hosanna" cry;

O Saviour meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp, ride on to die;

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel-squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh: the Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp, ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Dismissal

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