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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
9 April AD 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The procession begins at the entrance of Gaithersburg High School.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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.

Mateo 21:1-11

Cuando ya estaban cerca de Jerusalén y habían llegado a Betfagé, al Monte de los Olivos, Jesús envió a dos de sus discípulos, diciéndoles:

—Vayan a la aldea que está enfrente. Allí encontrarán una burra atada, y un burrito con ella. Desátenla y tráiganmelo. Y si alguien les dice algo, díganle que el Señor los necesita y que en seguida los devolverá.

Esto sucedió para que se cumpliera lo que dijo el profeta, cuando escribió:

«Digan a la ciudad de Sión:

“Mira, tu Rey viene a ti,

humilde, montado en un burro,

en un burrito, cría de una bestia de carga.”»

Los discípulos fueron e hicieron lo que Jesús les había mandado. Llevaron la burra y su cría, echaron sus capas encima de ellos, y Jesús montó. Había mucha gente. Unos tendían sus capas por el camino, y otros tendían ramas que cortaban de los árboles. Y tanto los que iban delante como los que iban detrás, gritaban:

—¡Hosana al Hijo del rey David! ¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosana en las alturas!

Cuando Jesús entró en Jerusalén, toda la ciudad se alborotó, y muchos preguntaban:

—¿Quién es éste?

Y la gente contestaba:

—Es el profeta Jesús, el de Nazaret de Galilea.

Matthew 21:1-11

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anybody says anything to you, say that the Lord needs it.” He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, *Say to Daughter Zion, “Look, your*

king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring." The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.**

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen

The Procession: Verses 1, 3, 5 in English, verses 2 & 4 in Spanish

All glory, laud, and honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

2. Cabalga manso y pobre
 tan alto embajador
 del fértil Olivete
 al monte de Sión.
 Con palmas y con ramos
 el pueblo marcha en pos
 cantando: ¡Hosanna! al Hijo
 que de David nació.

4. Por Rey de la dulzura
 la gracia y el amor,
 Aclámanle los suyos,
 rindiendo gloria a Dios.
 Sembrad de mirto y flores
 la senda del Señor.
 Honradle, no de labios,
 sino de Corazón.

The Spanish speaking congregation processes to the Chapel.

At the entrance to the nave, the English speaking congregation halts for the following station prayer, then processes into the church with a reprise of "All glory, laud, and honor".

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reprise of "All glory, laud, and honor: with organ and ensemble, all verses in English.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

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.

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God

Gather #450

Eye Has Not Seen

The Passion According to Matthew 18:1-19:42 (See separate insert)

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Meditation

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

The Prayers of the People

Prayers are invited, either silently or aloud. After each spoken prayer, a gong will sound.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Gather #498

Now We Remain

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow-er, God of might, heav - en and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
We are bold to say:

Our Father in heaven,
 holy is your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we now pray:

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
 of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
 now and forever. Amen.

(Source: *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, p.181)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence is kept.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives in you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people, who administer to one another at the direction of the Celebrant.

The Bread and the Cup are given with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Administration of the Sacrament: All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to the communion station at the direction of the Welcome Team. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy

by holding up three fingers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion station and cross your arms over the front of your chest – this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed. If you need communion brought to you please let a member of the Welcome Team know.

Healing Prayers: If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing for yourself or another, go to the prayer annex beside the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.

When there is a Eucharistic Visitor present

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

After all have received, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Gather #302

Were You There

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for Sandy Boynton, John Carman, Carol Clark, Mary Davidock, Elinor Etienne, Joseph Ellis, Abby FitzPatrick, James Harris, Margaret Mirin, Al & Jule Pittman, Warren Porter, Home Reitwiesner, Nancy Snee, Fran Spin, and Tom Thiele, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for refugees and all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

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Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	7:45 a.m. Jean Cohn 9:00 a.m. Barbara Mansfield Sue Snay 11:15 a.m. Meredith Horan	Enid Cole Andrew Greene Gary McLaughlin Peg Ruppel
Prayers	7:45 a.m. Jean Cohn 9:00 a.m. Carleton MacDonald	Enid Cole Susan McLaughlin
Chalicians	7:45 a.m. David Burton Leslie Sanya 9:00 a.m. Swithin Kwamena-Poh Sari Stoddard 11:15 a.m. Sarah Rubin Laura Shay	Edna Leake Wadai Dennis Esther Tellu Jason Cutshal Jason Cutshall Laura Shay
Healing Prayer Ministers	7:45 a.m. Jean Cohn 9:00 a.m. Jason Cutshall 11:15 a.m. Jason Cutshall	Jason Cutshall Susan McLaughlin Alex Langley
Acolytes	7:45 a.m. Raymond Chin 9:00 a.m. Paul Whitmore Richard McFarland Kofi Kwamena-Poh	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Lisa Dickson Alfred Wasikye Gary McLaughlin
Welcome Team	7:45 a.m. Wadai Dennis Frank Sanya 9:00 a.m. Dorett Sutherland James Black Jonathan Black 11:15 a.m. Alex Langley Alice Padmore Kendall Anderson	Jean Cohn Don Cohn Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson Sciou Broderick Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo
Altar Guild	7:45 a.m. Enid Cole Mardia Dennis 9:00 a.m. TBA 11:15 a.m. Laura Shay	Leslie Sanya Wadai Dennis TBA Georgana Maines
Song Leader	11:15 a.m. Betsy Hasegawa	Sue Snay
Hospitality Angels	7:45 a.m. Jean Cohn 9:00 a.m. Fe Wlotzko 11:15 a.m. Aaron and Emma Boyce	Janet King Marion Rice Mary Layne-Brizan
Altar Guild Unscheduled Services	11:15 a.m. Team	7:45 a.m. Team
Eucharistic Visitor	Pamela Irons-Forth	Jean Cohn
Flower Delivery	Hawa Clemens Eliane Dunn-Johnson	Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer