

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



We believe in sharing the experience of love and grace by seeking relationship with God and one another.

PALM SUNDAY Sunday, April 5, 2020

Morning Prayer

Rite II

Voluntary: Epilogue on "St. Theodulph"

H. Willan

H 154: Liturgy of the Palms: Processional

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor 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 is 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 prayers 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

The Officiant says

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to 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.*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Please kneel as you are able.

The Priest then says

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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.

The Officiant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

If you have been kneeling, feel free to sit for the lessons. .

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 100

BCP 82

Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;*
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 22:1-21

Deus, Deus meus

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
- and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;*
- by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,*
- enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you;*
- they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;*
- they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,*
- scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;*
- they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

- 8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;*
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,*
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;*
you were my God when I was still in my
mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,*
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me;*
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me,*
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;*
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;*
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me;*
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me;*
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD;*
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword,*
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion’s mouth,*
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren;*
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

After the Psalms, all say together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Readings

First Reading *Isaiah 45:21-25*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, “Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.’ Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13

BCP 90

A Song of Praise, *Benedictus es, Domine*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;*
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;*
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;*
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;*
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;*
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;*
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Paul’s letter 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.

Canticle 19

BCP 94

The Song of the Redeemed, *Magna et mirabilia*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done,*
 surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,*
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name?*" for you only are the holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you,*
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

When they 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. 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?" crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Candice B. Frazer

Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

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.

Announcements

Care Circles have formed and are up and running. Please contact the church if you have not heard from a Care Leader.

Giving is available on-line by going to our website and click on the "Give" link, or text the word "GIVE" to (833)901-2138 and follow as prompted.

Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

Anthem: Carol of the Hill

S. Paulus

Presentation

Officiant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen

Prayers

BCP 97

You may kneel during the prayers or you may remain seated.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 Officiant and People say responsively

A.
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. You saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

A Collect for Palm Sunday

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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

H 392: Come We that love the Lord

Vineyard Haven

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne.
Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Let those refuse to sing that never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

The heirs of grace have found glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope may grow.
Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sings.

Then let our song abound and let our tears be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.
Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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

Officiant
The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your heart and mind in the love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

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