



## **Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

**April 13, 2025**

**WELCOME**

to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

a member of the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant

### **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

Big Rapids, MI

Seeking every day to love God  
with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and  
to love our neighbors as ourselves.

### **St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Cadillac, MI

We strive to live out the Great  
Commandment: To love the Lord with all  
our heart, soul, and mind and to love our  
neighbors as ourselves.

If you have a faith or are seeking one, you are always welcome here.

If you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home,  
we'd love to get to know you.

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS & MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

*All gather outside by the memorial garden before the service begins.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

BCP 270

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

**People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Officiant 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.**

### The Gospel

**Luke 19:28-40**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher,

order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

### **Prayer over the Palms**

**BCP 271**

Officiant     The Lord be with you.

**People       And also with you.**

Officiant     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People       It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Officiant     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.*

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

**People       Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Procession**

Officiant     Let us go forth in peace.

**People       In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*All process into the church, waving palms.*

### **Processional Hymn**

*All glory, laud, and honor, Hymnal #154*

Officiant     Lord, open our lips.

**People       And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All                    **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. Alleluia.**

**Antiphon**

All    **The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.**

**The Venite**

All    **Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 31:9-16**

9    **Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \* my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.**

10 **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \* my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

11 **I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \* when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

12 **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \* I am as useless as a broken pot.**

- 13 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.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \* I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

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.

**The Lessons**            *All sit as able.*

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

Reader            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?

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

**First Canticle**

**Canticle 14, A Song of Penitence**

**All**    **O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \***

**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \* with all their vast array.**

All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \* you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \* Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

## Second Reading

## Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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.

### Second Canticle

### Canticle 19, The Song of the Redeemed

All    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.

### Third Reading

### Luke 22:14-23:56, Bulletin Insert

Reader        The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*The customary responses before and after the reading are omitted.*

**Reflection**    *The reflection may be a time of silence, a homily, or reading of a text.*

**The Prayers**        *The people stand or kneel as able.*

Officiant      The Lord be with you.

People        **And also with you.**

Officiant      Let us pray.

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.

### Suffrages A

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
People **And grant us your salvation.**  
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
People **Let your people sing with joy.**  
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;  
People **Your saving health among all nations.**  
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### The Collect of the Day

*The officiant prays the collect of the day, found in the bulletin insert.*

### Hymn at the Prayers

*Ride on, ride on in majesty, Hymnal #156*

### The Prayers of the People

*Hear Our Prayer*



**Intercessor** Like the followers of Jesus before us, we often fail to recognize His claim on our lives. Let us bow together and offer Him our fealty and our prayers saying, “Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

Open our hearts to see you as you draw near to us in our daily lives. Give us eyes that see your truth and hands that open to you in welcome, and give us the will to live this week with you in your journey from triumphant king to crucified messiah. Help us to carve out time to worship fully this holy week. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Calvary, Hillman - Dana, Senior Warden Emmaus Monastery, Vestaburg – Srs. Diane and Linda-Susan. We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular, we pray for those in our diocese preparing for the Sacred Order of Priests, including Abraham, Laurie, Jonathan, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Matt, Cathy, Kris, Theresa, Janet. We pray also for those in our diocese preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Jennifer, Chris, Laura, Deb, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*  
Lord in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** Send the imperative of love into the leadership of all nations that we might move forward in finding lasting peace. *Silence*  
Lord in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor** We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our govenor; Tiyi, our mayor. *Silence* *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor    Make us living banners of welcome to those who fear rejections and to those who experience disconnection from you and your church. Draw those who need you most into the circle of a supportive and welcoming congregation. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor    Give us hands that reach out to the poor and suffering with food, clothing, shelter, and companionship. Give us your heart that we might walk the way of love. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor    Heal the body, mind, and spirit of those who suffer with illness and despair. Bring hope and wellness to all your people. We pray especially for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Rick, Jeremy & family, Sharon, Janet, Tammy, Renee, Delcine, Jared, Sue, Fred, Diane, Lacey, Nick. For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Chuck, Craig, Kathy, Mike, Austin & Family, Aunt Jan, Rob, Blanca & Rene, Liz; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Owen, Wesley, Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Henry, Jess; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor    Gather the dying and the dead, especially Betty, to you and relieve those who grieve. Keep us mindful of the promise that we might abide with you now and in the world to come. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant      God of love and God of suffering, send your spirit to us now that we might companion with you in this special week of worship that leads

us to the cross. Unite us to one another in your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**The General Thanksgiving**     *Said in unison*

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**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.**

**The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements**

For a Birthday

Pew Card

For an Anniversary

BCP 431, first prayer

Travelers

BCP 831, #53

**Recessional Hymn**

*Lift up your heads, Hymnal #436*

**The Dismissal and Concluding Sentence**

**Officiant**     Let us bless the Lord.

**People**     **Thanks be to God.**

**Officiant**     Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

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