



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church *Lake Jackson, Texas*

Our Vision

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we experience the love of Jesus Christ
and share it with others.*

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024 - 10:30 AM

The congregation assembles on the front patio, and each takes a palm branch.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Priest Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

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

Priest 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.

A Reading from St. Mark's Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Priest When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "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.'" 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, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 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 went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The People raise their branches.

Priest 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.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

The congregation will process behind the crucifer into the church holding palm branches. Please join the choir in singing the following hymn in procession, returning to the beginning of the hymn, if necessary, until the priest has taken his place at the chancel.

Priest Let us go forth in peace;

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

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2. The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

Refrain

3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

The Collect of the Day

[BCP 272]

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a (*sit*)

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?

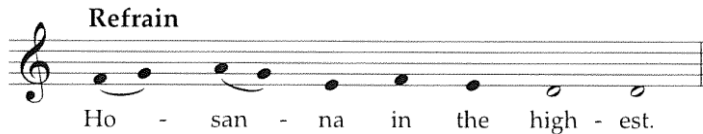
After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (*sung by the cantor*)

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain.



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."

Refrain

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."

Refrain

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.

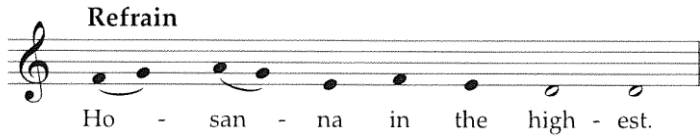
Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

The Epistle: 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.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*all sing*) (*vs. 1, 2 & 7*) *My Song Is Love Unknown* **Hymn 458**

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 15:1-47

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at the place called The Skull, all stand. The bold parts are for all to speak. As you listen, notice who you relate to or are repelled by. Ponder why... ask the Holy Spirit how to respond.

Narrator As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator He answered him,

Jesus “You say so.”

Narrator: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

Narrator But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd

came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

Narrator They shouted back,

People “Crucify him!”

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

People “Crucify him!”

Narrator So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Narrator They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify

him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

ALL STAND

Narrator Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Bystander "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

Narrator In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Chief Priest He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

Narrator Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystander "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

Narrator And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

Narrator Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Silence may be kept.

Narrator And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Narrator There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The Homily (*sit*)

The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

The Prayers of the People (*stand*)

Intercessor Let us follow in the way of Christ and pray through him to the Father.
Give true humility to your people, making them more worthy to proclaim the sufferings of Christ, the just for the unjust.

People **As he was smitten for us, strengthen us when we must bear scorn and opposition for his sake.**

Intercessor Turn and soften those who take the false and easy way when choice is demanded.

People **Cleanse the world of corruption that is concealed under a show of goodness.**

Intercessor Give us the desire to serve those whose lives touch our own.

People **Let us honor one another for the sake of him who humbled himself to the Cross for us.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who are condemned by unjust laws, and cruel regimes.

People **May they feel, in their suffering, the suffering love of Christ.**

Intercessor We pray for those who have been put to death through anger, blindness or cowardice or by the violence of injustice, especially our school children.

People **Give them the peace that was refused them in this life.**

Intercessor Casting our cares and our sins before the feet of Christ, may we have grace to follow him to the end.

Silence

- We give thanks to God for answered prayers among us. Glory to God!
- For healing and peace among the nations of the world, especially Ukraine, Pakistan, Israel, and Gaza. *(The congregation is encouraged to add Nations God has put on your heart.)*
- For the grace and strength to fulfill our strategic direction at St. Timothy's; may the Holy Spirit be the architect of all we do. Help guide us all. Call forth those who you have to serve according to the gifts you've given them.

We pray for the special needs, concerns, and thanksgivings of this congregation and community. *(Intercessor waits a minute or two so people can add prayers aloud or silently.)*

Silence

We pray especially for members: Jacob, the Obasi family, Richard, the Hutchison family, the Kautz family, Kay, Lauren, Char, Matthew, Tony, Jim and James, John and Gayle, Mary, James, Jake, Denis and Judi, Kurt, Steve, Michael, Robert, Kay and Roy, Donna and Larry, and Linda.

Thank you for the privilege to pray on behalf of friends and families: Doris, the Udemezue family, Kaytlynn, Mary, the Murrell family, Gabriel, Bruce, Sheral, Megan, Catherine, Clara, Roland, Dorothy, Cody, Kathryn, Bill, Greta, Warren and Danee, Riley and Betty, Rose, Melissa, Earlene, Brennan, Pam, Annette, Liam and family, Holly, Jane, Carmen, Kristi, Mita, Alexander, Dustin, Kristi, Hannah, Margaret, Grace, Douglas, Jean, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, Loorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Judy, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, and Claire.

For our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Jordan, Brad, Lucas, Annie, Justin, Joseph, Caleb, Ed, Brett, Thea, Jaycob, and Joshua.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Peter's in Brenham, St. Philip's in Hearne, St. Thomas' in College Station, and the Diocese of Peshawar.

Concluding Prayer

Priest Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace *(stand)*

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

- *Godly Play returns to the sanctuary*

Welcome and Announcements *(sit)*

Members of St. Timothy's healing prayer team are available in the side chapel to pray with anyone who desires healing for themselves or others. Simply go to the side chapel after taking communion.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence: But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

The Offertory

Hosanna
Chancel Choir

Gregor/Bitgood

Doxology *(all sing)*

Hymn 380, vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Priest: All things come from thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee**

The Great Thanksgiving (*stand*)

[BCP 369]

Eucharistic Prayer C

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

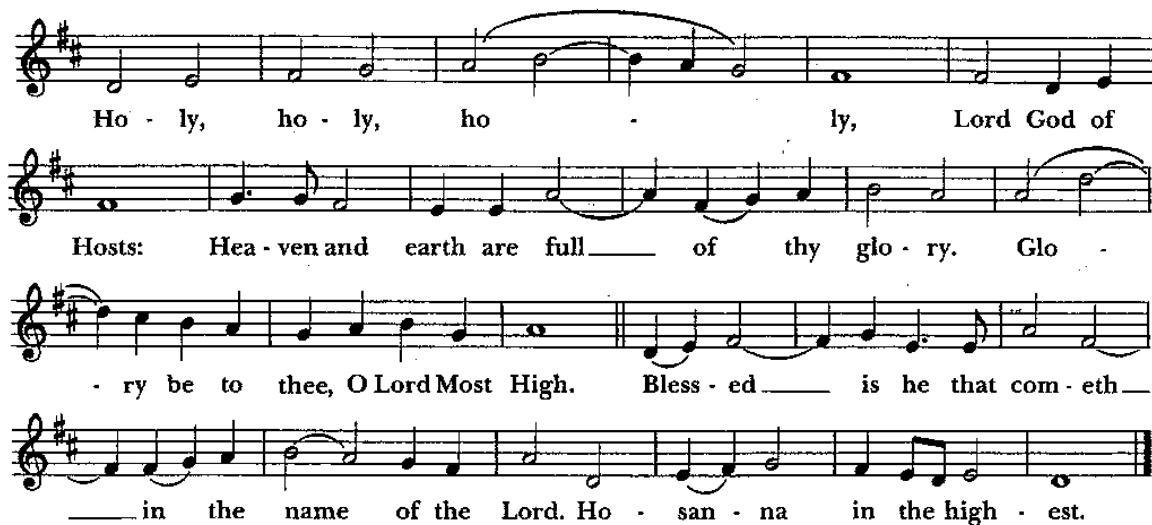
By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (S114) (all sing)

Setting by Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem (S374) (all sing)

Sua *bassa* Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, _____ you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, _____

_____ you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the priest says the following invitation

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

The Ministration of Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord's Table and receive the bread and wine of communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest just before you receive communion.

At Communion:

- Hymn 168 *(all sing)*

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

- Hymn 313 *(all sing)*

Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured

Post Communion Prayer *(stand or kneel)*

[BCP 366]

Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior**

Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn (*all sing*)

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Hymn 556

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Holy Week Schedule

- March 28 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service,** Foot washing and Stripping of the Altar. Prayer Vigil to follow starting at 9:00 p.m. through Friday, March 29, at 10:00 a.m.
- March 29 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy** and Eucharist
- March 30 10:00 a.m. Parish-wide Easter Egg Hunt** with Kindermusik families
- March 31 Easter Day** (Bring fresh flowers to Flower the Cross)
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Baptism,** with Handbells, Brass, Pipe Organ, Choir, and Traditional music

Following the 10:30 service, a reception will be held in the Parish Hall for the newly baptized and photo opportunities.

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Altar Party

Acolytes:

Ushers: Mel McKey and Judi James

Chalicer/Intercessor: Angela McCabe

Lector: Dave Mayberry

Cantor: Keith Frank

Healing Prayer: Cathy Richardson and Bunny Schockmel

Rector: The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

Director of Music: Andrea Hutchison

Organist: Bonnie McDaniel

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