



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Lake Jackson, Texas

Our Vision

As a family of God, we are called to invite and welcome all people to connect with Christ and grow in his love while serving and sharing with our community.

Welcome to St. Timothy's! You are invited to participate fully in today's worship service. This bulletin contains all the prayers and responses said by the People. If you wish to use the Book of Common Prayer [BCP], the page numbers are given in brackets.

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021

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 11:1-11a

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.**

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.*

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 - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.
 Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner, alt.;
 harm. William Henry Monk

The Collect

[BCP 219]

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*)

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16 (*sung by cantor*)

- 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 Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Mark 14:26-15:1-39

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.

Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter “Even though all become deserters, I will not.”

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator But he said vehemently,

Peter “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

Narrator And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus “Sit here while I pray.”

Narrator He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them,

Jesus “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

Jesus “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”

Narrator He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”

Narrator So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas “Rabbi!”

Narrator and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.”

Narrator All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

Crowd “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”

Narrator But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

Chief Priest Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

Narrator But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

Chief Priest “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus “I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

Chief Priest “Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?”

Narrator All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

Crowd “Prophesy!”

Narrator The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant Girl “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.”

Narrator But he denied it, saying,

Peter “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.”

Narrator And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant Girl “This man is one of them.”

Narrator But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Bystander “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.”

Narrator But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter “I do not know this man you are talking about.”

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

Jesus “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator And he broke down and wept. 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!”

The Homily (*sit*)

The Reverend Canon Scott Gunn

To Mock Your Reign

Ben May & Cathy Richardson

The Prayers of the People (*stand*)

On this Sunday of the Passion, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, have mercy.

For God’s Church throughout the world, that we may be faithful to our mission to proclaim to all people the gospel of the Cross as the way of love and life, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, the Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, Andrew, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, and for every member of thy holy catholic Church, that we may truly serve you, following our Lord Jesus who came to serve and give his life as ransom for many, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world and an end to war and conflict; for all in authority and all who serve the common good; and for all who suffer oppression or injustice as Christ was condemned unjustly, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer any grief or trouble, for the sick and those in need, that they may find hope and healing, we pray to you, who suffered for us all, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the forgiveness of our sins, things done and left undone, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who have died in the communion of thy Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that you will remember them in your Kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all thy saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God; O Savior of the world, who by thy Cross and precious blood has redeemed us.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Celebrant

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set thy passion, cross, and death, between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to your holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **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 Blessing

Priest: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Bonnie McDaniel



Holy Week Schedule

- March 28** **Palm Sunday**
Service times, **8:30 a.m.** (Outdoors) and **10:30 a.m.** (Indoors)
- April 1** **6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday** (Indoors)
- April 2** **12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy** (Indoors)
- April 4** **Easter Day – Reservations Required***
7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Outdoors)
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Indoors,
Contemporary music)
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Indoors, Incense and
Bells, Traditional music, Livestreamed on YouTube
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reservations.**

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