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ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-PINES ANGLICAN CHURCH



LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
YEAR A

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THE GLORY of Easter is the heart of the Christian gospel. It is the centre of the Church's faith and worship. In the earliest days of the Church it was the only Christian festival: an annual celebration, in one act, of Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension, and his sending of the Holy Spirit. The celebration lasted fifty days in one continuous festival of adoration, joy, and thanksgiving, ending on the Feast of Pentecost. By the fourth century, the Church was adding to its celebration of Easter a week-long commemoration of the events which preceded our Lord's resurrection, beginning on Sunday with his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Christians would recall the final meal Jesus had with his disciples and his institution of the sacrament of the eucharist. On Friday they would commemorate Christ's agony and death on the cross. On Saturday night they would gather for the reading of the scripture, for prayers, for the baptism of their new converts, and then, as the day of the resurrection dawned, for the joyful celebration of Easter. The week before Easter became known as Holy Week. The focal points of this week would be

The Sunday of the Passion with the Liturgy of the Palms,

Maundy Thursday, with foot washing and a thanksgiving for the institution of the eucharist,

Good Friday, with a veneration of the cross,

[Easter Eve, with the Great Vigil, paschal fire, initiation, and the Easter eucharist.]

The service which follows represents an adaptation of a variety of services used through the centuries of the Church's life. (BAS p. 296 excerpt)

PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben BWV 735 variant J. S. Bach

FINAL HYMN

¶ Sung by all, standing.

O SACRED head, surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded,
Reviled, and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,
The glow of life decays,
Yet angel-hosts adore thee,
And tremble as they gaze.

I see thy strength and vigour
All fading in the strife,
And death with cruel rigour
Bereaving thee of life;
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
JESU, all grace supplying,
O turn thy face on me.

In this thy bitter Passion,
Good Shepherd, think of me
With thy most sweet compassion,
Unworthy though I be:
Beneath thy Cross abiding
For ever would I rest,
In thy dear love confiding,
And with thy presence blest.

PASSION CHORALE
Words, XIII CENTURY LATIN
Attrib., ARNULF OF LOUVAIN
Melody, H. L. HASSLER
Harm., J. S. BACH

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

¶ The congregation stands.

Celebrant Let us pray.
God our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger
with this eucharistic food.
Strengthen our faith, that through the death
and resurrection of your Son,
we may be led to salvation,
for he is Lord now and for ever.
All Amen.

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

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
All Amen.



ORDER OF SERVICE

¶ All stand and turn towards the narthex as the clergy
stand at the doors after the prelude.

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.
ALL SHOUT HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ,
during Lent we have been preparing
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.
on this day our Lord Jesus Christ
entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.
The people welcomed him
with palms and shouts of praise,
but the path before him led to self-giving,
suffering, and death.
Today we greet him as our King,
although we know his crown is thorns
and his throne a cross.
We follow him this week from the glory of the palms
to the glory of the resurrection
by way of the dark road of suffering and death.
United with him in his suffering on the cross,
may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help,
Lord God of our salvation,
that we may enter with joy
into the celebration of those mighty acts
whereby you give us life and immortality;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE GOSPEL

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 fulfil 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. The 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?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION HYMN

¶ Sung by all, sitting.

BE STILL, my soul, for GOD is near;
The great High Priest is with thee now!
The LORD of Life himself is here,
Before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart his lowly throne
Thy SAVIOUR GOD in love draws nigh;
He gives himself unto his own,
For whom he once came down to die.

He pleads before the mercy-seat—
He pleads with GOD; he pleads for thee;
He gives thee Bread from heaven to eat—
His Flesh and Blood in mystery.

I come, O LORD!—for thou dost call—
To blend my pleading prayer with thine;
To thee I give myself—my all,
And feed on thee, and make thee thine.

ROCKINGHAM
Words, W. D. MACLAGAN
Music, E. MILLER
Desc., A. HAM

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread,
All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.
All If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.

THE COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
All Thanks be to God.

¶ All then receive communion. The communicant responds each time, Amen. All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those not receiving Communion may wish to receive a blessing. Please cross your hands over your chest to indicate this. Those receiving the chalice are asked to assist the chalice bearer by grasping the cup at the base and guiding it to their lips.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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 give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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.
The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King,
with palm branches in their hands, crying,
Hosanna in the highest.
May we also, carrying these emblems,
go forth to meet Christ
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.

All Amen.

THE PROCESSION

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

¶ As the hymn begins, the children distribute the palms.
The crucifer then leads the procession; all hold branches
in their hands, singing.

FIRST PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALL GLORY, laud, and honour
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 Blessèd One. Refrain

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high;
And mortal kind, and all things
Created, make reply. Refrain

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer 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

ST. THEODULPH
Words, THEODULPH OF ORLEANS
Trans., J. M. NEAL
Melody, M. TESCHNER
Harm., W. H. MONK
Desc., A. L. ROSE

¶ At the chancel step, the procession halts.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send you Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell
with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
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;
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 shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All
Therefore, Father,
according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

COLLECT

Celebrant

Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into
glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for
us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is
alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever.

¶ The procession continues with this hymn,

RIDE on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes "Hosanna" cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The angel-squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

WINCHESTER NEW
Words, H. H. MILMAN
Melody, Musicalisches Hand-Buch
Harm., W. H. MONK

¶ All remain standing.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

¶ All remain standing.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
in tender love for all our human race
you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take our flesh
and suffer death upon a cruel cross.
May we follow the example of his great humility,
and share in the glory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

¶ The congregation sits.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who for our salvation
became obedient unto death.
The tree of defeat
became the tree of victory:
where life was lost, life has been restored.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly chorus,
we cry out
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus you Son.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear LORD made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet steadfast he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

LOVE UNKNOWN
Words, S. CROSSMAN
Music, J. N. IRELAND

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

¶ All remain standing.

Celebrant Gracious God,
the suffering and death of Jesus,
your only Son,
makes us pleasing in your sight.
Alone we can do nothing,
but through his sacrifice,
may we receive your love and mercy.
All Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the fiftieth chapter of the
Book of Isaiah beginning at the fourth verse.

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
backwards. 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? All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM XXXI

¶ The psalm is recited responsively.

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

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

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

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

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, 'You are my God.

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

¶ Sung by all, standing.

MY SONG is love unknown,
my SAVIOUR'S love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.

O who am I
that for my sake
my LORD should take
frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but all made strange, and none
the longed-for CHRIST would know.

But O my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need,
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his strong praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.

Then "Crucify!"
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my LORD done?
What makes this rage and spite?

He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!

Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

THE ABSOLUTION

¶ After the Liturgy of the Palms, the confession of sin is omitted at the eucharist.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

¶ The congregation stands.

Celebrant Once we were far off, but now in union with
Christ Jesus we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he
is our peace.
May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

¶ All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant

Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; I
looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but
I could find no one. They gave me gall to eat, and when I
was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second chapter of Paul's
letter to the Philippians beginning at the fifth
verse.

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.

GRADUAL HYMN

¶ Sung by all, standing.

SING, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the last, the dread affray;
O'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,
Sound the high triumphal lay,
How, a victim's death enduring,
Earth's Redeemer won the day.

God, man's Maker, sorely grieving
That the first man, Adam, fell,
When he ate the fruits of sorrow,
Whose reward was death and hell;
Mark'd e'en then this Wood, the ruin
Of the ancient wood to quell.

Thus the scheme of our salvation
Was of old in order laid,
That the manifold deceiver's
Art by art might be outweighed,
And the lure the foe but forward
Into means of healing made.

To the Trinity be glory
Everlasting, as is meet;
Equal to the Father, equal
To the Son, and Paraclete:
Trinal Unity, whose praises
All created things repeat. Amen.

PANGE LINGUA
Words, T. AQUINAS
Trans., J. M. NEALE
Melody, MECHLIN PLAINSONG, MODE III
Arr., C. WOOD

Intercessor If our work places and neighbourhoods and homes are to display and respond to your values, then make us more fervent in prayer, more courageous in self-discipline and, above all, more loving in outreach. God our Father:
All let your will be done in us.

Intercessor If the terrible suffering of extreme poverty, injustice and oppression is to be addressed, then take away our greed and complacency and our assumptions about appropriate living standards, and teach us sacrificial self-giving of time, energy and resources. God our Father:
All let your will be done in us.

Intercessor Father, through the life-giving death of Jesus, may the dying turn to you and know your merciful love; may the grieving be comforted, and may we all one day share with those who have died the eternal joy of your heaven. God our Father:
All let your will be done in us.

Intercessor Father, such amazing love is hard to grasp and impossible to repay. In thankfulness for lives set free to live we offer you ourselves. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
All Amen.

Intercessor For those, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Jesus rides into Jerusalem cheered by the crowds. Days later crowds will be clamouring for his death. As we recall the extent of God's love for us, let us pray.

Father, if we as the Church are truly to be the body of Christ, then let us stand at the foot of the cross and learn what it means to love and keep on loving; to serve and keep on serving. God our Father:

All let your will be done in us.

Intercessor If the world is ever to see real hope, then purify and transform our lives and stretch out our arms in loving forgiveness, with no exceptions, so that we shine as lights in the darkness. God our Father:

All let your will be done in us.

THE PASSION

¶ All remain standing.

Gospeller The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

¶ The customary Gospel responses are omitted at the readings of the Passion.

The term 'the Jews' in the Gospels applies to particular individuals, and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Jesus Christ, we are responsible for his death.

The congregation may be seated until the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, at that time all stand.

RESPONSE

¶ All sit. After a time for reflection, all stand to respond in singing this hymn,

FAITHFUL Cross! above all other,
One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest Wood and sweetest Iron!
Sweetest Weight is hung on thee.

Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory!
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For awhile the ancient rigour
That thy birth bestow'd suspend;
And the King of heav'nly beauty
On thy bosom gently tend.

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the last, the dread affray;
O'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,
Sound the high triumphal lay,
How, a victim's death enduring,
Earth's Redeemer won the day.

PANGE LINGUA
Words, T. AQUINAS
Trans., J. M. NEALE
Melody, MECHLIN PLAINSONG, MODE III
Arr., C. WOOD

¶ After the Liturgy of the Palms, the creed is omitted at the eucharist.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

¶ Please kneel or be seated.

Intercessor We stand with Christ in his suffering.
For forgiveness for the many times we have
denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For grace to seek out those habits of sin which
mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-
discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the
Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Christian people, that through the suffering
of disunity there may grow a rich union in
Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those who make laws, interpret them, and
administer them, that our common life may be
ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the
Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those who still make Jerusalem a battle-
ground, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those who have the courage and honesty to
work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to
the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.