

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The congregation gathers in the circle drive for the Liturgy of the Palms.

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

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reading from John 12:12-16

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 him 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. 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.**

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

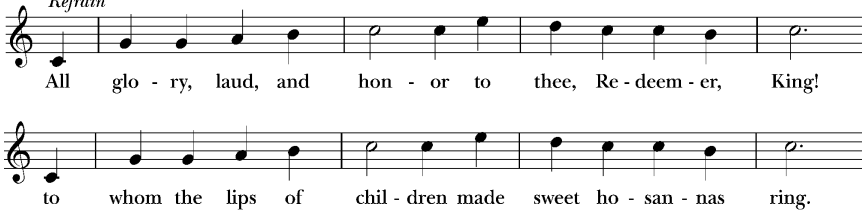
People: In the name of the Christ. Amen.

The Procession

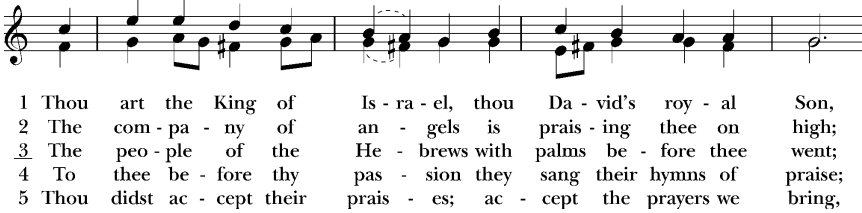
The people follow the crucifer, choir, and clergy in procession to the nave, waving the palm branches along the way.

***The Processional Hymn: 154 All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN**

Refrain

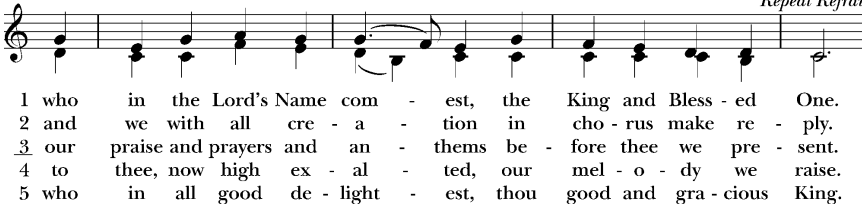


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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

After stanzas 1 & 2 of Hymn 154, the procession pauses at the church doors for the following Collect. Stanzas 1-5 are sung as the procession enters the nave.

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

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

*Welcome to St. Alban's! Thank you for worshipping with us today. Page numbers in the bulletin refer to The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the book with the cross on the cover. Hymnals and Prayer Books can be found beneath the seats. If you choose to kneel for parts of the service, please use the kneeler beneath your own chair. Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. Crayons and a Bible story coloring page are available on the table just outside the doors to the nave. *The congregation is invited to stand as able when indicated by an asterisk.*

Words of Welcome

*The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: **His mercy endures forever.**

*The Collect for Palm Sunday

BCP p. 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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 First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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.

Psalm 31:9-16 *Read responsively by half verse*

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *

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 neighbors,
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.

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.**

***The Sequence Hymn: 480 When Jesus Left His Father's Throne**

KINGSFOLD

The Children's Choir will sing the stanzas of Hymn 104 between the stanzas of Hymn 480.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 14:32-15:39

The congregation is seated for the beginning of the Passion, until the arrival at Golgotha.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation reads the parts indicated in bold print.

- NARRATOR** 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,
- READER** “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,

READER “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,

CONGREGATION **“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,

READER “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,

READER “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,

READER “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,

CONGREGATION **“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,

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

NARRATOR But he denied it, saying,

READER “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,

READER “This man is one of them.”

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

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

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

READER “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,

READER “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,

READER “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,

READER “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,

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

NARRATOR They shouted back,

CONGREGATION **“Crucify him!”**

NARRATOR Pilate asked them,

READER “Why, what evil has he done?”

NARRATOR But they shouted all the more,

CONGREGATION **“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,

CONGREGATION **“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. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). *All stand, as able.*

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,

CONGREGATION **“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,

CONGREGATION **“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,

CONGREGATION **“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,

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

NARRATOR

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. *(Silence is observed.)*

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,

READER

“Truly this man was God’s Son!”

***The Prayers of the People**

The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able. Please read together the names on our prayer list, when prompted.

Deacon

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

From all evil, hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, violence, and disaster,

Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please you to give your Church a heart to love you, and diligently to live by your commandments,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to make wars cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to have mercy upon all humankind, especially those we know are in particular need.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Together we pray for...

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, in the fellowship of all the saints,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We ask you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Exchange of the Peace**

BCP p. 360

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

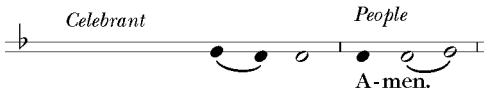
The Offertory Anthem: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Graham George, arr. Mark Shepperd

Please see Hymn 156 for the text of the anthem.

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256.

***The Presentation of Gifts**



***The Lord's Prayer**

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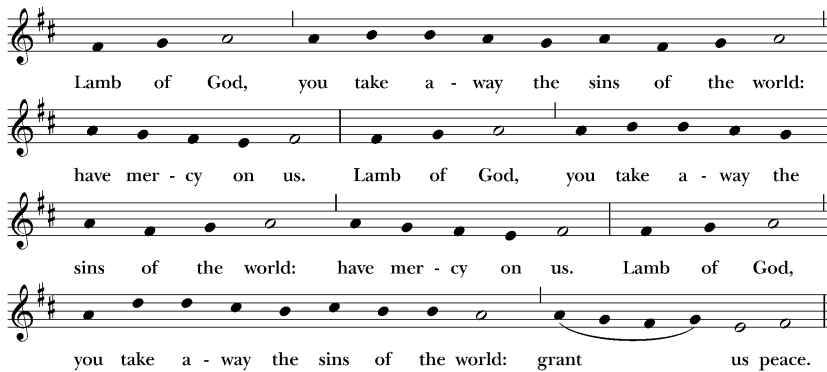
Celebrant and People

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 Fraction Anthem: S 161**

Lamb of God

David Hurd



The Ministration of Communion

BCP p. 365

All are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. At the appropriate time, you may come forward to the altar rail, filling in from right to left. Kneeling is optional. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the clergy. Wine is available either by sipping from the common cup (silver chalice) or by intinction (dipping the wafer into the pottery chalice). If you choose to intinct, please hold your wafer visibly to indicate that is your preference. Please take utmost care to keep your fingers from touching the wine as you dip. You may choose to receive only the bread or the wine, as either one alone is a full Communion. Please tell an usher if you need Communion brought to you. In the Episcopal Church, it is customary that those receiving Communion have been baptized in any Christian tradition, and no one who comes to the altar in faith is turned away. If you would like to learn more about Baptism at St. Alban's, please be in touch with the clergy. If you are not receiving Communion, we hope you will come forward and cross your arms over your chest, so that we might share a blessing with you.

The Communion Hymn: 458 My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

The Post Communion Prayer

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The congregation is invited to kneel as able.

Celebrant 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 Solemn Prayer over the People**

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

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. **Amen.**

***The Recessional Hymn: 160 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow**

CROSS OF JESUS

***The Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Wolfgang Dachstein

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