

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 13, 2025

10:30 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The congregation gathers in the Parish Hall 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 Luke 19:28-40

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

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



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,



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.

The procession pauses at the doors for the following Collect.

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 Processional Hymn: 156 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

THE KING'S MAJESTY

During the hymn, the congregation enters the nave and makes their way to their seats.



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

The Liturgy of the Word

*Welcome to St. Alban's! Thank you for worshiping 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.

The Second Lesson

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.

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.

Following the Sequence Hymn, all children are invited to the narthex for Children's Chapel. They will return at the Passing of the Peace.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 23:1-49

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (the Skull), all stand as able. The congregation is asked to read the parts of the Crowd.

Narrator Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus saying,

Reader 1 We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Narrator Then Pilate asked Jesus,

Reader 2 Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus You say so.

Narrator Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Reader 2 I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator But they were insistent and said,

Reader 1 He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Narrator When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, Pilate sent Jesus off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about Jesus and was hoping to see him perform some sign. Herod questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and mocked him; then Herod put an elegant robe on Jesus, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Reader 2 You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, this man has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator Then the elders all shouted out together,

Crowd **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

Narrator (Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd **Crucify, crucify him!**

Narrator A third time Pilate said to them,

Reader 2 Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will

therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Narrator But the Elders kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. Pilate released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed," Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Narrator Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus.

All stand as able.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Narrator And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Reader 1 He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Narrator The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Reader 2 If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Narrator There was also an inscription over Jesus that read, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying,

Reader 1 Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator But the other rebuked him saying,

Reader 2 Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator Then he said,

Reader 2 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator Jesus replied,

Jesus Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence is kept.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Reader 1 Certainly this man was innocent.

Narrator And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all Jesus' acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Homily

The Rev. Carmen Germino

*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
As sinners created from dust and destined for dust, but also as apostles created from love and destined for love, we lift our prayers to God, saying: "O Savior, hear us, help us, send us."

Intervenor
Holy God, as we enter Holy Week and prepare our hearts for Easter, draw your Church more deeply into the words and ways of Jesus. Teach us to live like him and love like him. Grant to your people devotion as strong as that of the woman who anointed him, and the courage of all the disciples who followed him to Golgotha. O Savior, **hear us, help us, send us.**

Give wisdom and compassion to the leaders of our nation and of all nations, that they might join you in the work of creating the world you intend for all your people. O Savior, **hear us, help us, send us.**

Show your mercy to those who are fearful, grieving, or suffering. May your healing presence abide with those who are in need. Together we pray for... Are there others? O Savior, **hear us, help us, send us.**

We pray also for all those who have died. O Savior, **hear us, help us, send us.**

Celebrant
As your imperfect yet beloved apostles, O God, lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust, from falsehood to truth, from war to peace, from hatred to love, from death to resurrection. Send us forth to proclaim with boldness the truth of your mercy and the depths of your Son's love. **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: In Pilate's Hall

Mary Kay Beall & John Carter

In Pilate's hall he stands alone; he will not raise his eyes.
The silence settles like a stone, and Pilate wearily sighs.
"Are you the Christ? Are you a King? I hear that's what they say."
But Jesus answered not a thing. He only turned away.

***The Sanctus: S 129**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues. The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

Celebrant *People*
A - men.

***The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 364

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

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.

The Ministration of Communion

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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 are choosing the common cup, it will be stationed in front of the altar rail in the center – please make your way there after consuming your wafer at the rail. If you choose to intinct, please remain where you are and 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 Anthem: Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

music: Douglas Wagner

The English translation of this Latin text is the same as today's Fraction Anthem: S 161.

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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