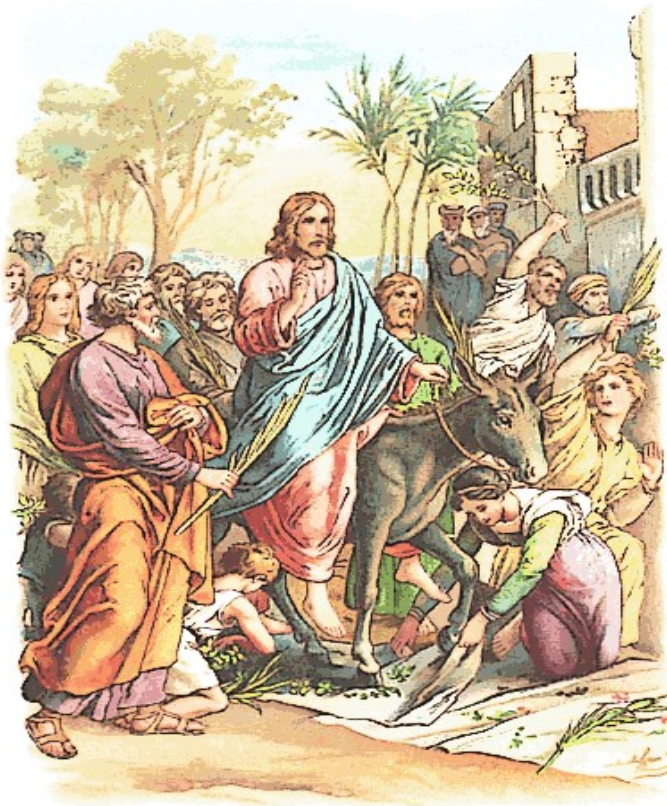


St. James' Episcopal Church
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
PALM SUNDAY
March 24, 2024



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10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY

Today's liturgy for the Holy Eucharist is from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) beginning on page 270. Page numbers from the BCP are given throughout this bulletin, but all that is needed to participate in the liturgy is included below and in the hymnals. Before silencing your cell phones please log on to Facebook (or other social media) and let people know that you are worshipping at St. James' Episcopal Church, Lewisburg, WV.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The congregation gathers so that all may go into the church in procession.

The following is said.

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

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

Mark 11: 1-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

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

The Celebrant continues:

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.

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Led by the Acolytes, the people follow in procession to the front door of the church waving the palms. Collect at entrance of church

Celebrant: 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 people continue to process into the church and to their pews.

Hymn

“All glory laud and honor”

Hymnal # 154

Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(kneeling)

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.**

Old Testament 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



- 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 ac/quaintance;*
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 per/secute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your / servant,*
and in your loving-kind/ness save me.”

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn – “Ride on! Ride on in majesty” *(standing)*

Hymnal #156

The Holy Gospel: Mark 14:-1-15: 47

(Seated)

Reader: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Refer to Gospel insert.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Homily

The Rev. Zach Drennen

The Prayers of the People

(Kneeling)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “**Lord have mercy.**”

For all Christians who face persecution, for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Matthew, our Bishop, for our ministers, Zach, Joseph and Amy, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Joseph our President and James our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our nation and those in our armed forces, for this community and those who live in it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for St. James' members who need our prayers; Frank, Rachel, Ron, Gary, John, Helen, Sally, Kay, Judy, Nicole, Cassie, Mark B., and David H.

For friends and family members who need our prayers; Earlene Woodman, Tim Lumsden, Wayne, Rhett, Lauryn, David, Ian, Larry B., Carolyn I., Natalie Walter, Erik, Arletta, Lynn, David, John and Barbara Forrester, Carol Waple, Willie, Gerry, Christy, Karen, Herbert, Kate, Zach B., Sylvia, Tommie P., Hannah P., Ruth W., Oretha M., Marshall, Dave, Dakota, and Jeff Allen.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed James and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

(Standing)

Celebrant: 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.

The Offertory

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine, and money or other gifts to the celebrant.

Offertory Anthem: Sung by the St. James' Choir

"In love Christ came among us" arrangement, J. Martin

Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

(Standing)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the

whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal #S130

Then the Celebrant continues; the people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love...

The celebrant continues the prayer, ending as follows:

... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

**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

A period of silence is kept. Then the following is sung

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Hymnal #S161

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God....

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion at the altar at the appropriate time. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask at the altar rail if that is what you wish to receive. Those with severe allergies or intolerance please let an usher know in advance.

Hymns: **Hymnal #158** “Ab, Holy Jesus”
 Hymnal #313 “Let thy Blood in mercy poured”

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

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 Priest blesses the people

People: Amen.

Recessional: “Alone thou goest,”

Hymn #164

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Holy Week Schedule

*Wednesday, March 27— 7 PM -Tenebrae

Thursday, March 28—5:30 PM AGAPE MEAL in the parish hall

Thursday, March 28—7 PM—Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29– 7 PM—Good Friday Service

Thursday, March 30– 7PM—The Great Vigil

*There will be no noon service on Wednesday, March 27

Easter Egg Hunt for the children: Next Sunday (Easter) following the 10:30 AM service. If you have filled eggs you may still drop them by the church office and if anyone would like to help hide the eggs that will take place around 9 AM.

Global Health Ministry: Finishing Layette Kits If you have a few minutes after the 10:30 am service on Palm Sunday join us to pack up Layette Kits for Global Health Ministry. Thank you to everyone who answered the call for towels, diapers and pins. This will allow us to finish up the kits and get them in the mail. The Kits will go out to 13 different third world countries to women who have just delivered their baby.

Mark your calendars for the Spring Yard Sale

May 18th and 19th in the parish hall.

One man's trash is another man's treasure.

(No electronics please and seasonal appropriate clothing only)

QR Code—We can now accept donations online through the attached QR code. Please, point your phone's camera at the code to access St. James' online donation portal.



WV Flood Resiliency Public Survey: A research team from West Virginia University and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry is seeking insights from West Virginians on their experiences with past floods and preparation for future floods. The team is conducting an online survey on the topic and any WV resident 18-years or older is encouraged to participate. The survey should take 20-30 minutes to complete, and insights will help the research team create an online resource to help increase flood resiliency for West Virginia communities. Anyone who takes the survey can choose to be entered into a raffle for one of eight \$250 gift cards. To find out more and to fill out the survey, go to mapwv.gov/civic and click on “flood survey” at the top or to go to the survey directly, use this link: <http://tinyurl.com/WestVirginiaFRF>.

The arrangements on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of David and Ian's birthdays by Joseph and Barbara Lutz and by Anne and Powell Turner.

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church.

(Inspired by Coventry Cathedral in Coventry, England)

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, questioning, well-healed or down at the heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up, or just out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte sippers, vegans, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, or down in the dumps, or don't like organized religion (we're not that keen on it either!).

We offer a welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to look around. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both, or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids, or got lost off of Interstate 64 looking for the State Fair and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters - and especially you....

Please come in!

A note or two about our worship service:

All of our worship services are found in our red *Book of Common Prayer* or *BCP* for short.

Most of our music is found in the blue Hymnal. Service Music – specific music related to a part of the liturgy – is indicated in your bulletin with an 'S' and will be found in the front section of the blue Hymnal. Just to keep you on your toes, we sometimes sing from the green hymnal found in your pews, *Wonder, Love and Praise*, and that will be indicated in your bulletin with the abbreviation WLP.

About Holy Communion: You are invited to receive the blessed bread and wine. To receive the bread, hold out your hand and the priest will place the bread in it. Likewise with the wine, help the minister guide the chalice to your mouth and take a small sip, or, if you choose, dip the bread in the small 'intinction' cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest and the chalice bearer will pass by. Those not wishing to receive communion are encouraged come up and receive a blessing from the priest, and we hope you do – we love giving out blessings!