

The Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday



Sunday, April 5, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Grace Episcopal Church
Silver Spring, MD 20910

PRELUDE

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.

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. **Amen**

HYMN • HYMNAL 436 (Vss. 1,2, and 3)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits!
The Kings of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heaven's imply, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

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 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.

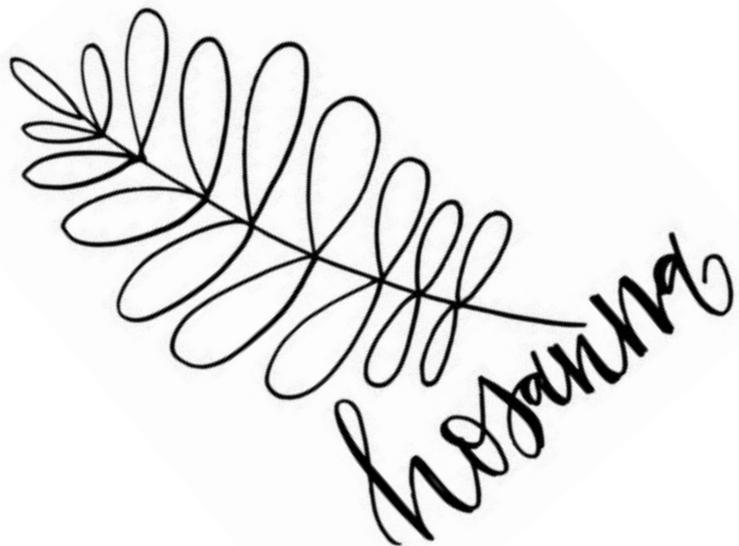
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 *Sung by the choir*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.



SEQUENCE HYMN • LEVAS 97

Ride on, King Jesus

Ride on, King Je - sus, No man can-a hin-der me.

Ride on King Je - sus ride on, no man can-a hin-der me.

2. Fine
hin-der me. 1. King Je - sus rides a milk-white horse, No man works like
2. I know that my re - deem - er lives,

Him, 1. De riv - er Jor - d'n He did cross no man works like Him. Oh
2. And of His bless - ing free - ly gives,

D.C.

Words: Traditional

THE GOSPEL LESSON • MATTHEW 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples 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 fulfill 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA AKES-CARDWELL

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. 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.

People Amen.

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

HYMN • HYMNAL 154 (Vss. 1, 3, & 5)

All glory, laud, and honor

REFRAIN All glory, laud and honor 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 Blessed One.

REFRAIN

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

REFRAIN

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

REFRAIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Kneeling, as you are able, let us humbly pray, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That Christians hear and share the word of God as true disciples, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant That all ends of the earth receive the words of the king of peace, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant That all leaders, of church and of state, prefer humble service to empty power, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant That those who see the cross starkly revealed in their lives draw strength from the name above every other name, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant That we who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again be ready and joyful, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant For those who suffer, or those in need, especially Judy & family, Scott & family, Ruth & family, Belva, Denise, Louise & Michael, Wayne & family, Kennita, Deborah, Steve, Don, Roderick, Jim & family, Mary, Maria, Laurie, Mary, Evelyn, Louise & family, Marsha, Elfrida, Anne, Traci, Geri, Carol, Fay, Clyde, Helen, Dave, and Elizabeth & Manny, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant We pray for the special needs and concerns of this community. We pray for the Faridullah family, and all of our refugee ministry volunteers helping the Faridullahs adjust to life in the United States. We remember the men and women serving in the armed forces, especially those currently deployed, that they and their families may be sustained by grace. We pray for our Vestry, staff and lay leaders that God may guide them in their work and ministry.

And now, let us offer to God the names of those for whom we pray, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant God our creator, you show your sons and daughters the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SOLEMN PRAYER

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.

HYMN • HYMNAL 458 (Vss. 1, 3, 5, & 7)

My song is love unknown

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake,
the Lord should take frail flesh and die?

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.

They rose, 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.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



GRACE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS

Judy Biagas & family; Scott Bly & family; Ruth Buckley & family; Belva Burney; Denise Brown-Collie; Louise & Michael Clark; Wayne Clarke & family; Kennita Collard; Deborah M. Copeland; Steve Crockett; Don Giles; Roderick Harrison; Jim Henley & family; Mary Hughes; Maria Jenkins; Laurie Joyner; Mary Lyons; Evelyn McKetty; Louise Mitchell & family; Marsha Obusek; Elfrida O'Reilly-Campbell; Anne Petersen; Traci Thompson; Geri Twitty; Carol Ubosi; Fay Webber; Clyde Wheeler; Helen Wheeler; Dave Williams; and Elizabeth & Manny Wilson.

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The Dana Grabiner family (friend of Matt Hardwick); Laureline Browder & Charles Browder (cousins of Kecia Brown); Pat & Bob Akes (parents of Amanda Akes-Cardwell); Kit Diefendorfer (father of Elaine Diefendorfer, grandfather of Pamela Pontius, and great-grandfather of William, Patrick, & Ian Rankin); Jo Brown (sister-in-law of Babs Uku); Cecily Buckley (mother of Ruth Buckley); John & Margaret Inman & their families (relatives of Ruth Buckley); Rachael Mogga (sister of Ruth Buckley); Meghan Hughes (daughter of Ruth Buckley)

