

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

From the Church of England

Celbrant: Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey.

Ride on in the cause of truth
and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
and the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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

The Greeting

Celebrant: Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Savior, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people hold up palms or branches

God our Savior, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms 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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Gospel of the Palm

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Hymn: All glory, laud, and honor, verses 4 and 5

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)**

**5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)**

The Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm 22: 1-11

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.' After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do

you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am

God's Son." ' The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

This is the Passion of the Lord.

Homily

The Rev. Jean M. DeVaty

Silence may be kept.

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

Let us pray

Our Father in heaven

**hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day 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 forever. Amen**

Reader: Let us pray to the Lord saying, **Lord, have mercy.**

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, and sinned against him in thought, word, and deed, both in things done and left undone, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, especially for the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, WI, Fort Worth, TX, and in our own Diocese of Albany, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, especially Donald, our President, Andrew, our Governor, and all elected officials that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, stay their hands and hearts that there may be peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, mercy and grace, especially all those who serve to alleviate the sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, especially due to this silent enemy of Covid-19, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

For those who may feel that God is far from them because they are weighed down with hardship, failure, sickness or sorrow, especially Dick, Todd, Dori, Ellie, Margie, Joyce, Stephen, Dana, Pam Katherine, Claudia, and Holly, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, especially Karen Sandberg and Lynn Strauss may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Celebrant:

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or more are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Blessing by the Celebrant:

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

To Keep in Your Prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray God's blessing and favor upon Dioceses of Fond du Lac, WI and Fort Worth, TX. In our Diocese we ask your blessing and favor upon our Bishop Bill and his family; for all those infected with the COVID-19 virus and all those treating them; and for St. Paul's, Greenwich; Zion Church, Hudson Falls; and Good Shepherd, Elizabethtown.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Adam, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Dick, Todd, Dori, Pattie Jo, Ellie, Margie, Joyce, Stephen, Dana, Pam, Katherine, Claudia, and Holly.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Karen Sandburg and Lynn Strauss, and for comfort for their families.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Rector and Vestry as they lead St. James': Mtr. Jean, Tiffany, Scott, Barbara, Bob, Jay, Bonnie, Jackie and Michele.

Read, Mark, & Inwardly Digest

During this National Emergency there will be no in person services and the office is closed. Please join us on Facebook Live at 9:00 each Sunday for corporate worship.

How we may be the family of God in this time:

1. **Seek Christ** daily and pray! As often as we can, we will post a video of Morning Prayer on our Facebook page. Morning Prayer gives you the Word of God for the day and in return you give your day to the Lord. If you do not have access to the internet, please let us know when we check in with you so that we might send devotional materials to encourage you.
2. **Live Christ** by calling one another to give and receive encouragement and to make certain that we all have what we need to walk through this together. If you discover a need, please call the church office to let us know so that we may help.
3. **Share Christ** by sending notes or cards. Who doesn't like to receive mail? It only takes three sentences to remind someone that you are thinking and praying for him or her. Why not send a few to Glens Falls Hospital to give to those who have no visitors.
4. **Praise Christ** with how you live during this time. Love God by taking care of yourself and giving yourself to others.

Observe a Holy Lent with Stations of the Cross: The stations of the cross will be available to watch on our Facebook page at 7:00 pm on Sunday, April 5 and Good Friday, April 10. This is a powerful way to walk with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Change for Change with Heifer International: All through Lent and into the Easter season, the Daughters of the King encourage you to collect change that will purchase life-changing items for people in need. Please take a self-denial box and help us purchase a flock of poultry, a goat, or a hive of bees to give to a community in need.

Offering March 29, 2020: \$685.00. If you are able please send your tithes and offerings to the church office during this time.

Holy Week Scripture lessons will be posted on our website: www.stjameslg.com Read ahead and prepare your heart to hear God's Word from Maundy Thursday to Resurrection Sunday.

holy week at st. james'

All Holy Week services will be held online through live-streaming on our Facebook page: St. James' Episcopal Church, Lake George. Please check our Facebook page, our website at www.stjameslg.com, and your email inbox for updates.

MORNING PRAYER, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

8:30 am On Zoom – Contact Mtr. Jean via email to receive an invitation to join on Zoom

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Noon & 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Please check our website for links to Good Friday Liturgy with the Veneration of the Cross & the Solemn Collects

EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 11

8:00 pm Lighting of the Easter Fire & Easter Vigil

RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 12

6:30 am Sunrise Celebration (weather permitting)
9:00 am Resurrection Celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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