



**Palm Sunday**  
**April 2, 2023**  
**9:00am**

**Prelude\***

*Fantasia in C minor*

J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

**The Liturgy of the Palms**

*Clergy* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Clergy* 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.**

*The Deacon then reads the story of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*

**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. 9The 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."

*Clergy* The Lord be with you.

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

*Clergy* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.**

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

*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Clergy* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Hymn 154

## Collect of the Day

*Clergy* The Lord be with you.

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

*Clergy* 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.**

## Reading

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 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 acquaintance;  
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 persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

## Hymn

*At the Name of Jesus*

Hymn 435 (vs. 1-4)

## Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

## Prayers of the People

*Leader*

Let us pray for our own needs, and the needs of the world.

*Brief silence*

In this diocese, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; the people of St. James Episcopal Church in Skaneateles and their priest, the Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper, and the people of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Slaterville Springs. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of El Camino Real, California, and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Archbishop Justin Badi Arama.

Faithful God, we depend on you for everything we need: for daily food, for guidance and protection, for healing in injury and comfort in sorrow. You respond in abundant provision.  
**Thank you for your tender care.**

Knowing your faithfulness in our own lives, we bring before you the lives of others, entrusting all things to your goodness and mercy. Bring healing to those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit. Bring release to those held captive by old hurts or new bonds that oppress and entangle. **Bring comfort to all who suffer in any way.**

We pray for people living in the midst of war. Protect citizens and soldiers alike, and teach us to put away our weapons, taking up instead words of peace and reconciliation. **May we learn to live together graciously.**

We pray for those who have died, and those who are struggling with grief, either ancient or new, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. **May they know the comfort of your loving presence.**

We pray for your church, oh Lord. Keep us faithful to the gospel, that we might serve your beloved world with glad and generous hearts. **Renew your church with your Holy Spirit.**

We pray for the people of every nation, especially for the weak, the vulnerable, and the oppressed. **May justice and compassion flourish in every land.**

*Priest*

Loving God, help us to see the world as you see it; to see others as you see them; and to see ourselves rightly. Pursue us with all your goodness and faithful love until goodness and faithful love fill every heart and inform every action. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Clergy*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

### **Anniversary & Birthday Blessings**

**May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.** *Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

## **Offertory**

*Ab, Holy Jesus*

John Ferguson

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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*Clergy*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**  
*Clergy*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Clergy*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*      **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*A Proper Preface is said here.*

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 S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might — Ho - ly,  
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might — heav - en and  
earth are full — full — of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes —  
in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

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*Clergy* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

### The Communion

#### Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world

give us your peace Give us your Peace.

### Music at Communion

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

J.S. Bach

### The Postcommunion Prayer

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.

## Blessing

**Music for Reflection\***

*Toccata in D minor*

J.S. Bach

**Passion Gospel** (*see pamphlet*)

**Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66**

*All may be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel.  
At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.*

### **Palm Sunday Dramatic Readers**

Narrator

Carrie Chantler

Jesus

Michael Brown

Other Voices

Sharon Arliss

*The Congregation exits in silence.*

*Please return the Gospel pamphlet to an usher at exit*

**Music for Reflection\***

*Fugue in D minor*

J.S. Bach

### **\*Music Notes**

Our prelude and postlude today are by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750), the most prominent sacred composer of the Baroque Period. Bach was a devout Lutheran and dedicated every composition "to the glory of God." His Fantasia in C minor which opens our service today is a sublime piece of music that reveals well the pathos and drama of the liturgy of Palm Sunday. Likewise at the end of the service, Bach's Toccata in d minor is a powerful piece of drama that appropriately portends the drama of the Passion story we are preparing to read. The 7-minute reflective Fugue that accompanies this Toccata will be played at the end of the reading to provide a time of resting in the Spirit as we enter this HOLY WEEK. It ends with spectacular drama, fittingly appropriate for the horrific events of Good Friday. Please leave in silence at the end.

### **Music During Holy Week & Easter 2023**

As with all worship, each component is planned and chosen carefully to make each service meaningful. St. James' is extremely blessed to have depth and talent in its music ministry. This Holy Week and Easter Season music is offered to the glory of God to enhance our worship together. You will find that special liturgies will offer special music.

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