

# *Palm Sunday*



*St. James' Episcopal Church  
Skaneateles, New York*

*10:00 am*

*The liturgy begins in the parish hall. The People are given palm branches.*

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

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

*Presider* 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 Gospel**

*Mark 11: 1-11*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*People* **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon* 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.

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*Presider* 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 with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

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

*The procession begins with the shouts of 'Hosanna!' The People repeat after the Presider*

*The procession moves into the church. When the Ministers have entered the hymn begins.*

## Hymn at the Opening

*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 company of angels is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (REFRAIN)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (REFRAIN)

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

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

## Welcome

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

*All are seated for the readings.*

## The First Reading

*Isaiah 50: 4-9a*

*After the Reading:*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

## The Psalter

*Psalm 31: 9-16 (Setting: Robert Hawthorne)*

In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.

**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. (Antiphon)**

**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. (Antiphon)**

**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. (Antiphon)**

**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." (Antiphon)**

### **The Second Reading**

*Philippians 2: 5-11*

*After the Reading:*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the hymn.*

### **Sequence Hymn**

**158**

*Herzliebster Jesu*

### **The Passion**

*Mark 14: 1-15: 47*

*Deacon* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*All are seated. The congregation may follow the dramatic reading of the Passion in the bulletin insert. The People collectively speak at the lines marked 'CONGREGATION.'*

*All stand at the line: "Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him."*

*A period of silence is kept after the line: 'Having said this, he breathed his last.' Those who wish may kneel.*

*At the completion of the Passion, all are seated for a period of silent reflection. Some may wish to kneel.*

*All stand at the sound of the bell ring.*

### **The Prayers**

*Silence is kept after each petition.*

*The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

### **The Confession & Absolution**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins to God.

*All* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and**

**the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are seated.*

## **Announcements**

### **Birthday & Anniversary Blessing**

*Those celebrating birthday and anniversaries are invited to come forward. The People and Ministers recognize and bless them.*

*All* **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. Amen.**

*An offering is collected to help support St. James' mission of sharing Christ's love in with the world. For more information on how you can help, go to [www.stjame�skan.org/support-st-james](http://www.stjame�skan.org/support-st-james) or by clicking the QR Code on the back of the bulletin*

**Offertory Anthem: Hosanna**

Brooke Ligertwood

*All stand for the presentation of the gifts and remain standing for the hymn.*

**Presentation Hymn 707, v. 1**

*Hollingside*

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall by thy royal throne.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord**

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

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

*The Presider prays the Proper Preface then continues:*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*All join in singing the Sanctus (S-125 in the blue Hymnal).*

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

*All stand or kneel as the Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall, and the redemption of the world by Christ.*

*After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:*

*Presider* Great is the Mystery of Faith:

*All* **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The Presider prays that the gifts and people may be sanctified and blessed by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice 'AMEN.'*

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.  
*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.**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. The People sing the Fraction Anthem (S-158)*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.**

*The Presider invites the People to share in the Communion.*

*All those who desire a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to come forward. The Presider will place the Bread in your hands. You may eat the Bread and drink from the common Cup, or you may leave the Bread in your hands and have the Minister dip the Bread in the Wine for you before handing it back.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you do not wish to receive for any reason, you are welcome to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing.*

*During Communion, Prayer Ministers are available at either end of the altar rail to pray with anyone who is in need.*

**Music at Communion:** At the Cross (Love Ran Red) Tomlin/Cash/Armstrong/Myrin/Redman  
How Deep the Father's Love for Us Stuart Townend, arr. Mark Hayes

*After all have received Communion, the Presider returns to the Holy Table.*

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* Let us bow down before the Lord.  
*The Presider prays a solemn Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

**Hymn at the Closing 168** *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

*The Dismissal is given, and the People respond, 'Thanks be to God.'*

**Postlude:** *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*, Op. 122, No. 9 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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