Saint Mark’s
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019 ♦ 8:00 AM

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Presider
The Reverend Dr. Dennis Tierney, Priest Associate, Preacher

Prelude
Fanfare on “Vexilla Regis Prodeunt”
[Tune of Hymn #162, “The royal banners forward go”]

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

All rise as able.

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

All Amen.


Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.
BLESSING OF THE PALMS  All hold up their palm branches.

Presider  The Lord be with you.
Assembly  And also with you.

Presider  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly  It is right to give God 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 in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All  Amen.

Deacon  Let us go forth in peace.
Assembly  In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION  All glory, laud, and honor (stanzas 1 & 3)  TUNE: Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain

1. Thou art the King of Is-ra-el, thou Da-vid’s roy-al Son,
3. The peo-ple of the He-brews with palms be-fore thee went;

who in the Lord’s name com-est, the King and Bless-ed One.

The Hymnal 1982 #154; public domain.
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider
The Lord be with you.

Assembly
And also with you.

Presider
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.

All
Amen.

All are seated.

READING

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
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Assembly
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 31:9–16 ♦ read by all in unison

In te, Domine, speravi

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.

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.

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.

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.” ♦
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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Assembly Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke 23:1–49

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Then they all shouted out together,

All cry out: “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”
(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

All cry out: “Crucify, crucify him!”
A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

All rise as able.

Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

All kneel as able. A deep bow is also appropriate. Silence is kept.

All rise as able when the Presider rises, and stand until the conclusion.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. ♦

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

HOMILY

The Reverend Dr. Dennis Tierney
All rise as able as the bread, wine, and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
*Eucharistic Prayer A*  
_Book of Common Prayer, p. 361_

**Presider**  
The Lord be with you.

**Assembly**  
And also with you.

**Presider**  
Lift up your hearts.

**Assembly**  
We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

**Presider**  
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:

_All_  
Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Presider**  
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when  
we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent  
Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as  
one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms  
upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for  
the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.”
Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

All AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your Name,
    your kingdom come,
    your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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 for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Assembly Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God:
    Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
    and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ’s Table.

If you need communion brought to your seat, please let any of the liturgical ministers know. Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.

- You are welcome to stand or kneel to receive communion.
- Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat. Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink.
- Or you may leave the bread in your hand for the chalice bearer to dip it in the wine and feed you.
- To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All 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.

PRAYER OVER THE ASSEMBLY

Deacon Let us bow down in God’s presence.

All bow their heads. The Presider prays over the Assembly. All respond: Amen.

HYMN 168 O sacred head, sore wounded ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #168

stanzas 1 & 3

TUNE: Herzlich tut mich verlangen (Passion Chorale)

DISMISSAL The Deacon dismisses the Assembly. The Assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

We leave the chapel in a spirit of quiet and solemn anticipation, looking ahead to the road we will travel through Holy Week, a journey whose first steps we have taken today.

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