



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

PALM SUNDAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
with LITURGY OF THE PALMS

March 24, 2024

9:00 AM



LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WELCOME

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

QUESTIONS?

Please ask. Ushers (wearing the purple welcome lanyards) can answer your questions or concerns, or provide a hearing assist device. All-gender restrooms are available in the northwest stairwell and on the 5th floor of Cathedral House, accessible by elevator or southwest stairwell.

NEW TO SAINT MARK'S?

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! We invite you to complete a newcomer form, visit saintmarks.org/newcomers or connect with one of the clergy.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. We encounter God within worship and are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the hallmarks of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy literally is "the work of the people," and refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The Assembly gathers on the front patio and steps, weather permitting.

Please take a palm leaf from the baskets. You may also take a noisemaker for the procession if you would like.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

All stand, as able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), adapt., p. 270

Presider Blessed is the One 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.**

GOSPEL OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM *Mark 11:1-11*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS *All hold up their palm branches.*

Presider God 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.**

PROCESSION

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

Our procession, like the one that accompanied Jesus on his journey into Jerusalem, is meant to be boisterous and somewhat chaotic. If you have brought percussion instruments, we hope you will play them as we walk the procession route.

If you have borrowed a noisemaker, please return it to the baskets as you enter the cathedral.

As the procession enters the cathedral nave, all join in singing:

HYMN

All glory, laud, and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and ho - nor to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

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;
4. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

Repeat Refrain
1. who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
3. our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4. to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

The Hymnal 1982 #154; public domain.

Presider God 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.**

Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.**

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

When the Presider stands, all stand, as able.

During the hymn before the Passion, children are invited to follow the cross for an extended Children’s Chapel. They will experience a gentle, age-appropriate journey through Holy Week in story, song and prayer and return to their families at the Peace.

HYMN BEFORE THE PASSION *Were you there?*

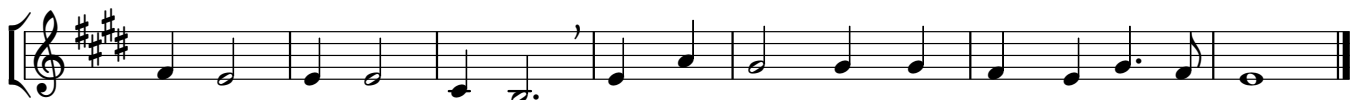
Negro spiritual



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there when they
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they



cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! _____ Some - times it caus - es me to
 nailed him to the tree? Oh! _____ Some - times it caus - es me to



trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

All are seated. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Mark 15:1-47

AS SOON AS IT WAS MORNING, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back,

All cry out: "Crucify him!"

Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

All cry out: "Crucify him!"

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

All stand, as able.

And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and 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.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid. ♦

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

*Following the homily, the assembly is invited into a period of silence, reflecting on the scriptures and sermon.
Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *After each petition:*

Intercessor God, in your mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. Together, these gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service. Those worshiping in person may place their offering in baskets as they are passed through through the rows.

*Visit saintmarks.org/give, or use the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right). If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter **2076**.*



ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus

WORDS: J. Heermann, tr. Robert Bridges;

MUSIC: *Herzliebster Jesu*, melody by Johann Crüger, choral arr. Roger T. Petrich

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.

All stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A, adapt.*

The 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 every where to give thanks to you, the 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Deutsche Messe*

Franz Schubert (1797–1828), arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the one who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider O God, you are holy and gracious: 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, our Rock and our Foundation.

Jesus 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, Jesus 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, Jesus 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, 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, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, 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.**

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Deutsche Messe*

Schubert, arr. Proulx

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.

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 may be seated for the time of Communion. All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread and wine are distributed at standing stations at the head of three aisles. The bread will be placed into your outstretched palm. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

VOLUNTARY *Organ improvisation*

HYMN 458 *My song is love unknown* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

Love Unknown

After communion, the assembly is invited to remain seated for a period of silence, contemplating the gifts of God given and received.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider One body are we.

Assembly **For, though many, we share one bread and one cup.**

Deacon Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Almighty and everliving God,

All **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.**

SOLEMN 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* (stanzas 1-3) ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

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

We leave the cathedral 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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The Rev. Canon Richard C. Weyls

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