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The Sunday of the Passion

~ Palm Sunday ~

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite 11



Sunday, March 24, 2024

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10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## Introduction

(From *A Priest's Handbook*, by Dennis G. Michno, p. 517)

The dual nature of the Liturgy for this Sunday is evident from the title. It begins with the pomp and glory of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem with shouts of “Hosanna” to our King. These hosannas soon change to “Crucify him, crucify him,” as the Passion is narrated and dramatically proclaimed. We are all part of this great drama, for it is the mystery of God’s redemption of the world through his only begotten Son.

The strength of this day is in its “schizophrenic” nature. The truth of this day is that we are all responsible, through our sins, for the Passion and Death of our Lord. The glory of this day is that we know by faith the truth of the Resurrection and the promise of everlasting life “with him who suffered and died for us, and rose again.”

*Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.*

(Phil. 2:8-9)

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Peace

## The Liturgy of the Palms

**Handbell Peal**

“Come to Praise”

Bill Ingram

Sounds of Grace Handbell Choir

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Celebrant: 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.**

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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.**

**Introit Anthem** “Entrance into Jerusalem” Wes Cameron  
Grace Parish Choir

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

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Hymn** "All glory, laud, and honor" *Valet will ich dir geben*

(The Choir will lead the procession singing, "All glory, laud, and honor." The procession will take us outside and to the Church. Upon reaching the Church doors, the procession will stop and a collect will be read.)

*Refrain*

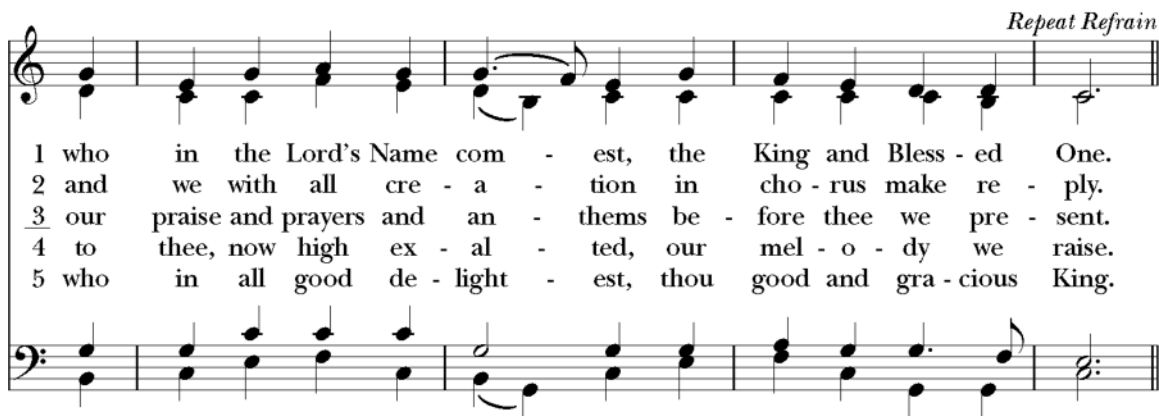


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
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;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**Processional Hymn** "Ride on! ride on in majesty!" *Winchester New*

1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -  
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride  
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies

san - na cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road  
 on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin  
 of the sky Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes

With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.  
 O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.  
 To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice. A - men.

- 4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
 The Father on his sapphire throne  
 Expects his own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
 In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
 Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
 Then take, O God, thy power, and reign. Amen.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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.**

### **The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

Miles Bresee

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?

### **Psalm 31:9-16** *In te, Domine, speravi*

Anglican Chant

- 9 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
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.”

**The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11**

Lucie Pelleriti

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.

**Sequence Hymn 458 vv. 1, 2, 4, 7**

*Love Unknown*

“My song is love unknown”

**THE PASSION NARRATIVE: Mark 14:32-15:47**

Insert

Immediately following the Passion Narrative,  
all those desiring a birthday or anniversary blessing  
are asked to gather at the altar rail (kneeling or standing),  
as special blessings are part of the Prayers of the People today.

If you would like a birthday or anniversary blessing,  
please come forward immediately after the passion narrative.  
(Please stand or kneel at the altar rail.)

Christ Jesus was obedient unto death on a cross, and exalted by God he continues to plead for all humankind. Let us join him in prayer for all our brothers and sisters, saying: Father, we place our lives in your hands: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Establish peace and friendship among all earth's peoples; let violence and enmity give way to concord. Father, we place our lives in your hands: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Renew your church's longing for your reign of justice; may Christians work together to establish what is right in your eyes. Father, we place our lives in your hands: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a share in Christ's exaltation to all who share his degradation, especially to those whose poverty and helplessness are exploited by the powerful. Father, we place our lives in your hands: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Heal the wounds which crime has inflicted on our cities, and help us to fashion a society based on trust and respect. Father, we place our lives in your hands: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to the sins we have committed; may our repentance lead us to seek forgiveness, and restore us to the Paradise of your presence. Father, we place our lives in your hands: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring health and strength to the weary and the sick, and comfort to those who are consumed with sorrow. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others? Father, we place our lives in your hands: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Father, the prayer of Christ brought forgiveness to those who crucified him, and the prayer of the thief brought him a place with Christ at your side. Hear the prayers we now make to you, and sustain your people in their need. We make our prayer through Christ, our crucified Lord. **AMEN.**



## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

*We Adore Thee, Christ Our Lord*

Wofgang A. Mozart

Grace Parish Choir

arr. Thomas Hockstra

Presentation Hymn 149 v. 1

*Old 124th*

“Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church”

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

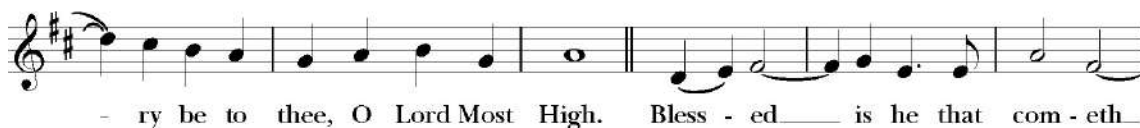
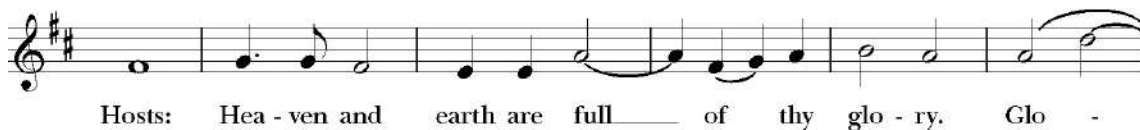
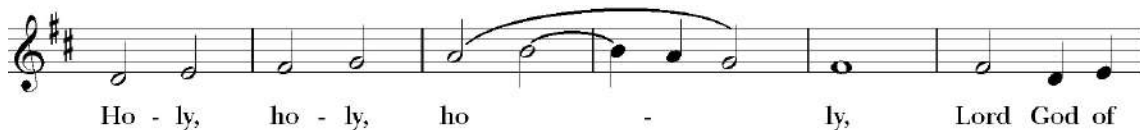
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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:

### Sanctus and Benedictus

Healey Willan



*(Please kneel as able.)*

Celebrant: 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: 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. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*(The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept. Then all sing this Anthem.)*

## The Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

## Communion of the People

### Invitation to Communion

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.)*

Celebrant: 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.

**Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said together. Please kneel if you are able.)*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Postcommunion Hymn 168 vv. 1, 3, 4** *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*  
"O sacred head, sore wounded"

### Prayer Over the People

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people leave in silence.*

**Please return the Passion Narrative to the box in the narthex.**

