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The Sunday of the Passion ~ Palm Sunday ~

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite 11



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Introduction

(From A Priest's Handbook, by Dennis G. Michno, p. 173)

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 "Palm Sunday Call to Worship" 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.**

The Gospel Luke 19:28-40

Donte Apperwhite

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."

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 "Draw Nigh to Jerusalem" David R. Williams
Parish Choir

(While the choir sings, the ushers will distribute palm branches and crosses.)

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.

(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.)

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Melody by Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)



Collect Entering the Church

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



- 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. Amer

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

Micah Palpant

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?

Gradual Anthem "The Road to Jerusalem" William Gross
Sounds of Grace Handbell Quartet

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"

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.

Prayers of the People (Based on a poem by Ann Weems)

Frank Boyd

Holy is the week; holy and consecrated, belonging to God.

Our palms have been waved, our hosannas sung, we have taken our parts in the Passion of Jesus, speaking boldly those words of horror: "Crucify him, crucify him," and we come now to the holy of holies. Let us go with passion into this week, not shrinking back from following Jesus. Were you there when the cries turned from hosannas to "crucify him?"

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

It is a time to cleanse our temples of blasphemy, opening our eyes to the need for repentance and renewal. May our repentance lead us to seek forgiveness, and restore us to the Paradise of your presence. Were you there when he cleansed the temple?

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The time is near to give thanks and break the bread and drink the wine. Eat, drink, remember. On that night, each of us must ask as we dip our bread in the wine, "Is it I, Lord?" Were you there when the gift was given?

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The prayer of sorrow on Jesus' lips in the Garden of Gethsemane, reminds us that God hears all of our prayers. We plead with Jesus to 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? Were you there in the garden with Jesus?

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand beneath the cross and watch. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Now is the time to remember the words of the Apostle Paul, For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree and pierced his side?

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lamb has been slain, and the sheep have scattered. Now is the time for kneeling, the time for believers to kneel and call upon his name, to kneel and to rise again, the community of the resurrection. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And today we pray that you will 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 were crucified with 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 needs and in their walk to Jerusalem. We make our prayer through Christ, our crucified Lord. AMEN.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	"And No Bird Sang"	Douglas E. Wagner
•	Parish Choir	
Presentation Hymn 167 vv. 1 & 5		Horsley
-	"There is a green hill far away"	-

There is a green nill far away

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

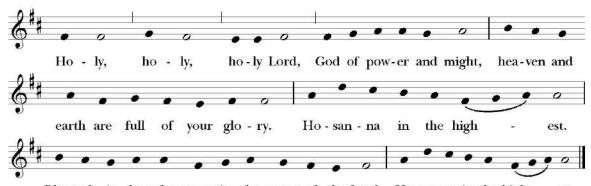
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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 S124 ~ Holy, holy, holy Lord

David Hurd



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(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.**

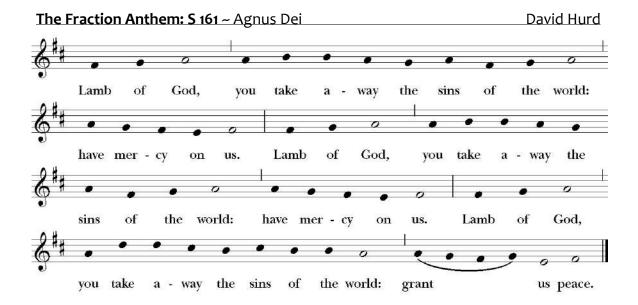
The Lord's Prayer

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.)



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.

Communion Hymn 313

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

"Let thy Blood in mercy poured"

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. 1-4

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.

The palms today are given by the Glory of God in loving memory of Marilyn Scranton's birthday who would have been 100 years old on April 10.

We are also celebrating the birthday of Donna McAlmond by the McAlmond family.

Participants In Today's Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Susan L. Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Todd Rice
Lectors	Micah Palpant, Lucie Pelleriti, Frank Boyd
Blessing of the Palms Lector	Donte Apperwhite
Acolytes	Elizabeth Anders, Amelie Palpant, Ethan Seielstad
GEC Stream Team	Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson
Passion Gospel Readers:	
Jesus Pilate	Jared Anders Donte Apperwhite Lucie Pelleriti David Aldrete
Choirmaster	David Aldrete
Debbi England, Karen Huss,	Ruth Aldrete, Stacey Aldrete, Frank Boyd, Kim Boyd, Janet Kawamoto, Donna McAlmond, Patrick McAlmond, McKenzie, Bobbi Patterson, Steven Patterson, Jon Sharp
Organist	Pavel Petrov
The Sounds of Grace Handbell Qu	uartet + Jared Anders, Elizabeth Anders Crystal Hoffman, Jade Petteruto, Susan Scrantor
Ushers Car	l Colley, Alex McKenzie, Rick Sandona, Robert Van Derbur
	Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Debbie Pullen Pat Meyer, Cathy St. Onge
	Jared Anders, Denise Barcelo, Rosann Kindt alpant, Amelie Palpant, Nancy Rice, Todd Rice, Liz Sandona
Hymn Board Manager	Trevor Barcelo
Vestry Person of the Week	Jade Petteruto
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