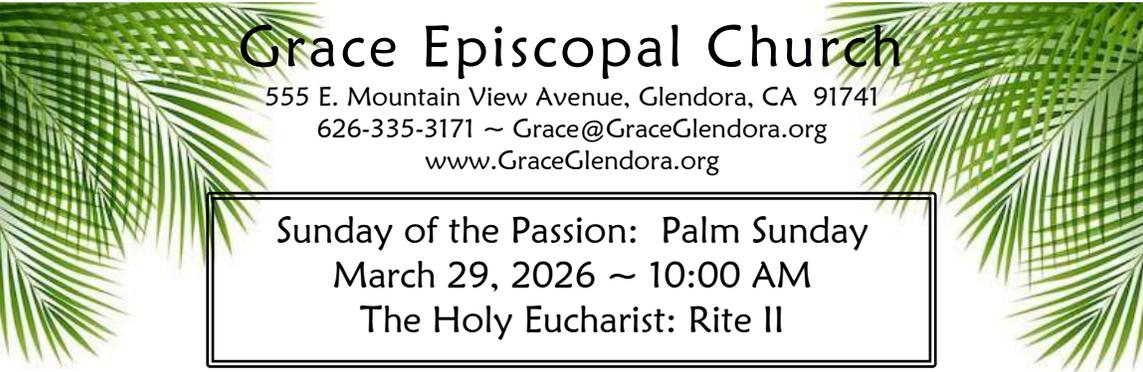


Palm
SUNDAY

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

MATTHEW 21:9



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Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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 Quartet

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 ~ Matthew 21:1-11

Donte Apperwhite

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

Parish Choir ~ Sounds of Grace Handbell Quartet

(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.

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.)

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Melody by Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and includes a piano accompaniment. It features a main melody and a repeat refrain. The lyrics are in English and German. The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system includes the main melody and the first five verses of the hymn. The second system includes the repeat refrain and the final five verses. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.

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.

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

With solemnity

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 Mizuki Williamson

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 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
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

Amelie Palpant

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: Matthew 26:36 - 27:66

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.

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

Stacey Aldrete

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.**

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.**

Reflections _____ **"The Holy Week Journey"** _____ **Sunday School Children**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem _____ **"Ah, Holy Jesus"** _____ **Michael Larkin**
Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 167 vv. 1 & 5 _____ **Horsley**
"There is a green hill 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
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.)

The Fraction Anthem: S 161 ~ Agnus Dei

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Hygiene Kits for Homeless of the Pasadena Union Station - Please bring your kits by Easter Sunday.

Volunteers Needed for Palm Sunday:

- Palm Sunday after the 10 AM service to remove palms to Baxter Hall and set up for our Maundy Thursday Family Supper.

Maundy Thursday ~ Family Supper - Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 PM in Baxter Hall. Please sign up online to attend and/or make soup or bring another food item for our annual event. The sign-up sheet has been emailed and you may also sign-up with Rev. Susan.

Good Friday - Services on Friday, April 3 at 12 Noon and 7:00 PM with music.

Easter Flower Donations - If you would like to donate for Easter flowers, envelopes can be found in the pews. You may dedicate the flowers to a blessing or a loved one who has passed away. Dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Easter Bunny Helpers ~ We need volunteers to help on Easter Sunday. You need to be available at 9:00 AM on Easter Sunday. 😊



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Thank you!

