

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Congregational responses are in *bold italic* type.
“*” Indicates where you are invited to stand as you are able.

The Liturgy of the Palms

*The congregation gathers outside, everyone receiving a bulletin and palm for processing.
Where the cross (+) is marked below, the people raise their palms for blessing.*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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 Eucharistic Minister or Deacon then reads Matthew 21:1-11. The priest then blesses the palm branches.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 forever. *Amen.*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen

The procession now leads inside the church to the singing of “All Glory, Laud and Honor.”

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Hymnal 154

Refrain: *All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

- 1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. *(Refrain)*
- 2 The company of angels are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *(Refrain)*

- 3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. *(Refrain)*
- 4 To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*
- 5 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *(Refrain)*

The Liturgy of the Word

*Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray...

The celebrant says the Collect. At the conclusion, all respond with "Amen".

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

Thanks be to God

Psalm 31:9-16

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."*

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

At the conclusion of the reading:

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God

*Sequence Hymn

"When I survey the wondrous cross"

Hymnal 474 (Grace Church)

"And now, O Father, mindful of the love "

Hymnal 337 (St. Martin's)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:11-54

Prior to the reading:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

You are invited to remain seated for the first part of the reading. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

-A period of silence is kept following the Passion reading. The service then continues with the Prayers of the People-

*Prayers of the People

After each petition ends in "Lord, in your mercy", all respond with "hear our prayer."

*The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Please exchange a gesture of peace with those around you.

Announcements

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory

Offertory Anthem (Grace Church)

"The Holy City"

Stephen Adams/Arr. James Allan Dash

Offertory Response (Grace Church)

All things come of Thee O Lord, *and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

Offertory Hymn (St. Martin's)

"When I survey the wondrous cross"

Hymnal 474

The table is now prepared for the Eucharist.

*Once the table is prepared, all stand the following is said:

Blessed are you O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer. Fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, it will become for us the Bread of Life.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands, it will become for us the Drink of Life.

Blessed be God forever.

***The Eucharist**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give him thanks and praise

In this portion of the prayer, the Celebrant gives thanks to God the Father, for God's work in creation and revelation to God's people. Then follows the Sanctus, an angelic song of praise to God:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

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Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant now offers praise to God for God's work of salvation in the world through Jesus Christ. This act of praise recalls the events of Jesus' final meal with his disciples. It was at this meal where Jesus took the bread and the cup, blessed them as his Body and Blood, and gave them to his disciples. Then follows:

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant then calls for the Holy Spirit to be sent upon the gifts so "they may be Body and Blood of Christ," upon us gathered here, and upon the whole earth to bring all things into God's new creation. The Eucharistic prayer then concludes with the final doxology, all responding with AMEN.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

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, followed by a period of silence. Then, the following is sung (at Grace Church):

S-158 (O Lamb of God)

or said (at St. Martin's)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

***The Invitation**

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.

Please come forward to the altar to receive the Sacrament. If you do not wish to receive, simply cross your arms and the priest will offer a blessing.

Communion Hymn (Grace Church)

"Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended"

Hymnal 158

Communion Anthem (St. Martin's)

"Let thy Blood in mercy poured"

Hymn 313

***Post-Communion Prayer**

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.

Prayer Over the People (all bow or kneel)

The priest offers a prayer over the people.

***Recessional Hymn**

“Lift high the cross”

“At the Name of Jesus”

Hymnal 473 (Grace Church)

Hymnal 435 (St. Martin's)

***Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The ministers and congregation then leave in silence.

Thank you for joining us today!