

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 5, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today! Whatever your religious background (if any) and however you have come to be here with us, we welcome you. We hope that you will feel comforted and fulfilled, and that through worship and fellowship you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. You may be a year-round or seasonal resident and you might be seeking a faith community to call your own. If so, we invite you to return here any Sunday so that we may continue to worship with and respond to you. Please visit us on the web at www.stjohnsmlb.org and do pick up a welcome bag at the back of the church.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Congregation joins in the portions printed in bold italics.

Special Note for Palm Sunday

The Congregation is encouraged to grab a palm branch or some other green, leafy branch to be included in the blessing, then hang it outside, perhaps on a mailbox or similar location, as a display of your Palm Sunday celebration.

Liturgy of the Palms

*The service begins at the church doors.
All are standing as your setting allows.*

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.

Matthew 21:1-11

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.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 for ever. ***Amen.***

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

The Procession

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Recited in unison

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.***

***Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”***

***Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the
Lord.***

***“This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”***

***I will give thanks to you, for you answered
me *
and have become my salvation.***

*The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.*

*This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

*On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord; **

*we bless you from the house of the Lord.
God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the
horns of the altar.*

*“You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.*

Hymn #156

Ride on, ride on in majesty
Andy Lester, Brass

All stand and sing

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues his road, with palms and scatter'd garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquer'd sin.

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 pow'r and reign.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Lessons

All sit

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

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; **

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

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?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In unison, remaining seated

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.”*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 27:11-54

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The customary response is omitted.

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to

it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved

others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

The customary response is omitted.

The Sermon

The Rev. Terry Highland, Priest Associate

All sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Form VI

All kneel, as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*
For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Gregory, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of Our Savior, Palm Bay and Church of the Blessed Redeemer, Palm Bay.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, The Most Rev. James Richard Wong Yin Song, Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

nation's military members and their families, especially, ***David, Luke, Jeremy, Craig, Dobson, Murray, Joel, Mack, Sergio, Ryan, Jimmy, Michael, Mikala, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Stephen, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, and Austin.***

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially ***Barbara, Jan, Natalie, Geri, Pam, Don, Gloria, Peg, Chan, Jane, Jean, Bryan, Lilian, Brian, Edna and Gloria.*** *Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

All stand, as able

And also with you.

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

All sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer B)

Offertory Anthem

Via Dolorosa

Music by Billy Sprague and Niles Borop; arr by Frank Pugh
Andy and Will Lester, trombone

Note: The Via Dolorosa ('Way of Roses') is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion.

Doxology

All stand, as able

Hymn 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel, as able

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.***

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ’s eternal banquet, to which all adults and children are invited. The physical separation required by social distancing and the stay at home order means that only those responsible for leading the worship can receive the sacrament. Be assured that the grace of God present in the sacrament is not limited by these extraordinary circumstances. Take this moment in prayer to invite the Holy Spirit would work in your as though you were actually in the sanctuary.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, 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

All kneel, as able

and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn #435

“At the name of Jesus” (Vss. 1-4)

All stand

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now;
‘Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a Name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height
Tthe throne of Godhead, to the Father’s breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, name with awe and wonder
and with bated breath;

He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Intercessory prayer is available at the altar rail after the service.



LEARNING OUR LITURGY

Palm Sunday is a liturgical oddity. It begins with, and mostly focuses on, Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week that culminates in the crucifixion and resurrection. So we begin the celebration with the blessing of the Palms and, when we’re not isolated from one another, a grand procession into the Sanctuary, re-enacting Jesus’ triumphal entry. But the service ends with a tilt toward Jesus’ rejection and condemnation. Even though it is a liturgical stretch, it is not a human stretch. How quickly we can go from singing God’s praises to cursing our loved ones, behaving selfishly or in countless other ways denying Jesus’ lordship in our lives. In our own ways, we too, move from throwing the palm branches on Jesus’ path, singing “Hosanna,” to crying out “Crucify him!” with alacrity. Facing this reality about ourselves is essential to a truly holy Holy Week.

Suggestion for a topic? Email Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmib.org

See separate “NEWS AND NOTES FOR APRIL 5, 2020” for announcements and other information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun. (4/5) **Palm Sunday**, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., Live Stream only.

Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for link to join in.

Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. Suspended.

Converge, Mid & High School. Suspended.

Mon (4/6) Office Closed

Bible Study, 1 p.m., Parish Hall, led by Hope Johnson. Suspended.

Tues (4/7) Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., led by Anneke Bertsch, at her home. Suspended.

Bible Study, 7 p.m., led by Deacon Elizabeth, online only.

Email yarrumea@gmail.com for more information and instructions for joining in.

Wed (4/8) Choir, 7 p.m., church balcony

Bible Study, 7 p.m., led by Fr. Eric, online only.

Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for more information and instructions for joining in.

Thu (4/9) **Maundy Thursday** worship is cancelled.

Fri (4/10) **Good Friday**

TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. Online only.

Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for more information and instructions for joining in.

Sun (4/12) **Easter Sunday**

Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., Live Stream only.

Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for link to join in.

Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. Suspended.

Converge, Mid & High School. Suspended.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*. . . is a worshipping community, obedient to scripture,
growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.*

610 Young Street ✕ Melbourne, FL 32935 ✕ 321-254-3365 ✕ www.stjohnsmlb.org
Parish Office email: office@stjohnsmlb.org

The Head of the Church, Jesus Christ

The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop
Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida

The Rev. Eric W. Turner, Rector
Pastoral Emergency: (cell) 321-615-0205
eric@stjohnsmlb.org

The Rev. Terry Highland, Priest Associate
Pastoral Emergency: 321-831-2587
[redeemcec@gmail.com](mailto:redemcec@gmail.com)

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Murray, Deacon
Pastoral Emergency: (cell) 321-777-0168
office@stjohnsmlb.org

Jen Lester, Music Minister
AJLester@bellsouth.net

Carole Taylor, Bookkeeper
ctaylor9797@yahoo.com

The Vestry of St. John's Church

Lee Steininger, Sr. Warden
Kathy Oas, Jr. Warden
Steve Bradley, Treasurer
Anneke Bertsch, Assistant Treasurer
Katie Wilson, Secretary

Serving thru 1/2021
Ben Kendall, Linda Miller, Lee Steininger

Serving thru 1/2022
Teresa Chernault, Hope Johnson, Joe McLaughlin

Serving thru 1/2023
Linda Fletcher, Penny Perian, Katie Wilson