

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 10 a.m.

## Welcome to St. John's!



# **Preparation for Worship**

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together.

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.

Weather permitting, our worship begins in the park, at the outdoor altar. You may remain in the sanctuary if you prefer not to walk on the uneven ground.

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*.

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (19:28-40)

Luke 19: 28-40

A fter telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, A 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."

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.

Hymn 154, In Procession, "All glory, laud, and honor"

Refrain All glo - ry, laud, and hon or to thee, Re-deem-er, King! of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring. to whom the lips Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, The com - pa - ny of - gels is prais - ing thee on high; The 3 palms be - fore thee peo - ple of the He - brews with went; To thee be - fore pas - sion they sang their hymns of 4 thy praise; prais -Thou didst ac - cept their ac - cept the prayers we bring, Repeat Refrain the Lord's Name com King and Bless - ed who in est, the One. and with all in cho - rus make we cre tion re ply. praise and prayers and thems be fore thee we our an pre sent. thee, now high mel - o - dy to ex al ted, our we raise. who in good de - light thou good and gra-cious King. all est,

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Tune: Valet will ich dir geben

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **Collect of the Day**

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 50:4-9

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?

The Word of the Lord.

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; \*

Recited responsively by half verse

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."

## 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 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.* 

#### **Gradual and Tract**

All stand, as able

From the place where the sun rises to the place of its setting,\* my Name is great among the nations.

And in every place, a sacrifice is offered to my Name,\* a pure offering, for my Name is truly great among the nations.

Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine\* I have prepared for you.

Luke 22:14-23:56

All are seated

Please use the yellow card provided.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *The customary response is omitted.* 

### THE HOMILY

# **Prayers of the People**

All kneel, as able

Form I, BCP, p. 383

Let us pray for the election of a new Rector.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the

Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of the Advent, Dunnellon, and Holy Faith Church, Dunnellon.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Church of England.

For Justin, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

### Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially, Andrew, Brandon, Bryan, Caleb, Chase, Danielle, Eric, Geoffrey, Harry, Jack, Jay, John, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., Matthew M., Milton, Murray, Ricky, and Sarah. Silence

Let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Melbourne, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially *Barbara*, *Jan*, *Bryan*, *Lilian*, *and Frank*. And for those on our weekly prayer list. *Silence* 

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

### To thee, O Lord our God.

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace and those commanded to fight; for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen*.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

**Announcements** All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, p. 361

Tune: Omni die

At the Offertory

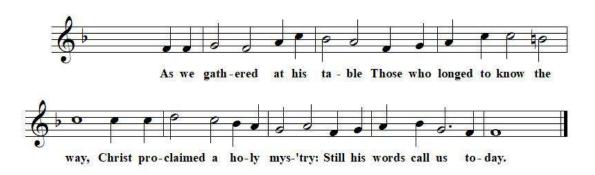
The Tract for Holy Week

Tone 1

My God, my God look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me and art so far from my health and from the words of my complaint? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not: and in the night season also I take no rest. And thou continuest holy O thou worship of Israel. Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them. They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying, he trusted in God, that he would deliver him; let him deliver him, if he will have him. They stand staring and looking upon me: they part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. Save me from the lion's mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him all ye of the seed of Jacob. My seed shall serve him: they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness: unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

Richard Muir, Cantor

Presentation Hymn "As we gathered at his table"



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.

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

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 & BENEDICTUS, S-114

Please kneel, as able

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Setting: Healey Willan

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*.

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.* 

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.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet, to which all adults and children are invited. If you are a baptized Christian of any tradition (and regardless of your current status in any other church) we welcome you to receive communion with this community of God's people. At the time of communion, the ushers will indicate when your row should come forward. Please come to the altar rail; you may stand or kneel. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands; the appropriate response is "Amen." When the chalice of wine comes, hold out your bread for the minister to dip it in the wine for you, or decline it by crossing your arms over your chest. If for any reason you prefer not to receive the bread and wine, or if you have not been Baptized, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

#### At the Distribution,

**Voluntary** 

Adagio in E-flat

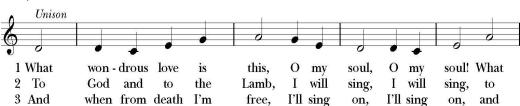
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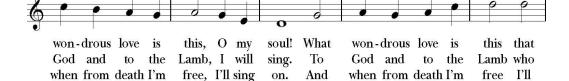
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Tune: Wondrous Love

**Hymn 439,** "What wondrous love is this?"

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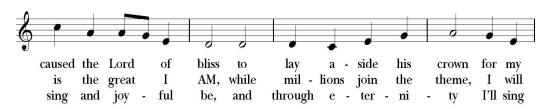




on.

And

when from death I'm





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 and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing





Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

The congregation departs in silence.

H H H

#### THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

There is no Sunday in the Christian year for which it is more difficult to plan the music than Palm/Passion Sunday. Prior to our current prayerbook, Passion Sunday was celebrated the week before Palm Sunday; now they are combined into a single observance. This means that the opening of our service today is focused on Jesus' triumphal entry with cries of "Hosanna" and waving palm branches. The reading of the Passion Gospel changes the focus completely, ushering in the somber events to be reenacted in the coming week. The music must reflect this.

A Tract is a part of the proper liturgy of the Eucharist, used instead of the alleluias in Lent. The name apparently derives from either the traditionally drawn-out style of singing or the continuous structure without a refrain. There is evidence, however, that the earliest performances were sung responsorially only and it is probable that these were dropped at an early stage. In their final form, Tracts are a series of Psalm verses; rarely a complete Psalm, but all the verses are usually from the same Psalm. This morning we hear the Tract for Holy Week sung responsorially chanted to Tone 1.

"What Wondrous Love Is This" is an American folk hymn first found in the songbook entitled *Southern Harmony* published in 1835. The melody for this hymn shows signs of Celtic influences, and the unusual meter is that of an old sea chanty about Captain Kidd. The tune first appeared in the valleys of the Southern Appalachians, where William Walker recorded it and included it in his historic *Southern Harmony*. Each stanza has a single thought which is underscored by repetition, but it is the haunting melody which has made this hymn so popular in this country. (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

### H H

VISITORS AND GUESTS: We're glad you're here and hope you will continue to join us through Holy Week and Easter. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or to be included on our newsletter and mailing lists please email the Church Office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK! Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None known.

**Anniversaries This Week**: Doug & Gail Dunbar, Quentin & Debbie Campbell.

**EASTER MEMORIALS!** Please use the form in this week's bulletin to submit your Easter Memorial for a loved one. You may also submit your request by email to office@stjohnsmlb.org. Memorials must be in the church office by Tuesday, April 15.

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION TODAY OR NEXT SUNDAY.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

Walk and Pray the Stations of the Cross Fridays at noon led by Marie Salmon

Palm Sunday Worship
April 13, 10 a.m.
Starting in the Park, weather permitting

With Blessing of the Palms

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 17, 7 p.m.

With foot washing and Stripping of the Altar

### **Good Friday**

Walk & Pray the Stations of the Cross 12 noon.

### **Good Friday**

April 18, 7 p.m.

#### Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 20 Sunrise in the Park, 7 a.m. Easter Festival Worship, 10 a.m.

BRING A BELL TO CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY. Let us bring back a tradition and each parishioner bring their own bell to church on Easter Sunday morning to celebrate that He is Risen!

NO TGIF this week. The men's Bible Study will resume on Friday, April 25, (which is two weeks hence), 8 a.m. at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559. Whether you are a long-time member or new to our church, we welcome you to be a part of this enriching experience. Let's grow in faith and friendship as we seek to live out God's will in our daily lives. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Food Pantry:** Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry whose volunteers are committed to the mission of Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in". A food basket is in the church for donations of non-perishable items.

A PRAYER REQUEST Box is available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the Daughters' banner. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously.

PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately

following the service.

**NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY OR NEXT SUNDAY.** It will resume on April 27. A sign-up sheet to assist with set-up/clean-up, on Sunday morning is in the Parish Hall.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** One of the primary needs a support church fills is to provide meals for the families while they are sheltered in the hotels. If you do have any questions, feel free to email, text or call Linda Fletcher, at 321-704-7100, lcalvert1956@yahoo.com; or Ben Kendall at832-229-0142, ben.kendall@gmail.com, 832-229-0142.

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LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden,

kmoas40@gmail.com or Paul Mitz, Jr. Warden. Text or phone Paul at: 321-288-4050.

St. John's Outreach Focus this month is Nana's House whose mission is to provide a safe, secure, loving home where neglected, abused, needy or abandoned children can experience God's love and healing. Nana's House is 100% community funded and every penny donated goes directly to caring for the children. They do not accept State funding. They are 100% volunteers - no paid staff. They are in partnership with the organization One More Child, and all foster families are licensed and trained by them to care for children in the state foster system. Their indicators for progress are measured by the number of children they can help, the number of qualified foster parents they can recruit, and the devotion of their volunteers. Visit nanaschildrenshome.com for more information.



You are invited to join a community of women who believe in the power of prayer, service to others, and the sharing of the gospel to expand the Kingdom of God. You can find out more about the DOK by contacting Sallie Razor at 859-585-5836, srazor@bellsouth.net; or Sarah Kendall, at 702-203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com.

#### **SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

	April 13 Palm Sunday 10 a.m.	April 17 Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.	April 18 Good Friday 7 p.m.	April 20 Easter Sunday 7 & 10 a.m.	April 27 10 a.m.
Greeters	A. Weeks B. Rincones			A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks
Ushers	A. & J. Lacy	J. Bond	J. Bond	J. & J. McLaughlin, 10 a.m.	J. Bond L. Miller
LEM	R. Huffman	R. Huffman	M. Salmon	K. Oas, 7 a.m. J. Bond, 10 a.m.	K. Oas
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	Team	Team	Team	L. Bennett
Daughter				L. Miller	L. Fletcher
Counter	K. Wilson			K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz			B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

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**All Zoom and Livestream links** are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office @stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (4/13) No Christian Formation today, resumes April 27. **Palm Sunday.** Festival Procession of Palms and Holy Eucharist, with Passion Reading, Rite II, 10 a.m. Our worship begins on the paved area in the park.

Mon (4/14) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Tues (4/15) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (4/16) Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Loft

Thur (4/17) AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall. **Maundy Thursday** Worship, 7 p.m.

Fri (4/18) No TGIF, Men's Bible Study today. Stations of the Cross, 12 noon. Good Friday Liturgy, 7 p.m.

Sun (4/20) **Easter Sunrise**, In-Person only, 7 a.m. in the park (weather permitting) NO Christian Formation today, resumes April 27. **Easter Sunday** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m.

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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