

# THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST & THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS LIVESTREAM

March 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.



#### HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The following Eucharist is adapted for a special need in a special time. It draws on the wisdom and creative path of Tielhard de Chardin's Mass on the World, which begins, "Since once again, Lord...I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I, your priest, will make the whole world my altar and on it will offer you all the labors and sufferings of the world."

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.

People Amen.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

#### "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

#### (The customary Gospel responses are omitted.)

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our 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.

People Amen.

## OPENING HYMN



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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living 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.

People Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### HEBREW SCRIPTURE

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 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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 31:9-16

In te, Domine, speravi

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."

#### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK (15:1-39)

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests had a consultation with the elders and the scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to this custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back,

#### **CRUCIFY HIM!**

Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, CRUCIFY HIM!

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

## HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!

They struck his head with a reed, spat on him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

## (The people stand)

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

AHA! YOU WHO WOULD DESTROY THE TEMPLE AND BUILD IT IN THREE DAYS, SAVE YOURSELF, AND COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS!

In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

HE SAVED OTHERS; HE CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF. LET THE MESSIAH, THE KING OF ISRAEL, COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS NOW, SO THAT WE MAY SEE AND BELIEVE.

Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, LISTEN, HE IS CALLING FOR ELIJAH.

And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

WAIT, LET US SEE WHETHER ELIJAH WILL COME TO TAKE HIM DOWN.

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

(The people may kneel. A period of silence is kept)

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

A period of silence is kept.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* Gracious God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Enliven the Church for its mission.

That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those in our parish and extended parish families.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially Calvin Meyer, Abigail Tapley, and Andrew Lemanski.

We thank you for the many blessings in our lives.

Celebrant Your word is a lamp for our feet. In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

The people sit.

THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

An adapted version of Eucharistic Prayer B, for a time when gathering with bread and wine is not possible.

#### AT THE OFFERTORY



Title: O sacred head, sore wounded Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

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Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Celebrant and People

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.

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 God,

Celebrant and People

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, not bread and wine, because we cannot share them this day, but our lives, our world, our concerns, our hopes, and all of creation. We pray you gracious God, to accept our offering of ourselves and to transform us as Jesus did the bread and wine when he took them from his disciples, broke, blessed, and gave them once again as a sign of their new life in him. Take us, bless us, open us, and make us new. Unite us to your Son, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, bring all creation together with your Christ, and bring us to your heavenly country, where with James and 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 God, now and forever. **Amen**.

As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE INVITATION

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

#### THE COMMUNION

The communion we receive is the unbroken communion of love, acceptance, and inclusion made known to us through the life of Jesus, who is among us this day. We are fed today by and in community, gathered together by our host, the Lord of love.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this gathering of the community he formed. 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.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT - The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III
ASSISTING CLERGY - The Rev. Timothy R. O'Leary
ORGANIST - Vaughn Mauren
CANTORS - Ron Coons, Lindsay Fawber, Vaughn Mauren
LECTOR & INTERCESSOR - Marilyn Tomlinson
LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR - Vaughn Mauren
COVER ART - Palm Sunday, artist unknown.

## PRAYER LIST

The entire Prayer List is read during the course of the week. If you would like someone to be added, contact the office: <u>info@stjameswh.org</u> or 860-521-9620.

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY (A):** Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Walter, Frank, Elly, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris & Louise.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY (B): Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina (C): Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Patricia, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa (D): Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Carrie (E): John & Rita, Barbara & Family, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Dave (F): Charlene, Pierre, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo (G): Ann, Cathleen, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, and Annelise.

**THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Pray for the Church of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton. The Program & Budget Committee, Faith & Order Commission; Convention planning committee; Convention worship committee.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY** Andrew Clark, Andrew Huntsman, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Calvin Meyer, Abigail Tapley, and Andrew Lemanski.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### VACCINATION ASSISTANCE

The vestry and clergy of St James's strongly encourages all members, who are medically able, to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible. If you need assistance with obtaining your vaccination, such as transportation or something else, please contact The Rev. Bob Hooper at rchooper3@gmail.com or call the church office 860-836-5867. We will do our best to help. It is important for us as the beloved children of God to care for each other by getting vaccinated and helping others to do the same.

#### EASTER MEMORIAL/THANKSGIVING GIFTS

For as long as anyone can remember, at Easter along with the annual celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, there has been an opportunity to remember loved ones who have gone before us and to celebrate the blessings in our lives. This has been done through donations made to help pay for the flowers that adorn the altar on Easter Sunday. Since there will not be the need for the large number of flowers in the Church this year, a group of vestry members have suggested that individuals and families might like to make memorial/thanksgiving gifts for another purpose. This year you can make a gift to remember or give thanks by making a donation to the St. James's Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund is used primarily for unbudgeted and special purchases of liturgical supplies and goods, such as the new aisle candles, special altar linens and other things used during services. Who knows, with a little creativity we could use this money for something really special. One idea that has come up is the purchase of a set of timpani for the choir loft, adding some real pizzaz to our musical offerings.

The names of the people being remembered will be listed in the electronic bulletin on Easter Day and in the weekly newsletter (The Open Door) Holy Week and the week after Easter Sunday.

If this is something you would like to do, please make your donation by sending a check and a note listing names to be remembered to the parish office or use the churches PayPal link provided below and follow up with an email to Cheryl in the church office (info@stjamewh.org) with your list of names, whether memorials or thanksgivings.

St. James's PayPal link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?to ken=5npmWbQe1LPyCt3diCynhL9dIGysq64zxH3f9xB21PSLYgRT0yd6mAZ2tUpn Fm5rHE0-X40ZfnfZsxkl&locale.x=US

#### MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of men from Saint James's Church and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour and a bit more beginning at 8:00 AM for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. Our recent discussion centered on "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith" by Marcus Borg. The group currently meets through Zoom because of the Pandemic.

David Thomas chairs the group. If you are interested, contact Bob Hoffman for further information and to receive the Zoom link at 860.614.3861.

#### HARTFORD FOOD PANTRY

The West Hartford Food Pantry continues to give out an unprecedented amount of food. They expect this trend to continue throughout the year and into 2021. They are most in need of staple items:

Cold cereal, Pasta and sauce, Canned fruit/applesauce, Peanut butter - 16-18 oz. jars, Rice - 1 lb. packages, Soup - especially vegetarian options, Canned Tuna, Baked beans, Canned vegetables, Macaroni and cheese, Granola bars and cookies.

### ST. JAMES'S CARES

Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep" - John 21:17

With 1 in every 6 households currently suffering from food insecurity – for children the statistics are far worse – we at St. James's feel called to do our part to address this suffering. It is impossible to feed folks spiritually without considering their physical hunger as well.



"St. James's Cares" feeding program has now expanded to provide 28 full dinners (protein, starch, vegetables, salad, and dessert) for 4 each week to families struggling in the North End of Hartford through our partnership with our friends at The Hartford Catholic Worker. That means with your financial support we are providing dinners to 112 people (primarily children) every Monday. We will keep this going as long as we can – with no end in sight.



#### MORNING PRAYER EVERY WEDNESDAY

Join the Rev. Tim O'Leary for Morning Prayer at 8 o'clock every Wednesday morning on Zoom! Here is the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84540556178?pwd=VERYN29XWjJvYTh0UDNOZ3RpdlkvUT09

Meeting ID: 845 4055 6178 Passcode: 693330

You will find the text of Morning Prayer on the website by clicking the Discipleship tab then Morning Prayer via Zoom. The link will also be included in the weekly emails. Please let Tim know ahead of time if you would like to be a reader for any service. (tim.st.james.assistant@gmail.com).

## IF IT'S LENT IT MUST BE TOILETRY TIME!

Each Lent we prepare Easter "baskets" for our neighbors living in Hartford area shelters. The bulk go to women and families, although there are also men in the group. You can donate in several ways: deliver full size toiletries to the church, have them shipped from Target or Amazon (watch your email for wish lists), or simply donate money and we will do the shopping. If Covid means you should stay home — PLEASE DO! We are happy to do the shopping for you.

The list below are the most needed items. These do not need to be huge sizes, 14-20 ounce containers are great. The dollar stores are also good sources. Please consider buying fragrance-free or non-allergenic items. Children living in shelters often have asthma which is triggered by highly fragranced items.

- Shampoo & conditioner
- 2-in-1 or 3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash
- · Moisturizer or hand cream
- Body wash
- Deodorant for men, women or uni-sex
- Bar soap (Dove and Ivory have great fragrance-free options)
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Disposable razors for men, women or uni-sex
- Shaving cream
- Combs
- Mini Kleenex packs

Thank you for your generosity!



## **LENT / HOLY WEEK / EASTER 2021**

ALL SERVICES AVAILABLE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

## Compline

Sunday, March 14 at 9pm Broadcast

## Palm Sunday

March 28 at 9:30am

Broadcast

Passion Reading with 3 Chanters / Palms

#### Tenebrae

Wednesday, March 31 at 7pm Broadcast w/ music and readings

## Maundy Thursday

April 1 at 7pm

Broadcast / BCP Service with Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Tim O'Leary

## Good Friday

April 2 at 12 noon
Broadcast / BCP Service
Meditation by the Rev. Bob Hooper

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 at 9:30am
Broadcast indoor service
11:00 am Outdoor Service
Sermon by the Rev. Bob Hooper
12:00 noon Easter Egg Hunt





## SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LIVESTREAM WORSHIP 9:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER 8 a.m. Wednesdays via Zoom (link provided in bulletin, weekly email, newsletter, & on website)

CLERGY		
The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III Rector		
The Rev'd Tim R. O'Leary		
The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. CookePriest Associate		
The Rev'd Barry W. MillerPriest Associate		
The Rev'd Canon John L.C. MitmanPriest Associate		
The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter JrPriest Associate		
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