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L'Entrée du Christ à Jérusalem, Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)

Palm Sunday

29 March 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Solemn Mass with the Liturgy of the Palms
and the Passion of Our Lord Narrative

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional
territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

Organ Prelude

Hosanna filio David

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

Mass Setting

Missa XVII

Plainsong

Creed: Merbecke

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Please stand for the entrance of the sacred ministers.

Entrance Motet

Hosanna to the Son of David Thomas Weelkes (c.1576-1623)

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage,

at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!" And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Blessing and Distribution of Palms

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
It is meet and right so to do.

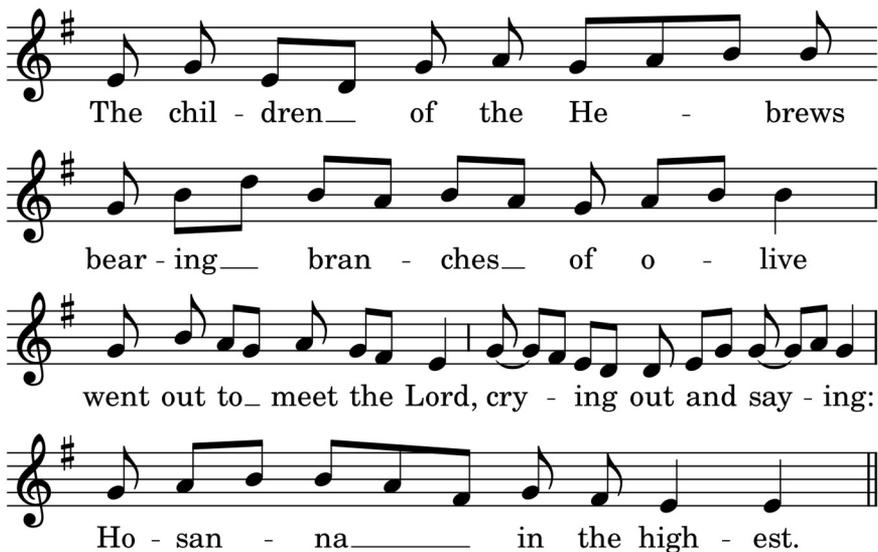
It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest.

May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ 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.**

The Priest then blesses the palms with Holy Water and incense and then distributes the palms.

O God who dost gather in one thy children and all who are scattered abroad and preservest them that are gathered, and who didst bless the people that went forth to meet Jesus carrying palm branches, bless these branches and crosses which we thy servants are to receive in faith to the honour thy Holy Name, and grant that into whatsoever place they are carried, all who dwell therein may receive thy heavenly benediction, so that every evil power being put to flight, thy right hand may keep in continual peace and safety those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God without end. **Amen.**

Antiphon



The chil - dren of the He - brews
bear - ing bran - ches of o - live
went out to meet the Lord, cry - ing out and say - ing:
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Psalm 118 *Confitemini Domino.*

VI.



¹ O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is *gra-cious*: / **because his mercy endureth för ev-er.**

² **Let Israel now confess that he is *gra-cious*, / and that his mercy endureth för ev-er.**

Repeat Antiphon

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of *righ-teous-ness*, / that I may go into them and give *thanks ün-to the^* Lord.

²⁰ **This is the gate of *the* Lord: / the righteous shall *en-tër in-to^* it.**

Repeat Antiphon

²¹ I will thank thee, for thou hast *heard* me, / and art become *my sä-l-va-tion*.

²² **The same stone which the builders *re-fus-èd* / is become the head-stone *in* thë corner.**

Repeat Antiphon

²³ This is the Lord's *do-ing*, / and it is *mar-vel-loüs* in our^ eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day which the Lord *hath* made; / we will rejoice *and bë* glad in^ it.**

Repeat Antiphon

²⁵ Help us now, O Lord: / O Lord , send us *now prös-per-i^ty*.

²⁶ **Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of *the* Lord :/ we bless you from the *house* öf the Lord.**

Repeat Antiphon

²⁷ The Lord is God, and he hath given *us* light: / set in order the procession with branches, yea, even up to the horns *of* thë al-tar.

²⁸ **Thou art my God, and I will *thank* thee: / thou art my God, and / will praise thee.**

²⁹ O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is *gra-cious*: / **for his mercy endureth för ever.**

Repeat Antiphon

The Palm Procession

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of the Lord. Amen.

647 *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

St. Theodulph

Station at the Rood

O Saviour of the World, who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us:

Save and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God who didst ordain that our Lord Jesus Christ should ride upon the colt, the foal of an ass; and didst teach the throngs of people to spread their garments and the branches of trees in the way, and to sing Hosanna in his praise, grant, we beseech thee, to accept our praises and prayers and anthems we bring before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prophetic Anthem

O Jerusalem, look towards the east and behold: lift thine eyes,
O Jerusalem, and behold the power of thy King.

648 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*

Winchester New

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9

“The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, he awakens my ear to hear as the learned. The Lord God has opened my ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide my face from shame and spitting.

“For the Lord God will help me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. He is near who justifies me; Who will contend with me? Let us stand together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near me. Surely the Lord God will help me; who is he who will condemn me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi.*

III.5.



- ¹⁰ HAVE MER-cy upon me, O Lord, for I *am* in trou-ble, / and
mine eye is consumèd for very heaviness; yea, my soul and
my bo-dÿ.
- ¹¹ For my life is waxen *old* with sor-row, / and my years *with*
mourn-ïng.
- ¹² My strength faileth me because of *my ad^ver-si-ty*, / and my
bones are *con-sum-èd*.
- ¹³ I *am* become a reproach because of *all mine^ en-e-mies*, /
and especially unto *my neigh-boÿrs*;
- ¹⁴ And they of mine acquaintance *are* a-fraid of me; / and they
that see me in the street *flee* from mē.



- 15 I am clean forgotten, as a *dead* man[^] out of mind; / I am become like a *bro-ken* ves-sël.
- 16 For I have heard the whispering of the multitude, and fear *is* on[^]ev-ery side; / while they conspire together against me, and plot to take a-way my life.
- 17 **But my hope hath *been* in[^] thee, O Lord; / I have said, ‘Thou *art* my Gød.’**
- 18 My *times* are[^] in thy hand; / deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that per-se-cute më.
- 19 **Show thy servant the light of thy[^] coun-te-nance, / and save me for *thy* mer[^]cy’s särke.**

The Second Reading:Philippians 2:5-11

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that 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 Hymn

82 Ah, Holy Jesu, How Hast Thou Offended

Herzliebster Jesu

The Passion of Our Lord: Matthew 27:1-54

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Then Judas, who had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, *[Judas]* “I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.”

[Narrator] And they said, *[Choir]* “What is that to us? see thou to that.”

[Narrator] And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, *[Choir]* “It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.” *[Narrator]* And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord appointed me.”

And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, *[Pilate]* “Art thou the King of the Jews?”

[Narrator] And Jesus said unto him, *[Jesus]* “Thou sayest.”

[Narrator] And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

Then saith Pilate unto him, *[Pilate]* “Hearest thou not how many

things they witness against thee?” *[Narrator]* And he gave him no answer; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, *[Pilate]* “Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?” *[Narrator]* For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, *[Pilate's wife]* “Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.”

[Narrator] But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, *[Pilate]* “Which of the two will ye that I release unto you?”

[Narrator] They said, *[Choir]* “Barabbas.”

[Narrator] Pilate saith unto them, *[Pilate]* “What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?”

[Narrator] They all say unto him, *[Choir]* “Let him be crucified.”

[Narrator] And the governor said, *[Pilate]* “Why, what evil hath he done?”

[Narrator] But they cried out the more, saying, *[Choir]* “Let him be crucified.”

[Narrator] When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, *[Pilate]* “I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.”

[Narrator] Then answered all the people, and said, *[Choir]* “His

blood be on us, and on our children.”

[Narrator] Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, *[Choir]* “Hail, King of the Jews!” *[Narrator]* And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

Please stand.

And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots. And sitting down they watched him there; And set up over his head his accusation written, This Is Jesus The King Of The Jews. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, *[Choir]* “Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

[Narrator] Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, *[Choir]* “He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let

him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.”

[Narrator] The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, *[Jesus]* “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?”

[Narrator] that is to say, *[Jesus]* “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

[Narrator] Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, *[Choir]* “This man calleth for Elijah.” *[Narrator]* And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

The rest said, *[Choir]* “Let be, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

[Narrator] Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, gave up the spirit.

Please kneel in remembrance of Our Lord’s dying on the Cross, then rise.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God.”

Sermon

The Reverend Canon George Kwari

Nicene Creed

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Offertory Proper

Thy rebuke hath broken my heart, I am full of heaviness : I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man : neither found I any to comfort me; they gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Offertory Hymn

121 *My Song Is Love Unknown* **Love Unknown**

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy.
Amen.

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Communion Proper

O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it : thy will be done.

Communion Hymn

120 *Morning glory, starlit sky*

Song 13

Ablutions Motet

Christus factus est

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross. Therefore God exalted him and gave him a name which is above all names.

Prayer after Communion

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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Post-Communion Hymn

127 *To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord*

Third Mode Melody

The Angelus

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Organ Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in D minor, Op. 37

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

In keeping with the devotional mood of the day, the congregation is requested to refrain from applauding at the conclusion of the postlude.

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