



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

WELCOME

to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

a member of the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Big Rapids, MI

Seeking every day to love God
with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and
to love our neighbors as ourselves.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Cadillac, MI

We strive to live out the Great
Commandment: To love the Lord with all
our heart, soul, and mind and to love our
neighbors as ourselves.

If you have a faith or are seeking one, you are always welcome here.

If you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home,
we'd love to get to know you.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

All gather in the parish hall before the service begins.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

BCP 270

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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

The Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, 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."

Blessing over the Palms

BCP 271

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Officiant 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.**

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Officiant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

All process through the courtyard and into the church, waving palms.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal, #154

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP 357

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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 as able.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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.**

The Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

- 11 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.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 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.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 22:14-23:56, Bulletin Insert

Celebrant The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer

Intercessor Like the followers of Jesus before us, we often fail to recognize His claim on our lives. Let us bow together and offer Him our fealty and our prayers saying, “Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

Open our hearts to see you as you draw near to us in our daily lives. Give us eyes that see your truth and hands that open to you in welcome, and give us the will to live this week with you in your journey from triumphant king to crucified messiah. Help us to carve out time to worship fully this holy week. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Calvary, Hillman - Dana, Senior Warden Emmaus Monastery, Vestaburg – Srs. Diane and Linda-Susan. We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular, we pray for those in our diocese preparing for the Sacred Order of Priests, including Abraham, Laurie, Jonathan, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Matt, Cathy, Kris, Theresa, Janet. We pray also for those in our diocese preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Jennifer, Chris, Laura, Deb, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send the imperative of love into the leadership of all nations that we might move forward in finding lasting peace. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Donald, our president; Gretchen our governor; Fred, our mayor. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Make us living banners of welcome to those who fear rejections and to those who experience disconnection from you and your church. Draw those who need you most into the circle of a supportive and welcoming congregation. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us hands that reach out to the poor and suffering with food, clothing, shelter, and companionship. Give us your heart that we might walk the way of love. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Heal the body, mind, and spirit of those who suffer with illness and despair. Bring hope and wellness to all your people. We pray especially for those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Chuck, Craig, Kathy, Mike, Austin & Family, Aunt Jan, Rob, Blanca & Rene, Liz; For those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Rick, Jeremy & family, Sharon, Janet, Tammy, Renee, Delcine, Jared, Sue, Fred, Diane, Lacey, Nick; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Owen, Wesley, Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Henry, Jess; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Gather the dying and the dead, especially Betty, to you and relieve those who grieve. Keep us mindful of the promise that we might abide with you now and in the world to come. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Officiant God of love and God of suffering, send your spirit to us now that we might companion with you in this special week of worship that leads us to the cross. Unite us to one another in your Son, Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Peace *All stand as able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.** *The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

While the offertory plates are brought to the altar, all sing:

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

TEXT: Thomas Ken
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

OLD HUNDRETH
L.M.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

Celebrant The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.

The celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response all sing:

The Sanctus

Hymnal, #S-130

The people stand or kneel as able while the celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine. Then says:

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Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The celebrant concludes with a prayer for the coming of God's reign. The people respond
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver

us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then all sing:

The Fraction




Hymnal, #S-158





The Invitation

The celebrant says the invitation.

All are welcome at God's table.

Please come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. Return to your pew by the side aisle. If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD - You can either,		
	CONSUME	Hold out your hands and then eat the bread after it is placed in your hand.
	GLUTEN-FREE	If you require a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands.
	BLESSING	If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms for a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE - You can either,		
	DRINK	Hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips to drink the wine.
	INTINCT	Hold up the bread. The minister will take the bread, dip it for you, and hand it back to you.
	NOT RECEIVE	Cross your arms. The minister will hold the chalice up, but you will not drink.
	NON-ALCHOLIC	If you require non-alcoholic wine, clasp your hands. After drinking, hand the cup back.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal, #158

Prayer after Communion *All stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing *All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal, #474

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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