

# Palm Sunday

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church:

St. Petersburg, Florida

Proclaiming Justice - Embracing Diversity



*The King of glory enters -  
He is God - the mighty Lord*

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# The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

## The Liturgy of the Palms

*The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.*

*Priest:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

*Priest:* 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.*

*Here a Deacon or other person appointed reads one of the following  
Year B Mark 11:1-11a*

*The Priest then says the following blessing*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* 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 forever.

*Amen.*

*The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said*

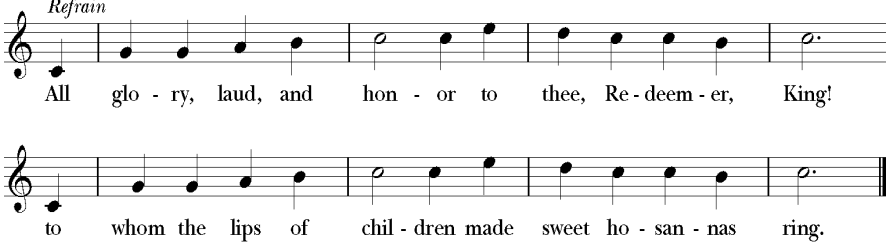
*Priest:* Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* Hosanna in the highest.

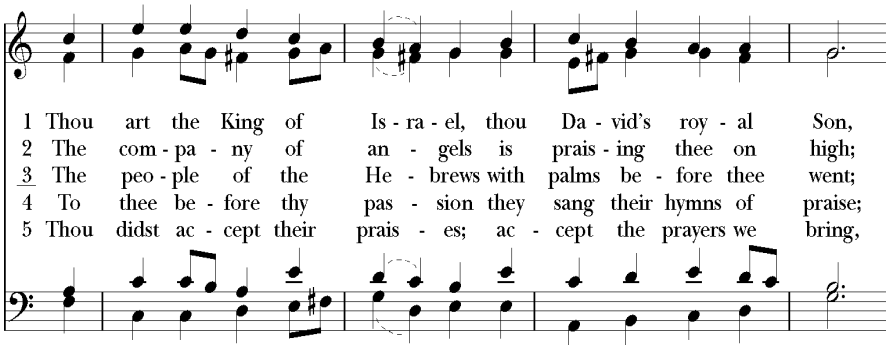
## The Procession

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People:* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Refrain*

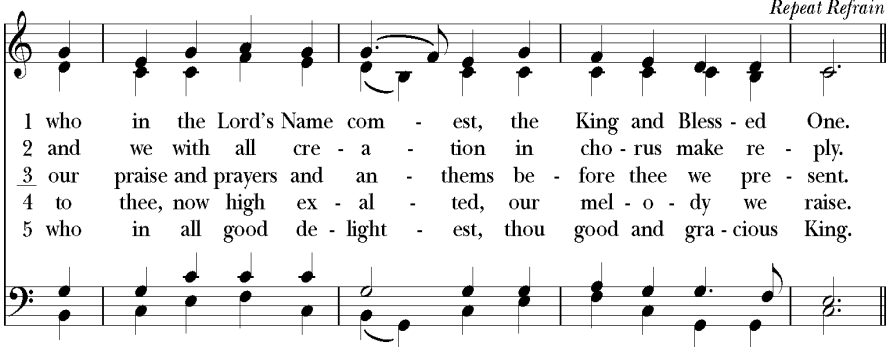


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

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

*At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is read:*

**A**lmighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Procession of the Palms Continues until arriving at the Church*

*The Priest knocks on the Door of the Church and it is opened by the Wardens and he then turns and says to the people:*

**Priest:** God's Peace be unto you and unto all who enter herein.  
May God Bless all that is done here.

**People:** What does God require of us?

**Priest:** To Welcome all who love God : To do Justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

**People:** We welcome the stranger in our midst and those who enter here shall become Holy to us.

*The Hymn Continues until arriving at the place of worship.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Priest* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures forever.

## The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

**A**lmighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards all people sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**A Reading from Jewish Scripture****Ms. Hazel Hudson**

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher  
and skill to console the weary  
with a word in the morning;  
he sharpened my hearing  
that I might listen like one who is taught.  
The Lord God opened my ears  
and I did not disobey or turn back in defiance.  
I offered my back to the lash,  
and let my beard be plucked from my chin,  
I did not hide my face from spitting and insult;  
but the Lord God stands by to help me;  
therefore no insult can wound me.  
I have set my face like flint,  
for I know that I shall not be put to shame,  
because one who will clear my name is at my side.  
Who dare argue against me?  
Let us confront one another.  
Who will dispute my cause?  
Let him come forward.  
The Lord God will help me;  
who then can prove me guilty?

Isaiah 50.4-9a

*Reader:* Listen to what the Spirit is saying to God's People  
*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 22: 1-11****Mr. Greg Duckett**

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

- 4 Our forebearers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no person, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

**The Epistle****Mrs. Judy Krug**

**L**et your bearing towards one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus. For the divine nature was his from the first; yet he did not think to snatch at equality with God, but made himself nothing, assuming the nature of a slave. Bearing the human likeness, revealed in human shape, he humbled himself, and in obedience accepted even death--death on a cross. Therefore God raised him to the heights and bestowed on him the name above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow--in heaven, on earth, and in the depths--and every tongue confess 'Jesus Christ is Lord', to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
*All:* Thanks be to God.

## AT THE NAME OF JESUS



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
 \*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 \*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;  
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

*The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.  
 At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.  
 The Narrator (Evangelist) begins by saying:*

## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Evangelist:** As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

**Pilate:** “Are you the King of the Jews?”

**Evangelist:** He answered him,

**Jesus:** “You say so.”

**Evangelist:** Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

**Pilate:** “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

**Evangelist:** But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Bar abbas 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 his custom. Then he answered them,

**Pilate:** “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

**Evangelist:** For he realized 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 Bar abbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again.

**Pilate:** “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

**Evangelist:** They shouted back,

**Congregation:** “Crucify him!”

**Evangelist:** Pilate asked them,

**Pilate:** “Why, what evil has he done?”

**Evangelist:** But they shouted all the more,

**Congregation:** “Crucify him!”

**Evangelist:** 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,

**Congregation:** “Hail, King of the Jews!”

**Evangelist:** They struck his head with a reed, spat upon 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.

*(Here, all stand.)*

**Evangelist:** 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,

**Congregation:** “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!”

**Evangelist:** In the same way the chief priests, along with the

scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**Congregation:** “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.”

**Evangelist:** 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,

**Jesus:** “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

**Evangelist:** which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Congregation:** “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.”

**Evangelist:** And someone ran, filling a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

**Congregation:** “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

**Evangelist:** Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 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,

**Centurion:** “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Robin Whitlock

**The Prayers of the People**  
**Mr. Michael Griffin**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** Pray for: Jerusalem - (The Diocese of the Middle East) The Rt Revd Riah Hanna Abu El-Assal; and The Bishop Coadjutor of Jerusalem - (The Diocese of the Middle East) The Rt Revd Suheil Dawani

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** Pray for: Epiphany, Cape Coral; Good Samaritan, Clearwater; Good Shepherd, Dunedin; Good Shepherd, LaBelle ; Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda; Good Shepherd, Venice

**Leader:** We stand with Christ in his suffering. For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**Leader:** For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**Leader:** For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**Leader:** For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**Leader:** For those who still make Jerusalem a battle-ground, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**Leader:** For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**Leader:** For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**Leader:** For those, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**Leader:** For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**Leader:** That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of all people. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountain grant us strength on our journey. Glory to you forever.  
*AMEN*

### **The Peace**

*Priest:* Through Repentance, Confession, and Forgiveness, we have made peace with our God through our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Response:* And also with you.

*The community greets one another as companion refugees seeking solace in a world dominated by materialism, fear, and selfishness.*

### **WELCOME GUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & SPECIAL PRAYERS**

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Offertory Sentence:*

If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift.

**Offertory Hymn**

**Down at the Cross**

**LEVAS 28**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
Priest Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**I**t 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:

*Priest and People:*

**H**oly, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**B**lessed ☩ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The Priest then continues:*

**H**oly 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. ☩

**O**n 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." ☩ ☩ ☩

**A**fter 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:

*Priest and People:* Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

**W**e 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.

**S**anctify ☩ 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.

**A**ll 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.*

## The Lords Prayer

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

*People and Priest*

**O**ur Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

*Priest:* Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold the One who takes away  
the sin of the world.

*People:* Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*Facing the people, the Priest says the following Invitation:*

**T**he Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are invited to partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

## Communion Hymn “Sacred Head” Hymn 168

*After everyone is seated, another Hymn is sung:*

## Anthem Meditation “Were you there?” Solo

*After Communion, the Priest says:* Let us pray.

*Priest and People together:*

**A**lmighty and ever living 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 forever. *Amen.*

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

**G**o forth into the world in Peace;  
Be strong and of good courage;  
Hold fast to that which is good,  
Render unto no one evil for evil;  
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,  
help the afflicted, and honor all persons.  
May the blessings of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with you this day, and for evermore. *Amen.*

## Closing Hymn “Nearer my God to Thee” LEVAS 54