

Church of the Holy Apostles

Palm Sunday: The Liturgy of the Palms & Passion

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Welcome to Holy Apostles

This bulletin is your guide to worship and it has all that you need. Our worship is taken from the Book of Common Prayer. If you have any questions during the Liturgy, don't hesitate to ask an usher or a neighbor. If you are new or visiting, please make sure to introduce yourself to one of the priests after the service. Instructions on when to stand and sit are in italics and the prayers and songs that we all sing or say together will be in bold. We hope that you find it easy to follow along and we encourage you to sing out for our congregational hymns.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The Liturgy begins outside the church.

All who wish to participate in the procession of palms are asked to congregate outside.

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord

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

Presider 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 Matthew

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The People raise their palms and the Presider continues

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.**

The People continue to raise their palms as the Presider asperges the congregation

Presider Blessed are those who come in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Procession Hymn **Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory** *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored

He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword

His truth is marching on

Glory, glory Hallelujah. Glory, glory Hallelujah. Glory, glory Hallelujah

His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea

With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me

As He died to make all holy, let us die to make all free

His truth is marching on

Glory, glory Hallelujah. Glory, glory Hallelujah. Glory, glory Hallelujah

His truth is marching on.

Before we re-enter the church the presider continues,

Almighty 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 Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn H-154 **All glory, laud and honor (v. 1-2)** *Valet will ich dir geben*

All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed one.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

**The company of angels is praising thee on high;
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

Please be seated for the lessons

First Lesson

read by Laura Tyszka

A reading from the prophet 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 awakens-- awakens 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?

After the reading

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 31:9-16

read in unison

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."**

Second Reading

read by Matt Garklavs

A reading from the letter of Paul 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.

After the reading

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

At the mention of the place called Golgotha, the Skull, all stand, as are able.

The Homily

The Prayers

led by Chelsea Haynes Smith

Almighty God, we are continually amazed at the way you turn the world upside down. For a Savior of the world we would have chosen a powerful prince, but you chose a carpenter's son born under questionable circumstances.

For disciples to help Jesus through his ministry we would have chosen well connected wealthy people of the upper class to bank roll the operation, but you chose fishermen, a tax collector, and other such outcasts.

For a grand entrance into Jerusalem, we would have chosen a white Stallion, but you chose a donkey.

When riding high in the polls on Palm Sunday we would have chosen to stay there as long as we could, but you chose to clear the temple.

For a place of coronation we would have chosen a palace with a wonderfully decorated royal throne, but you chose a cross.

For those who we would want to have included in the kingdom of God we would have chosen those who look and sound like we do, but you chose the world.

For people to share the love and grace extended to us in Jesus Christ, we would have chosen somebody else, but you chose each of us.

Today we pray for ourselves, for you to open our eyes to see you working in the world in small ways and big, for you to open our ears to hear the cries of your people and respond with compassion, for you to open our hearts to love one another as you have loved us.

Dear people of God, I invite you to offer your prayers and thanksgivings aloud or in the chat.

You are invited to say your prayers aloud or type them into the chat.

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you!**

The Holy Communion

This is God's Table: all are welcome

The Offertory

*You can give online via our website or use the offertory plate
that is passed during the offertory.*

Offertory Anthem

Please stand as are able,

Doxology

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God 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... 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:

Presider and People say together,

The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues,

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:

Presider and People,

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues,

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.

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.**

Remain standing as we say together

The Lord's Prayer

**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 kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Remain standing as we sing together

Fraction Anthem: S161

D. Hurd

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs

under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Please remain standing

Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts for God for all of us, the people of God. Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please come forward for communion following the invitation of the ushers.

If you wish to receive a prayer or blessing, one of the clergy will be available by the Mary statue.

Communion Hymn H-329 Pange Lingua

**Now, my tongue, the mystery telling of the glorious Body sing,
And the Blood, all price excelling, which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
Once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.**

**Given for us, and condescending to be born for us below,
He with us in converse blending dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
Till he closed with wondrous ending his most patient life of woe.**

**Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.**

**Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son,
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing who from both with both is One.**

Communion Anthem

All stand, and say together

Post Communion Prayer

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

Recessional Hymn H-169

O Sacred Head, Sore, Wounded

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

**O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!**

**Thy beauty, long desired, hath vanished from our sight;
Thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light.**

**Ah, me! For whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace:
Show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.**

**In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,
With thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.**

The Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you to the Holy Apostles “Palm Sunday Band” for leading us in our procession today!

**All are welcome for coffee, food, fellowship & egg dying
immediately after the service outside.**

This Week

Please sign up for our **Parish Clean-up** day this Saturday, April 7th as we prepare the church and the grounds for Easter.

Donations for **Easter flowers and music** are due today. Forms are in the back of the church or in the weekly newsletter donations can be made by check or via OnRealm.

If you'd like to read the Gospel of Matthew with us in Eastertide, please sign up for the 50 Days of Matthew either in the back of the church or email the Mothers at info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com

Holy Week & Easter

The Paschal Triduum

The Sacred Paschal Triduum is the three most solemn days of the liturgical year; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These most holy days celebrate the Paschal Mystery, first, the passion, suffering, and death of the Lord Jesus, followed by his resurrection, the triumph of the holy cross, and Christ's decisive victory over sin and death.

If there were ever three days that Christians should want to go to church to pray, it would be the Triduum. They celebrate the most sacred mysteries of our faith, and they should be celebrated with the community at liturgy. The three days of the Triduum are our "high holy days," our "pilgrimage feast," and we are blessed with the chance to make pilgrimage from our homes to church to commemorate and honor how the Lord Jesus laid down his life for us, his friends, for our salvation.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

5pm Family Service with foot washing & Eucharist

**7pm The Mandatum, Stripping of the Altar &
Holy Eucharist**

Good Friday, April 7th

12noon - 3pm The Passion, the Cross, Music & Silence

Easter Vigil

7pm A service of healing

Easter Day

**10am Festal Eucharist followed by the Egg Hunt for children
on the lawn and lots of treats**