Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Palm Sunday/The Sunday of the Passion
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 14, 2019

The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama
The Rev. Aaron D. Raulerson, Rector
Mrs. Shelly Hardin, Youth Director

Please assemble in the front of the church for the Procession of the Palms
LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Gather at the front of the church

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. Amen.


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."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him 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. Amen.

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People:   Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession of the Palms

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.
People:   In the name of Christ. Amen.
Opening Procession:  All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Please follow the procession into the church and find your seat

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

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
2. The company of angels is praising thee on high;
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
4. To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,

1. who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.
2. and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
3. our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.
4. to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
5. who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Opening Acclamation

Collect of the Day

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 First Reading: *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?

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**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.”
The Second Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

*Anthem at the Sequence: Jesus Hanging on the Cross*  

The congregation remains seated.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*Please see insert. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

The Sermon:  

*The Rev. Aaron D. Raulerson*

Prayers of the People Form III  

*BCP 387*

The Peace  

*BCP 360*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

*Offertory Anthem: O God Be Merciful to Me*  

*Choir*

All stand

*The Doxology*  

*Hymnal 380 v.3*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A  

*BCP 361*
The Sanctus

The Breaking of the Bread

*Hymns during Communion:
God So Loved the World
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Were You There When They Crucified
Jesus, Remember Me

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Announcements

Silent Procession

Dismissal
SERVING TODAY 8:00 a.m.

LECTOR: Charlotte French    Server: Paul Grass

SERVING TODAY 10:30 a.m.

USHERS..........................................................Rick Cooley, Marsha Babb
GREETERS.........................................................Jackie Camper, Rusty Ogden
CRUCIFER..........................................................Shari Harrison
SERVER ........................................................................Tiffany Martin
Eucharistic Ministers.................................Tiffany Martin, Ann Thomas
Lectors...............................................................Doug Cooke, Gloria Kilner
Intercessor..........................................................Rebecca Raulerson
Sound.................................................................Hollis Babb, Michael Raulerson
Counters............................................................Hollis Babb, Shari Harrison
Altar Guild.........................................................Charlotte French, Ann Thomas, Kelly Auman
Nursery...............................................................Sherry Taylor
Children’s Sunday School.............................Melissa B. Reeves
Children’s Church.............................................Shelly Hardin
Youth Sunday School ........................................Shelly Hardin
Vestry Person of the Month ............................Melanie Dorman

PASSION NARRATIVE

Narrator - Ben Booth
Jesus - Jacob Raulerson
Peter - Rusty Ogden
Pilate - Gloria Kilner
2019 Budget Status as of Sunday 04/07/2019

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(contains Prepaid Pledges)

**EFM Collect**

Oh God who loves all beings,
We pray that the path to You becomes clearer.
We thank you for Your Great Commandment of Love, So that we may spread through example the message of Jesus.
Amen.

_Thank you to the Epiphany Youth for sharing their bulletin from All Saints’ Chapel in Sewanee, TN where they worshipped on April 7, 2019._
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Let us know who you are by signing the Guest Book located on our Visitor’s Table at the entrance to the Nave.

See an Usher or Greeter for assistance.
Devices are available to aid the hearing of the service either with ear buds for each ear or to slip over one ear if you currently wear a hearing aid.

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God.

The candles on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of my mother, Hazel Enfield by Doris Benson.

IN OUR PRAYERS
For all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially for:

*OUR PARISH FAMILY: Ann Marie Batts, Hootie Woodall, Susan Foster, Ann Branum, Bickie Raspilair, Jerry Mohr, Tiffany Martin, Barbara & King Nye, Charlotte French, Ada, Ben, & Matt Perkins, Cole Nichols, Rosalind Hall

*OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY: Michelle Gardner (Daughter of Bryce and Cheri Blair), Betty Wilson (Mother of Holly Andries), Bobby, Brandy, & Vivian Meier (friend of Rebecca Raulerson) Hale Hillhouse (Friend of Father Aaron), Estelle Coleman (Mother of Jim Coleman), Constantin Bakala & Family (Friend of Epiphany), Matt Chelena (Nephew of Rusty Ogden), Kim Woodall (Lee Ward’s sister), Bob Moses (former parishioner), Nancy Martin (Ginny McCrary’s friend), Tommy Guay (Shari Harrison’s son-in-law), Shelli Walker (Sunday nursery worker), Todd Smith (Beth Dean’s son-in-law), Susan Stephenson (Donna Burrows’ daughter), Amy Holmes (friend of Rachel Morris), Shirley Kime (Jenna Andrews’ grandmother)

PARISH BIRTHDAYS: April 14th thru April 20th

Lee Towles, Haley Gates

OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY: Our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops, Mark and Ambros

DOK PRAYER REQUESTS: There are “Daughters of the King” Prayer Request cards available in the pew. Prayer requests should be placed in the prayer box at the back of the nave. The Daughters pray every day.

*Names will remain on the list for two months unless otherwise requested. Prayer Concern names can be submitted by placing a note in the office door mail slot or e-mailing the church office. When submitting prayer concerns, please give person’s full name, the reason for prayer need, sign your name and indicate the person’s relationship to our parish.

**Names of the deceased will appear for one month after date of death.