



Christ Church

East Norwalk, Connecticut



PALM SUNDAY DURING PASSIONTIDE
5TH APRIL, 2020
AT
TEN O'CLOCK

Welcome. Whoever and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here. Our worship is according to Book of Common Prayer in the Episcopal Church. All words you need are in this document.

✠ indicates where one might cross oneself; ∇. indicates "Versicle" said by priest or reader; ⚡. indicates "Response"; People's words are in bold

Today is Palm Sunday. The day when Our Lord, and we, return to Jerusalem after the long journey of Lent. The journey ends and the entry begins in triumph with palms and branches being strewn to line his way. The triumph soon turns to passion (suffering) and the entry to a new journey down a new road – the *via dolorosa* – the way of sorrows – that leads to Agony, Betrayal, the Cross and the Grave.

PRELUDIAL MUSIC....BEGINNING AT 9:45

Selections may include:

Pueri Hebraeorum, Tantum Ergo, Holy God, we praise Thy Name, Vexilla Regis, O Sacred Head sore wounded

Sung by the Benedictine Sisters of the Convent of Mary, Queen of the Apostles from their CD: *Lent at Ephesus*

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

People **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant ✠The Continuation of the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 1And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

Celebrant **The Gospel of the Lord.**

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Celebrant then prays:

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst ordain that our Lord Jesus Christ should ride upon a 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, that we may follow the example of their innocence, and like them, may render thee a worthy service. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PROCESSION

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION *Sung by all*

Sung by the Choir of All Saints', Margaret Street, London

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.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821), tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valei will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

KYRIE

℣. Lord have mercy upon us.

℟. **Lord have mercy upon us.**

℣. Lord have mercy upon us.

℟. **Christ have mercy upon us.**

℣. Christ have mercy upon us.

℟. **Christ have mercy upon us.**

℣. Lord have mercy upon us.

℟. **Lord have mercy upon us.**

℣. Lord have mercy upon us.

℣. *The Lord be with you.* ℟. **And with thy spirit.**

℣. *Let us pray* *The priest prays the collect(s)*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, but sent thy son our Savior 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, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

℟. **Amen.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-14

Before, the Readers says: A Reading from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, Chapter 2, beginning at the 5th Verse.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

After ℣ The Word of the Lord ℟. **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Sung by all*

Sung by the Choir of the Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
You who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb
There' adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

THE PASSION *Stand*

✠. ✠ *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew*
All are seated

Narrator Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus "You say so"

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

Narrator But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At

that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

Narrator And they said,

Crowd (choral) “Barabbas.”

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator All of them said,

Crowd (choral) “Let him be crucified!”

Narrator Then he asked,

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Crowd (choral) “Let him be crucified!”

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd (choral) “His blood be on us and on our children!”

Narrator So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers (choral) “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Narrator They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him

ALL STAND.

Narrator As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry

his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Passers-by (choral) "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Chief Priests, Scribes, Pharisees (choral) "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator that is,

Narrator "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders (choral) “This man is calling for Elias.”

Narrator At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystanders(choral) “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

ALL KNEEL for a time and rise when the Celebrant rises

Narrator At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion & Others(choral) “Truly this man was God’s Son!

Narrator(choral) Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own

new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

SERMON

CREED *All Stand*

Priest We believe in one God,
All the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: *All may bow or kneel*
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. All rise

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the  life of the world to come. Amen.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

The Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

And the Celebrant and People proceed

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker
of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and
wickedness, which we from time to time most
grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed,
against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation
against us. We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the
remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of
them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy
upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord
Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant
that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in
newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant then says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

All Stand

✠. *The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*

✠. *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are seated

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Sung by the Choir and Congregation of St. Peter's R.C. Church,
Columbia, South Carolina*



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

SURSUM CORDA

remaining standing

∇. The Lord be with you.

✠. **And also with you.**

∇. Lift up your hearts.

✠. **We lift them to the Lord.**

∇. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

the priest continues with a proper preface

It 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; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author 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:

SANCTUS

All Say

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

THE CANON.

all kneel

The priest 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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.

And all respond AMEN

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Said by 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.

FRACTION

℣. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

℟. Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

Said by all

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 thy peace

ECCE AGNUS DEI

℣.  Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

℟. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. **(3x)**

If you would like the Sacrament delivered to your home by a member of the Parish in advance of Sunday's Virtual service, contact Fr Montgomery.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT(S)

The Collect from Ash Wednesday is added as a second Post Communion collect until Palm Sunday

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

LOOK graciously upon thy faithful people, we beseech thee, O Lord: that calling to mind again the beginnings of their redemption, they may abound more and more in the fruition of the gift whereby they have been refreshed. Through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without end.

R. Amen

BLESSING

The priest then blesses the people who respond saying Amen.

DISMISSAL

V. Let us bless the Lord **R.** Thanks Be to God

CLOSING HYMN

Sung by the Choir of Llandaff Cathedral

1 When I survey the wondrous
cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my
pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should
boast
save in the death of Christ, my
God!
All the vain things that charm me
most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

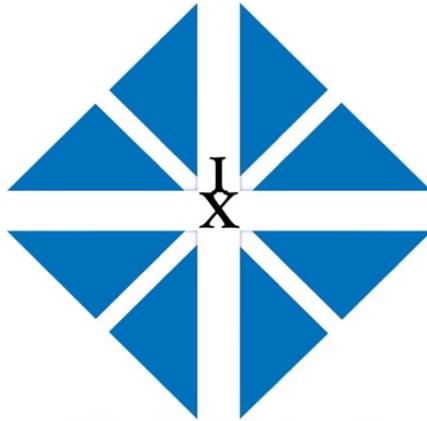
3 See, from his head, his hands,
his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled
down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow
meet,
or thorns compose so rich a
crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature
mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my
all.

POSTLUDIAL MUSIC

The Royal Banners forward go Sung by the monks of St. Meinrad's Archabbey.

All are welcome for Refreshments in the comfort of your own home!



Christ Church, East Norwalk
Participating in God's Mission
as part of
The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

All Live Via Zoom and Face Book Live Stream

Maundy Thursday – Mass at 7:30pm
Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament – All Night

Good Friday – Liturgy of Good Friday – 12 Noon
Vespers of Good Friday & Stations of the Cross – 5:30pm

Easter Sunday – Mass of the Resurrection – 10am