



PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 270

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.**

Mark 11:1–11

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 924

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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.**

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.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast 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.**

The Lesson: Philippians 2:5–11

NRSV, p. 1071

Commentary: Paul presented Jesus as the perfect example of attitude and action. Jesus left the heights of heaven for the lowliness of earth; the Sovereign became a humble servant. Jesus was willing to alter His status and behavior for the benefit of others and in this He is a model of submission. Not only did Jesus come to serve, He came to die, He was obedient to the point of a shameful death on the cross. Jesus was submissive to the depths of humiliation then God the Father raised Him to the height of exaltation. We follow Jesus' example when we submit to God and to one another not for personal gain, but for the honor and glory of God.

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.**

Psalm 31:2, 9–16

read by all in unison

In te, Domine, speravi

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."

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Remain seated until the mention of Golgotha

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, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” 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 Barabbas 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, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” 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 Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” 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, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 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. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha

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(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, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “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.” 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, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” 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, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

...Crucified King.

Have mercy on us.

The Peace

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*Celebrant
People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer I

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me"

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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

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Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant and People

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

Bow down before the Lord.

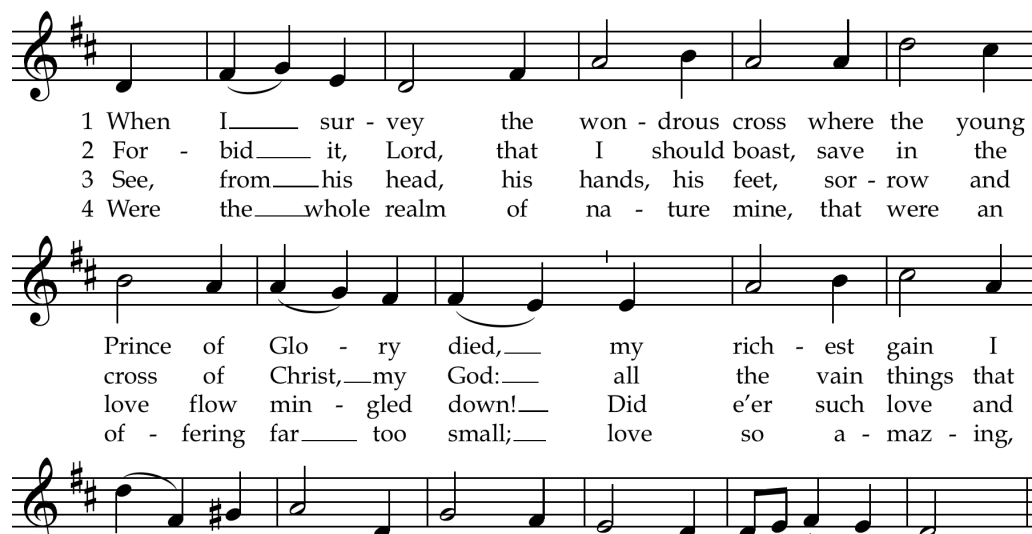
The people kneel

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 474

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

Rockingham



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The Dismissal

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Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.



Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Assisting Priest: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Organist: John Sullivan

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MARCH 25-29

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, MARCH 25

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 - 8:30 PM | Choir Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY

- MEN ON A MISSION SERVE AT SGT.
ASHLEY VETERANS CENTER
5:00 -7:00 PM | Sgt. Ashley Center
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:15 - 7:00 PM | Choir Room
- MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
7:00 PM | St. James Parish & Livestream

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

GOOD FRIDAY

- ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
March 29 - April 8

- STATIONS OF THE CROSS
11:00 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
12:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

HOLY SATURDAY

- CHOIR & BRASS REHEARSAL
11:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:15 - 8:00 PM | St. James Parish
- THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
8:00 PM | St. James Parish & Livestream

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY

- MEALS ON WHEELS
All Morning
- TOWER SERVICE
6:30 AM | St. James Parish Tower (weather permitting)
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
8:15 - 9:00 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
- PARISH CELEBRATION & EGG HUNT
~10:30 AM | Parish Lawn
 - 2 and under - Egg Hunt - Children's Chapel
 - 3 yrs - 5th Grade - Egg Hunt - Lee Parish Hall
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
10:30 - 11:05 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the April 1st Weekly Digital Grapevine is Thursday, March 28th.

The deadline for the March Grapevine Magazine is March 25th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

EASTER LILIES AND MUSIC

You are invited to participate in sharing the joy of tradition with the St. James Easter Music & Flower Honorarium. We will be playing Easter music and placing lilies in honor of our loved ones this holiday season. You may submit your names online at stjamesp.org/blog/lilies24/ or by completing the form below and returning it to the church office prior to the end of the day on **March 24th. Names submitted after this date may not appear in the bulletin.**



One dedication per \$25 donation. Please PRINT clearly. Check one on each row:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Lilies | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
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Name of Person Remembered: _____

Given by: _____

Please return your completed form to the church office with your check marked "Easter Lilies" or "Easter Music"

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEALS ON WHEELS: EASTER EDITION

Sunday, March 31

Our next Meals on Wheels delivery date falls on Easter Sunday. Anyone willing to drive, cook, and/or bring packaged applesauce cups is greatly appreciated. We are responsible for preparing, packaging, and delivering meals to approximately 180 grateful Meals on Wheels recipients, who are elderly or disabled shut-ins, many of whom have little to no social interaction or hot meals other than Meals on Wheels. These clients would often go hungry without this ministry. Your active participation in this vital program is greatly appreciated.

Molly Roush will be making special arrangements to be in Perry Hall Kitchen during Holy Week to accept donations of food items. If you are interested in cooking or providing supplies, please reach out so we can send the recipe for the meal. We need cooks to prepare Individual Sausage Casseroles. Please remember to mark your donations "Meals on Wheels, your name" We are particularly in need of 10 more folks to bring packaged applesauce cups and **20 more drivers!**

Potential Drivers- here's some logistical information to help you plan! The meals need to be delivered by noon, which means if you leave by 11:00 a.m. it's very doable with the planned routes. Drivers can participate in the 9:00 a.m. service and still leave after the Parish Celebration and Egg Hunt! Then you can help distribute meals on a very special day.

Special shout out to Nancy B. for making over 200 scones for us to include in our meal containers.

If you are willing and able to participate, especially drivers, please contact mollyroush@botmail.com.

FLOWERING THE CROSS

An Easter Sunday Tradition

All are invited to bring a blossom or two to place on the cross. This year, the cross will be placed on the parish lawn so that it may be shared with our neighbors and be a part of our parish celebration.

MEN ON A MISSION: GLORY RIDGE

April 25 - 28, 2024 | Departure: Thursday, 10:00 AM | Return: Sunday, 4:00 PM

This April, the St. James Men on a Mission will travel to Marshall, NC to get Glory Ridge ready for summer 2024. They will also as make some light construction improvements on behalf of the folks in the very impoverished surrounding area. They plan to send a team of 20 MoM members and male adult guests who are ready to serve in this way. No construction skills are needed, but you will need to be able to navigate the uneven paths and terrain of the camp. A \$100 per registrant fee will help cover the costs of food, lodging in the cabins, and transportation. Visit the MoM Page on the St. James website to learn more, donate, or register! stjamesp.org/mom-gr24

EASTER LILIES & MUSIC

Last Call! Deadline to submit 3.24

Honor someone special with Easter Lilies or Music this spring. Remember someone special this Easter by donating \$25 for Easter Lilies or music! Please complete the online form or call the church office to submit your names. It is one dedication per \$25 Donation, this form will need to be completed for each separate donation to help ensure we honor your requested person(s) correctly in the bulletin. Bulletin printing deadline is Sunday, March 24th. We'll continue to accept donations after that time however, the names may not appear in the bulletin. If you have any questions about the submission process or would like a physical name submission form, please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 31 | Following the 9:00 service

We need your help preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt! All are invited (especially families planning to participate in the hunt) to donate 12 stuffed eggs for the hunt. The box will be in the Day School Lobby. Eggs are due by March 24th, but please contact Ansley if you'd like to donate after the date has passed. Volunteers are also needed to help stuff extra eggs and set up the hunting grounds.

On Easter Day, we will celebrate with a special family activity! St. James Children's Ministry is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:00 a.m. service on Easter Day at around 10:15 a.m.

- Children 2 and under will meet for their Egg Hunt in the Children's Chapel
- Children aged 3 through 5th Grade will meet for their Egg Hunt in the Lee Parish Hall.

Please plan to bring your own basket.

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