Saint Thomas's Church

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Carl Gutherz, c. 1890 Memphis Brooks Museum of Art

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Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

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Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Ipema

Passion Gospel: Fr. Humphrey, John Stuart, & Georgiana Beal

Reader: Michael Rowland

Director of Music & Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

MUSIC OF THE MASS

New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd (b. 1950)

The People stand in the narthex. The Minister proclaims the Palm Gospel and the celebrant blesses the palms.

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL OF THE PALMS Matthew 21.1-11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they 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 fulfil 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.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People hold their palms aloft as the Celebrant blesses them.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you bless these palm branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The palms are sprinkled with holy water.

The People and Ministers enter, singing the hymn.

HYMN 131 - Ride on! ride on in majesty!

- 1 Ride on! ride on in majesty!Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;O Saviour meek, pursue thy roadWith palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on! ride on in majesty!In lowly pomp ride on to die;O Christ, thy triumphs now beginO'er captive death and conquered sin.

- 3 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 The angel-squadrons of the sky
 Look down with sad and wondering eyes
 To see the approaching Sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh,
 The Father on his sapphire throne
 Expects his own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die;
 Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
 Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

WINCHESTER NEW Adapted from a chorale in Musicalisches Handbuch, Hamburg 1690 Henry Milman 1791-1868

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST READING Philippians 2.5-11

A reading from St Paul's epistle 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Cantor Praise to you, Lord, King of eternal glory.

Choir Christ 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.



The People may stand immediately or remain seated until the mention of the Place of the Skull; at that point, all who are able, stand. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

PASSION GOSPEL Matthew 27.11-54

Dialogue Reading: (N) Narrator. (+) Jesus, and (P) Other Persons. The part of the crowd (C) is taken up by the whole congregation.

- N The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,
- P "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- N Jesus said,
- + "You say so."

- N But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,
- P "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"
- N 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,
- P "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"
- N For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him,
- P "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."
- N 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,
- P "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"
- N And they said,
- C "BARABBAS."
- N Pilate said to them,
- P "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"
- N All of them said,
- C "LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED!"

- N Then he asked,
- P "Why, what evil has he done?"
- N But they shouted all the more,

C "LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED!"

- N 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,
- P "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."
- N Then the people as a whole answered,

C "HIS BLOOD BE ON US AND ON OUR CHILDREN!"

N 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,

C "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!"

N 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.

The People stand at the mention of Golgotha.

- N 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,
- P "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."
- N 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,
- C "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."
- N In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,
- C "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.'"

- N 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,
- + "Eli, Eli, lema, sabachthani?"
- N that is
- + "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- N When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,
- P "This man is calling for Elijah."
- N 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,
- P "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."
- N Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

The People kneel for a moment of silent reflection.

- N 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,
- P "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The People continue to kneel for the keeping of a profound silence. The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher. **SERMON** The People stand. INTERCESSIONS *Celebrant*: Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world. *Intercessor*: For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, for Andrew our Bishop, Ryscilla and Kevin his suffragans, for according to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for according to the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and for according to the Parish Cycle of Prayer, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For the King, 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. For the guests, volunteers, and benefactors of the Friday Food Ministry, for those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For the blessings in our lives, for our thanksgivings , let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For those preparing for Confirmation or Reception at the Easter Vigil, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the sick, for those whom we are asked to pray, for those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
For those who have died, that they may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord of the Church, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Invitation, Confession, & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The People bow or kneel. Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The People remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY HYMN 596 - My song is love unknown

- 1 My song is love unknown,
 My Saviour's love to me,
 Love to the loveless shown,
 That they might lovely be.
 O who am I,
 That for my sake
 My Lord should take
 Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne, Salvation to bestow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know. But O, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew his way, And his sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day Hosannas to their king. Then `Crucify!' Is all their breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.

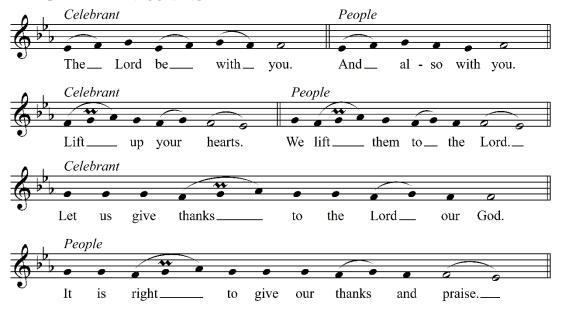
- Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease, And 'gainst him rise.
- 5 They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful he To suffering goes, That he his foes From thence might free.
- 6 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine;
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like thine.
 This is my Friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend.

LOVE UNKNOWN John Ireland 1879-1962 Samuel Crossman, 1624-83

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

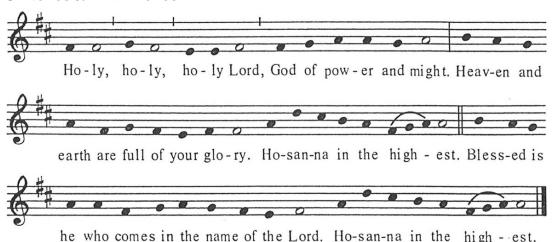


Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

The Choir sings.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



The People remain standing.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command:

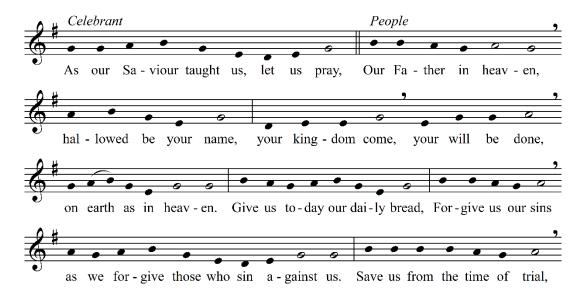
We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

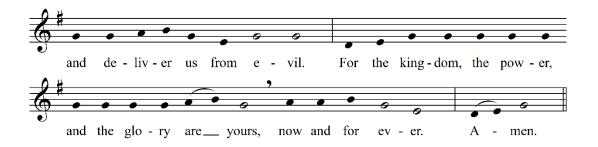
and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Music by McNeil Robinson





THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread, Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying. If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing:

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a -way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant __ us peace.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

MOTET

Crux Fidelis, King John of Portugal (1604-1656)

Crux fidelis, inter omnes, Arbor una nobilis: Nulla silva talem profert Fronde flore, germine: Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, Dulce pondus sustinet. Amen.

Faithful cross, above all other, one and only noble tree: None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be. Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee! Amen.

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I humbly ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

And bid me come to thee,

That with thy saints I may praise thee,

For ever and ever. Amen.

The People stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 593 – When I survey the wondrous cross

- 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 Cross of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to 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 an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

ROCKINGHAM Adapted by Edward Miller, 1735-1807 Isaac Watts (1674-1748), 1707

VOLUNTARY O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde Groß, BWV 622, J.S. Bach

The Palm Branches and crosses are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God, and in memory of Hortense Wasteneys.

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DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 AM, MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:30 AM, SATURDAY 7:30 AM, SUNDAY

EVENING PRAYER

5:00 pm, Monday-Friday 5:00 pm Sunday (Choral Evensong)

Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Low Mass 8:00 am Sung Mass 9:30 am High Mass 11:00 am

WEEKDAY LOW MASS

12:15 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 am Saturday

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