



March 29, 2026 ~ Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
Hebron, Connecticut
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

Holy Eucharist with Palm Sunday Liturgy

8:00 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Palms

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.*

Matthew 21:1-11

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."

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

**2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."**

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."**
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.**
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.**
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up
to the horns of the altar.**
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."**
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

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 LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins

People: His mercy endures forever

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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. ***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

***(Members of the congregation respond in unison
where the text is in boldface.)***

The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ According to Matthew

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations

they make against you?” 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, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” 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, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” 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, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “**Barabbas.**” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “**Crucify him!**” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “**Let him be crucified!**”

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, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “**His blood be on us and on our children!**” 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, **"Hail, King of the Jews!"** 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.

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, **"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."** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, **"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.’” 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, Lama Sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, **“This man is calling for Elijah.”** 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, **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”** Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. 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, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

The Prayers of the People

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The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy Spirit

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

The Congregation exits in silence

**Christian Palestinians coming to St. Peters on Palm Sunday,
March 29, During coffee hours**

Four months ago, the Awad family, Ihab and Samah Awad and their two sons, left their home in Beit Sahour, near Bethlehem, and moved to Rocky Hill. They came to escape the ever-increasing oppression, to enable their teenage sons to have access to a better education, and to represent families in the Olive Wood industry and help sell their products. They will be with us at both coffee hours on Palm Sunday, March 29. In this time of strife in the Middle East by a war, we have begun, this is one small way we can help Palestinian Christians living in Israel and Palestine.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week

The church will be open for private devotions both days until late afternoon.

Wednesday in Holy Week: Tenebrae 7:30 p.m.

Join us for this traditional service of moving from light to dark and lament. Music will be from Taizé, providing a somber accompaniment to the service.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

Agape feast, followed by procession into the church for the installment of the consecrated elements in the altar of repose and stripping of the altar. Please sign up or send email to: office @stpetershebron.com

Good Friday, April 3, 1:00 p.m.

The service will be taken from the Book of Common Prayer and include the reading of the Passion by our clergy.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service at Gilead Congregational Church 6:00 a.m.

8:00am service with hymns at St. Peter's

10:00am service at St. Peter's

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for March 29, 2026

We pray for our clergy: Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of CT; for our priest Ron; for our seminarian Doug; for our deacons Donna & Marge; and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Michael's, Litchfield; St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale; Regions & Region Leadership Teams; For Holy Landers Ministry Network; and The Anglican Church of Melanesia

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially for Pat Larson, Francine Bloch, David Anderson, Jeremy, Michelle, Taylor, Zach, Merrill Smith, and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Owen Opgaard (4/1), Liz Nelson (4/1), Kelly Celio (4/3) and Michelle Nosal (4/3)

We pray for the deceased. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.

Continuing Prayer List

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Roberto Rodegher, Len & Kim Begin, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Robin, Brenda, Jim, Richard Taylor, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ann Valerio, Cindy Brinkman, Marge Roccoberton, Maria Amara, Steve Konopka, Claire Bracaglia.