

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Palm Sunday Liturgy – Rite 2

The Service begins in Phelps Hall

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.*

The Gospel: 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.

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.

The Procession (Follow in procession to the church with your palms. Follow the bagpiper all the way up the aisle to the front of the church, then circle around and sit in your normal pew.)

THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Opening Hymn: #154: "All glory, laud, and honor" (Vs. 1,2,3)

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.**

Sequence Anthem

Please be seated.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

This version of the passion will be led by our youth in confirmation class. There is no text to follow. You will be invited to shout your responses led by the crowd leader. Please shout loudly the responses as you are invited by the rabble-rousers.

Prayers of the People for Lent

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and the world God so loves, for peace among all nations, and for the reconciliation of all people and all things in the Name of Christ.

Leader: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have the grace to take up our cross and follow him in your work of reconciliation in the world.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the holy catholic church throughout the world, a sign on earth of the kingdom of God.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; St. Andrew's, Milford; ECCT Regions, Region Leadership Teams, and Region Missionaries

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For 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.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love. We pray for all our parish family especially those celebrating their birthdays this week, Owen Opgaard (4/1), Liz Nelson (4/1), Kelly Celio (4/3) and Michelle Nosal (4/3).

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need, especially those in our Continuing Prayers list. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the dying and the dead,

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For what else shall we pray today?

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

The Doxology is sung while the offering is brought to the altar.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus #S-130

Schubert, arr. Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Fraction Anthem (3x)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom." The first system has four measures with chords E-flat, Fm/E-flat, B-flat, and E-flat. The second system starts at measure 5 and has four measures with chords C minor, Fm/A-flat, B-flat, and E-flat. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Communion Music

Post-Communion music

Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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