



PALM SUNDAY
SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER
APRIL 5, 2020

OPENING SENTENCE

O give thanks to the Lord, and call upon His Name; make know his deeds among the peoples.

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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. *(all kneel)*

**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 neighbors 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.**

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER (*all stand*)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

HYMN: 154 All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. (Refrain)

4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

(the people read the verses in bold print)

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.^[b]
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 671 Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

SECOND LESSON: 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

**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 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 Officiant then says the Collect of the Day and any additional collects and intercessions.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Let us pray for the world, the church and those in special need.

For the Church universal, give her the strength and forbearance as she navigates new and non-traditional ways to be the Gospel and to be present to those in our communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to remember that our beloved building is not the church, but the place from which the Body of Christ is sent in love to minister to the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the world, especially countries hardest hit by COVID-19, that may provide steady guidance and wise leadership in the time of crisis, Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For those who have contracted the COVID virus, those in isolation/quarantine, for their families and for those that live in a state of anxiety and fear because of it. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For the people on the front lines: police, firefighters, EMT's, doctors, nurses, and all hospital staff who put themselves at risk to minister to the sick in ways that they have never imagined; and for those seeking a cure. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the people that are usually forgotten but that are sustaining us now: grocery store clerks, truckers, farmers and laborers, that are being challenged to meet the needs of a society filled with fear, angst and the temptation to hoard. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children who are displaced by no school, for the parents that are trying to cope, and for the teachers who are finding innovative ways to educate our nation's children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those that are finding their close quarters smaller than they realized and for those households where tensions may be running high. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who find themselves unemployed and those who have lost their financial security; and those who have had their jobs put on hold. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those on our parish prayer list: *(those on the list are named)* and for all that we now name, either silently or aloud: ... *(a period of silence)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all that have died from the spread of this virus, may they find themselves in a place of light and peace, freed from the bonds of this earthly life, and may their families find consolation knowing their loved ones are wrapped in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes with the prayer for mission:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those celebrating their birthdays this week: Suzanne Palmer, Elise Wood, Henrietta Kiel

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(said by the officiant and the people)*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM *(said by the officiant and people)*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 435 At the Name of Jesus

1 At the Name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season,
to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners,
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed;

3 bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

4 Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder
and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped,
trusted, and adored.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

SETTING THE TABLE

HYMN: In Remembrance of Me

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread
In remembrance of Me, drink this wine
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time
When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick
In remembrance of Me, feed the poor
In remembrance of Me, open the door
And let your brother in, let him in.

Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of Me, search for truth
In remembrance of Me, always love
In remembrance of Me, don't look above
But in your heart, in your heart
Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of Me
Do this in remembrance of Me
In remembrance of Me.

**Today's altar palms ordered for this year were given in loving memory of
Barbara Carver by Robert Carver
Walter and Margaret Spathelf, Ada Shuttleworth,
and Louise Spathelf by Jeanne Bernosky
and *Jean Price and Jean Ann Minch* by Henrietta Kiel.
Sadly, the current Covid-19 crisis disrupted the expected delivery of the palms.**

Ministers of the Service:

Barbara Johnson, pianist: Heidi New, vocalist
Drew and Evan Dippre, readers and technology
Rev. Lynn Hade, officiant