

The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada

April 5, 2020: The Sunday of the Passion with the Liturgy of the Palms

The Liturgy of the Palms

Introit *Ingrediente Domino in sanctam civitatem Hebraeorum pueri resurrectionem vitae pronuntiantes cum ramis palmarum: hosanna clamabant in excelsis. Cumque audisset populus, quod Iesus veniret Ierosolymam, exierunt obviam ei.*

As the Lord entered the holy city, the Jews with palms in hand proclaimed the Resurrection and the Life: Hosanna, they cried, Hosanna in the highest. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him carrying their palm branches: Hosanna, they cried, Hosanna in the highest.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

The Gospel of the Palms

Matthew 21: 1-11

Gospeller The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller 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.’

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn Text: Theodulph of Orleans, tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Melody Melchior Teschner; harm. William Henry Monk; desc. Alfred Leslie Rose, SSJE; Tune: St. Theodulph

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

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed one.
All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King...

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.
All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King...

To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted our melody we raise.
All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King...

The Blessing of the Palms

Officiant The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Officiant 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. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying, “Hosanna in the highest.” Bless and sanctify these branches and crosses of palm, O Lord. May we who carry them go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Collect of the Day

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

Reader 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.

Psalm

Psalm 31: 9-16—Plainsong

Cantor Have mer-cy on me, O Lord, for I am in trou-ble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my bel-ly.

All For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sigh-ing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are con-sümed.

Cantor I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my ac-quain-tance; *
when they see me in the street they a-void mē.

All I am forgotten like a dead man, ot of mind; *
I am as useless as a bro-ken pöt.

Cantor For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all a-round; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

All But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, “You are my Gōd.
Cantor My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who per-se-cute mē.
All Make your face to shine up-on your ser-vant, *
and in your loving kind-ness save me.”

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

Matthew 27: 11-54

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
All 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.

Anthem The Crucifixion *Text: The Speckled Book, 12th Century;
trans. Howard Mumford Jones; Music: Samuel Barber*

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan!
Never shall lament cease because of that.
It was like the parting of day from night.
Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's Son,
But sorer still to Him was the grief
Which for His sake came upon His Mother.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand, as you are able.

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Officiant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

Please kneel, as you are able.

Bishop Most merciful God,
All 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.

Bishop 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Please stand, as you are able.

The Blessing

Bishop 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.

People Amen.

Bishop May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, now and always.

People Amen.

Hymn

Text: African-American spiritual; Music: Melody African-American spiritual;
harm. C. Winfred Douglas; Tune: Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Postlude