

Palm Sunday



April 5, 2020



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

READING

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord who is good; *
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
“The mercy of the Lord 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; *
those who are righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me *
and has 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 Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! *
Lord, now send us success.
- 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 God is the Lord and 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 who is good; *
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.

HOMILY

The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey

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Officiant In the words of those who have come before us, let us profess our faith.

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*
and “A Litany Amidst the COVID-19 Outbreak” by Michael Kurth

Reader Most merciful God, we come to you in this time of anxiety and uncertainty surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19. We grieve the havoc it is wreaking on our lives, and we grieve that we cannot gather together physically, yet we know that you are with us and that you unite us through your Holy Spirit. In peace, let us pray, saying, “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

For Christ Church and every congregation throughout the world, that we give you praise and place our trust in you, becoming beacons of hope, faith, and love. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For the leaders of our church, Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie our bishop; for Emily, David, and Anthony our priests; for Chip our deacon; and for all who minister: fortify them to be faithful pastors, to persevere in prayer, and to build up the family of God in new and creative ways. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those in authority, especially Donald our president, Gretchen our governor, Michael our mayor, and leaders throughout the world: help them to make sound decisions to best secure our safety and the future of our planet. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For first responders; for doctors, nurses, and hospital staff; for service industry workers and those forced to work as their community shuts down; for those experiencing financial loss and uncertainty of wages. We pray especially for *Anna Basse, Joe Dib, Shawna Goodfellow, Jay Harnois, Margaret Lally, George Mashour, Beth Niblock, Stephen Wilbert.* (People add names silently or aloud.)

Keep them safe, grant them strength and hope, and provide for them daily bread and wage. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those directly infected with the virus, for those at high risk, for those in quarantine, for the marginalized, for the poor, and for all who suffer in any way, especially *Pat Ald, Booker, Barbara Baseley, Jocelyn Burrell, Harold Cherry, David Dieter, Charles Hawkins, Emily Hill, Monique McGraw, Joe Miller, Pamla Moore, Carl Pfadt, George Port, Len St. Jean, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Carol Ann Watson.* (People add names silently or aloud.)

Help them recover in good health, and restore them in body, mind, and spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For the gifts of joy, wonder, and love, which we savor and celebrate especially in times of struggle. We pray especially for those having birthdays this week: *Evan Benbow, Bill Fleming, Jr., Chip Dischinger, Edwina Simpson, James Moore, Jr.* (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

We pray to you, O Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We remember especially Sarah Esse, all who have died from COVID-19, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

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Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

All are encouraged to make a gift toward Christ Church's ministries and mission to be a beacon of hope at christcd.org/online-giving, or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me,
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,

I want Je - sus to walk with me,
In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
When the shades of life are fall - ing,

Lord, I want
Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: Negro Spiritual

Tune: WALK WITH ME, 88 8 9; Negro Spiritual; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.**

BLESSING OF THE BRANCHES AND GIFTS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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 along his way. Let the branches, plants, garments, gifts, and gestures of compassion that we offer be signs for us of our trust in his victory. 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.

All **Amen.**

All are invited to process around the room, from room to room, around the yard, down the street, or wherever is available, while singing the hymn and waving or carrying branches or garments of respect.

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

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Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

BLESSING

Officiant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

ABOUT THE MUSIC AND ART

The cover art, “Entry into the City” (1990) by John August Swanson (b. 1938), depicts Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and onlookers’ various gestures toward him. Swanson paints in oil, watercolor, acrylic, and mixed media, and makes prints, lithographs, and etchings. His art reflects the strong heritage of storytelling he inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father, and his unique style is influenced by the imagery of Islamic and medieval miniatures, Russian iconography, the color of Latin American folk art, and the tradition of Mexican muralists. “Entry into the City” is reprinted with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University.

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