



The Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☿ Richmond, Virginia

In order to allow for private prayer, please observe silence upon entering the church.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The Book of Common Prayer, page 270

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.

A Reading from the Gospel Luke 19:28-40

Reader After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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.

Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have re-deemed 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.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson Philippians 2:5-11 *Please sit.*

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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. *A period of silence is kept.*

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Luke

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. Please stand at the arrival at Golgotha.

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the

barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Homily The Rev. Penny A. Nash *Please sit.*

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel.*

Prayer Book, page 328

The Peace *Please stand.*

Prayer Book, page 332

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.
After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

The Holy Communion

At the Presentation *Please stand.*

All All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, page 340

Please kneel after the Sanctus.

The Lord's Prayer *Said by all.*

Prayer Book, page 336

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book, page 337

The Prayer of Humble Access *Said by all.*

Prayer Book, page 337

Please come forward to receive the Sacrament.

The Post-Communion Prayer *Please kneel.*

Prayer Book, page 339

The Solemn Prayer

Please stand for the silent procession as we enter into the rest of Holy Week.

There is no Dismissal.

*Please refrain from conversation until you have left the church,
in respect for those who may wish to remain in prayer.*

Memorial

The palm arrangements are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Blake, Jr. by their daughter, Linda Blake Gayle.

Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: Penny A. Nash; **CHALICE BEARER/READER:** Anne Pinion; **Acolyte/Intinction Cup:** Laura Wallace; **USHERS:** Gene Bowles, Karen Murphy; **APRIL ALTAR GUILD:** Marnie Huger, *leader*; Elizabeth Greene, Ara Hobbs, Molly Johnson, Anne Peck, Darla Perry, Anne Pinion, Sandy Roney, Elizabeth Spell, Becky Trader, Anne Turnbull; **APRIL FLOWER GUILD:** Molly Hood, *leader*; Becky Anthony, Kathryn Angus, Isabel Bates, Anne Martin, Tina Millner, Jessica Tongel, Lena Scott

The Parish Prayer List

Burns Ackerly, Jennifer Andrews and family, Walker Angus, Robert Baker, Lash Barksdale, Michelle Barté, Lib Bartenstein; Lisa, Joel, Zachary and Hannah Bevis; Doug Blue, Susan L. Booker, Liz Brengel, Rogers Brewbaker, Pat Brown, Rod Brown, Turner Bruneau, Charles Bryan, Judy Buchanan, Kenny Burton, Grace Coleman, Rick Crim, Gordon Davis, Alex Del Bueno, Ernest Dempsey, Nicole Duran, Charlotte Elliot, Carter Filer, Hughes Fleming, Peter Florin, Guy Frank, Jim Frye, Rodger Hardy, Roy Heifner, Margaret Henderson, Lolly Hetherington, Claudia Hicks, Isabelle Hulsey, Jennifer Hulsey, Larry Jones, Judy Knauf, Bryan Kessler, Donna Kessler, Lynn and Dan Kraftson, Caleb Lambert, Erin LaSyone, Michael Link, Eleanor Lynch, Richard Majer, L. Newby Mauck, Nancy McCabe, Bette McElman, Rodney Melton, Susan Minyard, Jon Moss, Ray Moss, Bridgett O'Grady, Sean O'Grady, Anne Owens, Amy Perdue, Jim and Sarah Cooke Picton, Wilde Poole and family, Suzanne Ratchford, Pamela Reid, Elsie Richards, Janet Ritchie, Paul Roper, Kaley Rosenthal, *Josie Schmidt*, Ashley Scott, T. Logan Scott, Jane Settle, Jody Sherman, Mary Frances Siersema, Jonathan Smith, Tom Smith, Bill Smithdeal, *Jonathan Spurling*, Graden Stewart, LaSheka Thomas, Phyllis Thompson, Alden Thornton, Evelyn Tinsman, Chip Tompkins, Ginger Townsend, Anne Turnbull, Peter Von Szilassy, Bebe West, Jim White, Donny White, Rob Whittet, William Wilson, Jan Woodard, Mary Kathryn Woodward, Peggy Wright, Woo Sub Yun, Alex, Taylor, Tonya. **For those expecting a child**, especially Marshall and Lindsey Bigelow, Anna Patricia Diaz and Raphael Salvatore Burgess, *Jeff and Sara Dubois*, Billy and Aubrey Moore, Lowndes and Katie Peple, Andrew and Whitney Robertson, Matthew and Anne Sims Thompson. **For all the blessings of this life**, especially the birth of *Elizabeth Alden Armfield to Sarah and Billy Armfield*, the birth of *Archer Smith Burke to Kristen and Smith Burke*, the birth of *Hunter Cook Lester to Nancy and Lee Lester*. **For those who have died.** **For our mission partners** in Azua, Padre Manuel Estevez and the congregations of Reconciliación and San Jorge. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, serving in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the *Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East*. **For the women, men, and staff of the City Jail.** **For racial reconciliation and healing.** **For the RE:work RICHMOND project.** **For peace and reconciliation** in Iraq, Israel/Palestine, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine, and at our borders. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** SrA John W. S. Davis III, SgM Charles M. Gill, Spc Talbott Holloway, Sgt Henry M. Matthews III, Ens Connor Partlow, Cpt Russell Timmons. *Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.*