

Palm Sunday & the Passion of Our Lord

24 March 2024 · 9:00 AM

Morning Prayer

Hymn All glory, laud, and honor

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The Preces

Lord, open our lips.

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 forever. Amen.

Jubilate

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting;

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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Psalm 31:9-16

The Psalm is read as directed.

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 First Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord. Reader

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle Leaves Fallen Underfoot

Phuc Luu & the Work of the People

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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 Lord's Prayer

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 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.

The Prayers of the People

The presider introduces the prayers.

Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding on a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray, saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

That Christians hear and share the word of God as true disciples, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all the ends of the earth experience the peace of Christ, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all leaders, of church and state, prefer humble service to empty power, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who experience the cross in their own lives draw strength from the name that is above every name, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we who hope to see God's will done on earth as it is in heaven, may be ready to follow our Lord Jesus to whatever end, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

The presider concludes the prayers saying

God our creator, you show your children the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The 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.**

Collect 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 & Blessings for Personal Life

The people pray together for all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones

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.

Hymn Alone thou goest forth, O Lord

St. Flavian

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Let us bow before the Lord.

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. **Amen.**

Following the Passion reading, the service ends in silence.
Our observance of Holy Week has begun.



Announcements

Holy Week & Easter Services

Holy Week and Easter form the foundation of our Christian life and worship. It is important that we join with our Christian family here at St. John's and throughout the world and attend the services that make up the Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

- Maundy Thursday, March 28—7 p.m.
- Good Friday, March 29—12 noon (Good Friday Liturgy) & 3 p.m. (Stations of the Cross)
- The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 30—8 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, March 31—8 a.m., 9 a.m. (via Zoom), & 10:15 a.m.

The St. John's office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1.

Easter Floral Decorations

Members of St. John's are invited to celebrate Easter by helping decorate the church windows for Easter. You can bring an arrangement of your favorite flowers, and feel free to be creative. Arrangements need to be brought in on Saturday, March 30th, between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon. For more information, contact Sue Bracey at braceys77@comcast.net.

Festive Receptions for the Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday

We will have festive receptions after the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services. Please bring a treat to share.

Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter egg hunt will take place on Easter Sunday, March 31 after the 10:15 a.m. service. We will meet on the main floor in the Commons. All children and families are invited to participate. It will be a delightful time for children to search for colorful eggs while enjoying the company of their friends and family. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, and loved ones to join us for this memorable occasion. Let's come together as a community to celebrate the joy and hope of Easter! Contact Amanda Yauney at amanda@stjohns-laf.org for more information.

Lost & Found

Have you misplaced your reading glasses? Did you leave your hat or gloves behind? Remember that favorite dish, tray or pan you brought to the potluck? We found it! Take a few minutes, look through the items on the tables outside the kitchen, and take what is yours. **Today is the last day items will be available. If you see something you like, please take it. Everything must go.**

Parish Prayer List

- St. John's Cycle of Prayer— David Riesbeck, Paul & Jo Roberts, Stuart & Bonnie Robertson, Jim & Carolyn Roth, David Ruiter
- Parish Prayer List— John & Elizabeth Barrett, Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Pam Ogorzaly, Paul Roberts, Carol Helgerman, Ginny Hull, John Howland, Sue Eichhorn, Pequita Behrndt, Don Nead, Barbara Hess, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Janet Huber, Carolyn Speer, Kathie Basden, Bill McInerney, Alice Anderson, Ben, Judy, Sandra, Carole, Lynn, Jacob, Nancy, Kirsten, Scott, John, Bonnie, Johanna, Lowell, Roy, David, Rachel, and their families.

For the people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine; for hostages and all innocent civilians in harm's way; for peace in all places of conflict; for the victims of violence; and for repair, understanding, and healing across the world, in our nation, and within our communities.

- **For those who have died**—For all who have died, including Linda, and those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden
- **The leaders of our Communion**—Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop
- **St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian—**The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; Jason, Bradley, & Carolin
- **Our Ministry Partners**—The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; The Church of the Province of West Africa, and Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis.

This nation and all in authority—Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and Erin, our mayors.



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