

# *The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*



Sunday, March 29, 2026  
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

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## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***

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 of 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 Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give him 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 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.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

***Hosanna in the highest.***

Let us go forth in peace.

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

The Procession

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray together.

***Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## ***THE WORD OF GOD***

### **PROCESSIONAL SONG - Hosanna**

***Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!  
Lord, we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise.  
Be exalted, oh Lord our God!  
Hosanna in the highest!***

***Worthy, Worthy, Worthy is the Lamb of God!  
Worthy, Worthy, Worthy is the Lamb of God!  
Lord, we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise.  
Be exalted, oh Lord our God!  
Hosanna in the highest!***

***Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of Kings!  
Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of Kings!  
Lord, we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise.  
Be exalted, oh Lord our God!  
Hosanna in the highest!***

### **THE COLLECT**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

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.**

## THE LESSONS

### **A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **THE PSALM**

**Psalm 31:9-16**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*

I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*

I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; \*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

and in your loving-kindness save me."

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.

***Thanks be to God.***

**SEQUENCE HYMN - Standing on the Promises**

***1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.***

***2. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.***

**CHORUS:**  
***Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior  
Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God.***

**THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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**SERMON - Fr. Ralph**

**SERMON RESPONSE - Light the Fire Again**

***1. Don't let my love grow cold  
I'm calling out - light the fire again  
Don't let my vision die  
I'm calling out - light the fire again***

***2. You know my heart, my deeds  
I'm calling out - light the fire again  
I need your discipline  
I'm calling out - light the fire again***

**CHORUS:**  
***I am here to buy gold  
Refined in the fire  
Naked and poor  
Wretched and blind I come  
Clothe me in white  
So I won't be ashamed  
Lord light the fire again***

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our Bishops: Sean, Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city and county, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name now, either silently or aloud, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

*(Silence)*

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## ***THE HOLY COMMUNION***

### **OFFERTORY SONG - House of the Lord**

1. We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God he holds the victory

#### **CHORUS:**

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
O, we shout out your praise

2. We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
Cause he hung upon that cross  
Then he rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away.

#### **BRIDGE:**

We were the beggars  
And now we're royalty.  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free.  
We are forgiven, accepted  
Redeemed by his grace.  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

### **THE DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.***

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***We fall down***

***We lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus***

***The greatness of your mercy and love***

***At the feet of Jesus***

***We cry, Holy, Holy, Holy***

***We cry, Holy, Holy, Holy***

***We cry, Holy, Holy, Holy***

***Is the lamb***

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,***

***We proclaim his resurrection,***

***We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

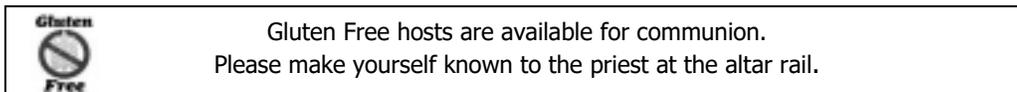
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

***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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



#### **COMMUNION SONG 1 - Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross**

**1. Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There's a precious fountain;  
Free to all, a healing stream  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.**

**REFRAIN:**

***In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.***

**2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star  
Sheds its beams around me.**

**3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me.**

**COMMUNION SONG 2 - You Are My All In All**

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| <p>1. <i>You are my strength when I am weak.<br/>You are the treasure that I seek.<br/>You are my all in all.<br/>Seeking you as a precious jewel,<br/>Lord to give up I'd be a fool.<br/>You are my all in all.</i></p> | <p>2. <i>Taking my sin my cross my shame<br/>Rising again I bless your name.<br/>You are my all in all.<br/>When I fall down you pick me up.<br/>When I am dry you fill my cup.<br/>You are my all in all.</i></p> |
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**CHORUS:**

*Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is your name  
Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is your name*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**BLESSING**

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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

CLOSING SONG - My Lighthouse

1. *In my wrestling and in my doubts,  
In my failures you won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*
2. *In the silence you won't let go,  
In the questions your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*
3. *I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*

CHORUS:

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness I will follow you.  
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise you will carry me  
Safe to shore – safe to shore (repeat)*

*Fire before us, you're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms*

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**CALVARY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**

8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service  
10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service

**HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES**

**MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>** PALM SUNDAY SERVICES—8AM AND 10:30AM  
**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>** MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7PM, PRAYER VIGIL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>** GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES—12:00PM, STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 1PM  
**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>** EASTER SERVICES— 8AM AND 10:30AM

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