APRIL 2, 2023 - PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Prelude - "Processional" by Robert Powell.

Stand

Greeting

- The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 Amen.
- **P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Holy Gospel

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.
- ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

John 12:12–19



P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

A time of silence may be observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.
⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

Isaiah 50:4–9a

therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.
⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Pastor speaks the odd verses and the Congregation speaks the even.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Glory be 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.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:19–29

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They all said, Narrator:

PEOPLE: Let him be crucified!

Narrator: So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

- Pilate: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."
- Narrator: And all the people answered,

PEOPLE: His blood be on us and on our children!

Narrator: Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him; and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed on his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying,

PEOPLE: Hail, King of the Jews!

- Narrator: And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross. And when they came to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,
- **PEOPLE:** You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.
- Narrator: So also the chief priests, and the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,
- **PEOPLE:** He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him for he said, "I am God's Son."
- *Narrator:* And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from noon on there was darkness over all the land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,
- Jesus: "Eli, Eli, lama sabach-thani?"
- Narrator: That is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and some of the bystanders hearing it said,

PEOPLE: This man is calling Elijah.

Narrator: And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar and put in on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

PEOPLE: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Narrator: And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said,

PEOPLE: Truly this was the Son of God!

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

 I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends:

P Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer!

The Prayers conclude:

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Anthem - The Parish Choir sings "Ride On In Majesty" by Norman (10:30).

Stand

Preface

- $\mathbf{\underline{P}} \quad \text{The Lord be with you.}$
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- ▶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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Lord's Prayer

С

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



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919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- С Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis





Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



Postlude - "Prayer To The Redeemer" by Greig, arranged by Smith.

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