



Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024, 11 am

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation is gathered outdoors

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

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Minister: 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.

READING

Mark 11:1–11

Pew Bible, page 41 (NT)

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: 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.

People: Amen.

Minister: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the Highest.

Choir: Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel, Hosanna in the Highest! (*sung in Latin*)

Minister: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Minister: Open in the name of the Lord!

HYMN IN PROCESSION

No. 148, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

St. Theodulph



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
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is
- 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with
- 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they
- 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac -



Da - vid's roy - al Son, who in the Lord's name
prais - ing thee on high, and we with all cre -
palms be - fore thee went; our praise and prayers and
sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high ex -
cept the prayers we bring, who in all good de -



com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

CONFESSION

In unison

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and whose mercy we forget: cleanse us from all offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that humbly we may draw near to thee, confessing our faults, confiding in thy grace, and finding in thee our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

No. 147, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

The King's Majesty

The congregation stands and sings

THE PEACE AND GREETINGS

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Pew Bible, page 640 (OT)

PSALM

Psalm 24 *Domini est terra*

Joseph Barnby (1838–1896)

Sung by the choir

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4–9

Pew Bible, page 175 (NT)

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus (arr. 1998)

African American Spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Ride on, King Jesus;

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse;

No man can a-hinder me.

No man a-works like him.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on;

The river of Jordan he did cross;

No man can a-hinder me.

No man a-works like him.

He is king of kings,

King Jesus rides in the middle of the air;

He is lord of lords,

No man a-works like him.

Jesus Christ, the first and last;

He calls the saints from everywhere;

No man a-works like him.

No man a-works like him.

SERMON

The Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Minister: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

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Song of Our Savior (1953)

Julia Perry (1924–1979)

Sung by the choir

Joseph gathered flowers for Jesus, to put on his grave so bare;
Mary, mother of our Savior, bowed her head and breathed a prayer.

Jesus was born in a manger lowly, child of Bethlehem.
Wise Men afar heard the wondrous story, Savior of all men.

Preached as a child in the temple of Judah, scribes and elders there.
In the garden of Gethsemane praying, for remission of sins.

All of the people gathered together, for to praise his name.
Along the streets of the holy city, strewn with palms and flowers.
In all glory rode one early morning, Savior, Redeemer, King.
Glory, hallelujah to his name.

Julia Perry

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all people here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The congregation remains standing

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

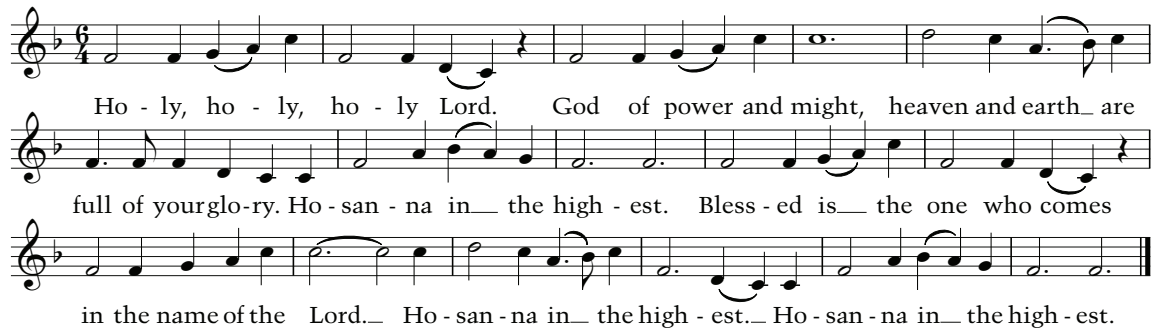
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation remains standing

Minister: ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

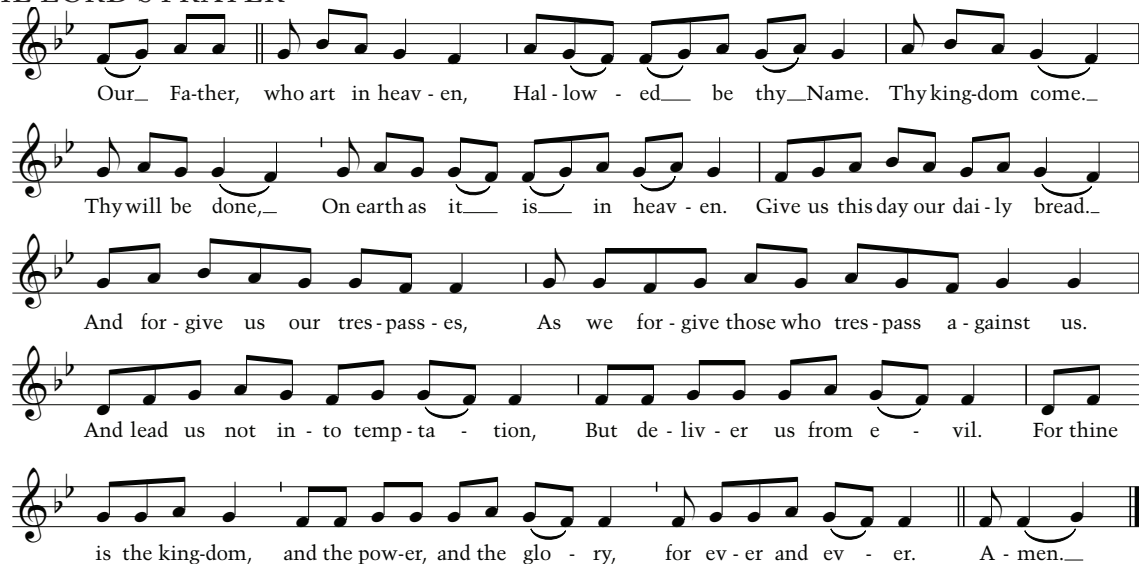
People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The minister continues

Minister: ... All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, Hal - low - ed be thy Name. Thy king - dom come.
Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread.
And for - give us our tres - pass - es, As we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine
is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The congregation sits

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Panis angelicus (ca. 1860)

César Franck (1822–1890)

Sung by the choir

Panis angelicus

Fit panis hominum;

Dat panis coelicus

Figuris terminum:

O res mirabilis!

Manducat Dominum

Pauper, servus et humilis.

The bread of the angels

becomes the bread of mortals;

the bread of heaven

puts an end to prefigurations.

O wondrous thing!

the poor, the servant, and the humble

feed on their Lord.

Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The congregation stands

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN

No. 221, “What Wondrous Love Is This, O My Soul”

Wondrous Love

The congregation stands and sings.

DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel...” from *St. John’s Suite* (2007)

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

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