

The Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
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April 13, 2025
10:30 a.m.



CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF GEORGIA
ESTABLISHED 1733





Welcome to Christ Church! Today's service follows the form for Holy Eucharist Rite II, beginning on page 355 of the red *Book of Common Prayer* ("BCP"). The music may be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*; numbers beginning with "S-" are service music, located at the front of the hymnal.

Our celebrant this morning is the Rev. Samantha K. McKean.

Welcome to Episcopal worship! During Lent, you will find here brief explanations of different aspects of our Sunday services.

Today is Palm Sunday, also known as the Sunday of the Passion. As these different titles suggest, the service has two parts. First, we reenact Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted with the waving of palm branches and shouts of praise. The observance of this tradition traces all the way back to the fourth century; the writings of the pilgrim Egeria describe a procession of Christians going into Jerusalem, waving branches, singing psalms, and shouting "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" We join Christians across time and around the world as we, too, take part in Christ's triumphal entry.

We also participate, however, in the second part of the service: Christ's passion. Today's gospel lesson tells the full story of Jesus' arrest, suffering, and death. It will be read by lay lectors of Christ Church, highlighting how quickly shouts of praise turned to shouts of "Crucify him!"

This dramatic liturgy is the first day of Holy Week, preparing us to walk with Jesus all the way to the cross as we await the glory of Easter.



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The Liturgy of the Palms

Prelude *Marche religieuse*, Op. 15

Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

Ministers and children gather in the chancel for the Liturgy of the Palms and the beginning of the procession with palms.

Introit *Hosanna to the Son of David* Thomas Weelkes (1576–1623)
Sung by the choir.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens.

Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Opening Acclamation and Response BCP 270

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna 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.

Deacon

Luke 19:28-40

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.’

The Blessing of the Palms BCP 271

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 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.**

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

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

*During the hymn, we reenact the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, processing
and waving palms like the crowd that welcomed Jesus into the city.*

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 154

All glory, laud and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

*At the conclusion of the hymn, there is a pause, as we turn from celebration
toward the Passion of Christ.*

Celebrant

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.**

Collect of the Day

BCP 272

Celebrant 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 Liturgy of the Passion

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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 awakens—
awakens 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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9–16 *In te, Domine, speravi* **BCP 623**

Sung by the choir

chant: plainsong, Tone VII

- 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.”

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

Reader A reading from the Letter 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.

Sequence Hymn
At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal 435
King's Weston

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:39–23:56

The congregation is seated. The congregation reads the bold print aloud.

Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell

you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” All of them asked, “Are you, then, the Son of God?” He said to them, “You say that I am.” Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!” Then the assembly 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, *(congregation: "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,

The congregation stands as able.

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.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of

Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Silence is kept.

Prayers of the People, Form II
The Peace

BCP 385

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Oh, That Bleeding Lamb*

Negro spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

Refrain:

Oh, that bleeding lamb, the Lord done sanctified him,

Oh, that bleeding lamb done sanctified my soul.

The holy way the prophets went.

That saved their souls from banishment. *Refrain*

I never felt such love before.

I'll go in peace and sin no more. *Refrain* (*Negro spiritual*)

Presentation of the Gifts

Hymnal 474, v. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Great Thanksgiving, *Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-114

from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

H. Willan

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem, *Agnus Dei*

Hymnal S-158

from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

H. Willan

All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, or receive from the floor station to the left of the chancel stairs. Please let an usher know if you need to receive from your pew. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive a blessing, you may cross your arms over your chest.

Hymns at Communion	Hymnal 158, 172
<i>Ah, holy Jesus</i>	<i>Herzliebster Jesu</i>
<i>Were you there when they crucified my Lord?</i>	<i>Were You There</i>

When a Eucharistic Visit is scheduled

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body, because we are one in Jesus Christ.**

Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
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The Prayer Over the People

Closing Hymn	Hymnal 168
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<i>O sacred head, sore wounded</i>	<i>Herzlich tut mich verlangen</i>
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Dismissal

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Altar Greens

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry Miller with love from Margaret.

Prayers of the People*

For Pam Benton, Harvey Gilbert, Jack Hartman, Rusty and Cindy Hightower, Carolyn Kelly, Betsy Kulpan, Ruby Dyer, David Lowry, Christopher Samellas, Edward Leeper

For the Birthdays of Bob Clark, Liv Dugas, Bill Haile, Vivi Truex, Alice Clark, Nanette Eisenhart, Catherine Vouk, Thomas Cone, Whit Davis, Hudson Harrison, Betsy Myers, Trey Myers, Laura Gieske, Elizabeth Bush, Pamela Crenshaw, Wills Davis, MJ Harris, Roman Maynard, Julian Bringman, Karen Groce, Paul Reddick, Peter Wright, Max Maxwell, Matthew King, Sam Mikell, Thomas Harper, Colson Sapp, Catherine Holden, Kingston Myers, Margaret Miller, Carrie Reeves, Kevin Gieske, Ruth Goldsmith, Ruth Hallman, Jen Hughes, Mimi Jones, Sarah Smith, Emma Reardon, Mary Helen Skeadas, Micah Smith, Geoff Taylor, Elizabeth North, Catherine Renner, Robb Rilee, Tyler Sumner, Stan Houle, Linda McWhorter, Kwasi Agyei-Gyamfi, Rudell Lawrence

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Paige and Michael Carson, Gigi and Bill Haile, Suzanne and John Audette, Kate and Marc Bailey, Elizabeth Murphey and Royce Abbott, Cindy and Rusty Hightower, Margaret and John Northup, Erin and Stephen Ham, Betty and Jim Pember

For Those Who Have Died and the Comfort of Their Families:
Louis Mullins Dent, Tom Mahaffey, Jackson McLeod Hightower

CHRIST CHURCH

Holy Week Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18, 2025, 12:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m.

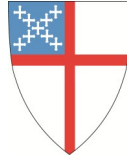
SATURDAY: THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, April 19, 2025, 8:00 p.m.

EASTER DAY: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Sunday, April 20, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at the Parish House, 9:30 a.m.



CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Cathy Zappa, *Interim Rector*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

The Reverend Dr. Bertice Berry, *Deacon*

George H. Fergus, *Director of Music*

John Audette, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

Suzanne Phillips Smith, *Parish Administrator*

Charles L. Epps, *Sexton*

The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Richard "Max" Maxwell, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend David C. Seyle, *United Methodist Pastor-in-Residence*

Vestry

Washington C. Dender, *Senior Warden*; Paul H. Threlkeld, *Junior Warden*;

Lindsey A. Eberle, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Stephen R. Rilee, *Treasurer*;

Catherine M. Gussler, *Assistant Treasurer for Stewardship and Finance*;

Patton Dugas; William C. Gruver;

Elizabeth L. Macfadyen; Rosemary W. Mackey;

Richard C. Nelson; Paul D. Reddick; Sarah B. Smith;

Polly C. Webster; Susan H. Wetmore

Sundays

9:15 a.m. Nursery, located on the 2nd floor of the Parish House at 18 Abercorn

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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