



# The Sunday of the Passion

## Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 – 10:00am – Rite II  
Epiphany Parish



*We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another and to include all people through our fellowship, education & outreach.*

### **Prelude**

### **The Liturgy of the Palms**

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*Celebrant from the narthex:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* *Peace in heaven and glory 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.

### **Luke 19:28-40**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 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."

*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 God 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 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 one who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* *Hosanna in the highest!*

## **The Procession**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in peace.

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

## **Opening Hymn**

**H#154 All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!**

## **The Word of God**

*Officiant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

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*People:* *His mercy endures for ever.*

**The Collect of the Day** (in unison) 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 First Reading**

**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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:9-16**

*In te, Domine, speravi*

- <sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;\*  
*my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.*
- <sup>10</sup> For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;\*  
*my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.*
- <sup>11</sup> 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.*
- <sup>12</sup> I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;\*  
*I am as useless as a broken pot.*
- <sup>13</sup> 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.*
- <sup>14</sup> But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.\*  
*I have said, "You are my God.*
- <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;\*  
*rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.*
- <sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant,\*  
*and in your loving-kindness save me."*

**The Gradual Hymn**

**H#168** O sacred head, sore wounded

**The Passion Gospel**—See booklet

**Homily**

**The Reverend Christen H. Mills**

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**H#158** Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended



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**Communion Hymn**

**H#458** My song is love unknown

**Post Communion Prayer**

**The Blessing**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Closing Hymn**

**H#172** Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**The Dismissal**

**Please leave in silence and join us downstairs for coffee hour.**

### **Invitation for Spiritual Communion:**

*This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament.*

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.