



Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
The Sunday of the Passion  
Palm Sunday  
April 1, 2012, 9:30 am

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord!

*Mark 11:9b*

We worship today according to the appointed order for Palm Sunday,  
beginning on page 270 of the Book of Common Prayer.

**The Liturgy of the Palms**

*The people gather in a circle around the well behind the parish hall and receive palm crosses and palm branches when directed by the Celebrant. At the sound of the bell, worship begins.*

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.**

*The Lay Reader reads Mark 11:1-11a.*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

Hosanna!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*  
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.**

*The Lay Reader announces the Procession*

Let us go forth in peace.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The people process to the narthex of the nave and to the steps outside, holding branches in their hands. They sing together as they process:*

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

*The Celebrant leads the procession with the thurible; the procession stops in the church narthex. Each of the people receives a hymnal as he or she arrives. The Celebrant says this Collect:*

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.**

Processional Hymn  
*All Glory Laud and Honor..... 154*

*Everyone sings the chorus on every verse. Everyone sings verses 1 and 2. The women sing verse 3, and the men sing verse 4. Everyone sings verse 5.*

**The Collect of the Day**

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 (the people sit)

The First Lesson – 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 Epistle – Philippians 2:5-11

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.**

The Gospel Sequence – The Passion

Mark 14:32 – 15:39 (the people stand)

Hymn – *Were You There?*.....172  
Verses 1-3

*The Celebrant announces the Passion Gospel*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*The people reenact the Passion Gospel according to the handout, each person taking his or her assigned role. The congregation may sit until directed to stand by the Celebrant.*

*Silence follows the conclusion of the Passion. Then the people sing.*

Hymn – *Were You There?*.....172  
Verse 4

The Context of Palm Sunday in Holy Week

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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**The Holy Communion**

The Offertory Hymn

*Lord, Be Glorified*.....SH-34

The Presentation

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

*The people sing (found in the Hymnal at S 129)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel*

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 say,

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.**

### The Blessing

Recessional Hymn (the people stand)

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory.....441*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Image on page 1: “Palms,” from The Worship Closet, [www.worshipcloset.com](http://www.worshipcloset.com).

### Remaining Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

- Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 6:30 pm – Foot-washing, stripping of the altar, and shared prayer watch from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm
- Good Friday, April 6, 2012 at 12:00 noon – Community Good Friday worship at First United Methodist Church of Tallassee.
- Good Friday, April 6, 2012 at 6:30 pm – readings from the passion according to the Gospel of John
- Holy Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. Cleaning and decorating the church for Easter.
- Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012 – Celebrate the Resurrection and enjoy lots of Alleluias! Following worship, group photo, Easter Egg hunt, and lunch.

## Parish Prayer List

### **Members:**

- **We pray for the family and friends of Pam Stewart, who died this week**
- **Lynda** Denton
- **Dot** Harris
- **Zoe** Bush
- **John** Rand

### **Friends and Relatives** (“B&R” means this name was lifted up in prayer through our Beans & Rice ministry)

- **Dawn** Jones (Jere and Pam VanEtten)
- **Jim** Cantrell (Al Cantrell)
- **Xander** Kerr, infant son of Kelli and Dan Kerr (Jean Kerr)
- **Amber, Jared, and Deysel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie)
- **Troy** Warlick (Kathy Haynie)
- **Emmett** Nolan (Maurice McCord)
- **Harold** Baker (B&R)
- **Michelle** Waswaller (Al Cantrell)
- **Mary Alice** Merith (Shea Boland)
- **Annie Lee** Dubose (B&R)
- **Melvin** Cannon (B&R)
- **Emmy** Moncrief (B&R)
- **Carol** (B&R)
- **All those living in nursing homes** (B&R)
- **Mike, Cindy, Johnnie, and Kelly** (Ann Easley)
- **Larry, Pat, and Neil** Sharpton (Lee Borden)
- **Brandon** Boland (Cathy Jones)

### **Serving at Epiphany this week:**

Ushers: Lee and Amanda Borden  
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon and Pam VanEtten  
Lay Reader: Laura Williams  
Chalice Bearer: Jere VanEtten  
Refreshments: Cathy Jones  
Stewards: Jere and Pam VanEtten