

Ride on, King Jesus!

From our Processional Hymn

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Liturgy of the Palms and Morning Prayer
April 14, 2019, 10:30 am

We worship today according to the appointed order for Palm Sunday, beginning on page 270 of the Book of Common Prayer, and the appointed order for Morning Prayer, Rite Two, beginning on page 75 of the Book of Common Prayer. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.

Liturgy of the Palms

We gather around the well behind the parish hall and receive palm branches. 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.**

Gospel Lesson – 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."

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.

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

We sing the chorus together once, and then we process to the nave, waving palm branches and continuing to sing.

Ride on, King Jesus!
No man canna hinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus!
No man canna hinder me.

We stop at the main stairway to the nave

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.**

Hymn: *Ride On, King Jesus!*

Chorus:

**Ride on, King Jesus!
No man canna hinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus!
No man canna hinder me.**

**1. King Jesus rides a milk white horse,
No man works like Him.
The River Jordan He did cross,
No man works like Him.**

Chorus

**2. I know that my redeemer lives,
No man works like Him.
And of His blessing freely gives,
No man works like Him.**

Chorus

Morning Prayer

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

We observe a time of silence

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We stand or kneel.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

An Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter (*we stand*)

Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite - Psalm 95.....S-35

Psalm 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

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.

**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

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.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The Epistle Lesson – 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.

Canticle 9 – *The First Song of Isaiah*.....SH 18

The Gospel Lesson – Luke 23:1-49

If you have not been assigned a specific part, please ad lib loudly and freely as a member of the Crowd present in Jerusalem. In other words, members of the crowd should not feel bound by the text but should express the thoughts and emotions portrayed in their own words.

We will be seated during the first part of the narrative. At the place indicated, the arrival at Golgotha, we will stand and remain standing for the duration of the narrative

Cast List:

- Reader – Kathy Haynie
- Pilate – Mike Harber
- Jesus – Laura Williams
- Leaders – Dana Barlow
- Soldiers/Centurion – Eddie Harper
- The Assembly – Lavonne Hart
- Criminal 1 – Betty Weldon
- Criminal 2 – Suzy Wilson
- Crowd – everyone else

Reader: The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

The Assembly: "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."

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Jesus: "You say so."

Reader: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Reader: But they were insistent and said,

The Crowd: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

Reader: 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,

Pilate: "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."

Reader: Then they all shouted out together,

The Crowd: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Reader: (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,

The Crowd: "Crucify, crucify him!"

Reader: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: "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."

Reader: 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,

Jesus: "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?"

Reader: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

We stand

Reader: When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Reader: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Leaders: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Reader: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Reader: 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,

Criminal 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Reader: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: "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.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Reader: 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,

Jesus: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Reader: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: "Certainly this man was innocent."

Reader: 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.

We stand in silence

Hymn: *Were You There?*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

We stand or kneel in silence for The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offering (*we sit*)

Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*.....158

Presentation - The Doxology (*we stand*).....380:3

The Prayers (*we stand or kneel*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the

reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured (we stand)*313

Intercessions and Thanksgivings (*we stand or kneel*)

We pray for the souls of all those who have departed this life, including those we now name silently or aloud.

Silence

In our parish we pray for those who are sick or recovering from illness, including **Brian** Hudson, **Jere** Van Etten, **Greg** Dubay, **Barbara** Trogdon, **Laura** and **Russell** Foss, **John** Haynie, **Andy** Stricker, **Mike** Oniffrey, **Rachel** Meeks, **Micah** Hart, **Dennis** Harper, **David** Hodges, **Dwight** and **Barbara** Garnett, **Charlie** Hayes, and the others whose names we call.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose. We pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem.

For all victims of violence, hatred, prejudice, and oppression and agencies that advocate for their safety, dignity, and respect.

For Calvary, Oneonta.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*168

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Holy Week will be busy here at Epiphany. On Thursday Lee and Amanda Borden will return to the church at noon with their vehicles loaded with food. We will meet them in the Little House to unload, sort, and stock the food to be ready for Beans & Rice on Saturday. There will be no Maundy Thursday service this year. We will join the Tallassee community at noon on Friday for a Good Friday service at First United Methodist Church, with a light lunch to follow. On Saturday, we will meet in the Little House at 8:30 to prepare so we can open the doors at 9:00 and begin Beans & Rice distribution. On Easter Sunday, there will be no Sunday School. We will meet at 10:30 am in the nave for an Easter Service with The Rev. Andrea Peacock. Andrea is a deacon at St. James in Alex City. The service is called **The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament**. When worship is concluded, we will adjourn to the Little House for a pot luck lunch together.

Join us the following Sunday, April 28, at 9:30 am in the Little House. Lee and Amanda Borden will begin a four-lesson series on the book *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis.

Serving at Epiphany this week:	And next:
Ushers: Pam and Eddie Harper	Ushers: Kay and Mike Dickey
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten	Altar Guild: Lavonne Hart
Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie	Lay Reader: Maurice McCord
Officiants: Lee and Amanda Borden	Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lavonne Hart
Refreshments: Lavonne Hart	Refreshments: Pam and Jere Van Etten