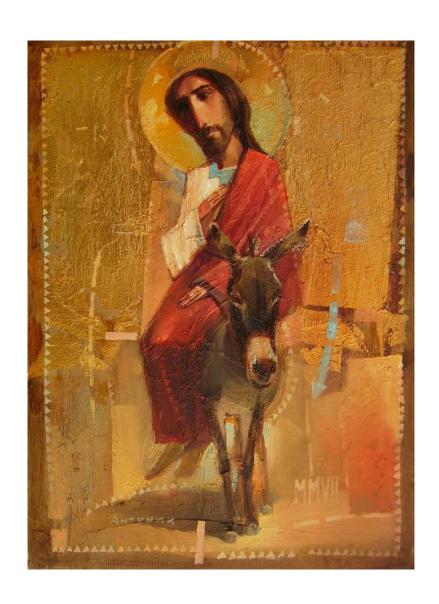
# Palm Sunday \* Passion Sunday



Holy Eucharist Sunday, March 24, 2024 8:30 a.m.

TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Palm Sunday Passion Sunday

## The Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant Blessed is the One 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.* 

THE PALM GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11

### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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.

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 forever. *Amen*.

### THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace;

People In the name of Christ. Amen.



### THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty and ever living 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 Word

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;

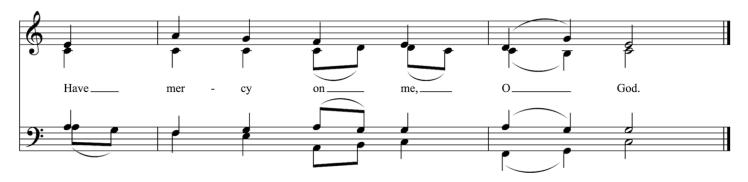
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM 31: 9-16 (chanted by choir)



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.

**ANTIPHON** 

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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.

**ANTIPHON** 

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."

**ANTIPHON** 

### SECOND READING

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us pray to God in the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name, saying: Hear our prayer, O God.

For the Church, and especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may be strengthened to take up our cross, follow in his way, and share in his redeeming work. *Hear our prayer, O God.* 

For this parish family, that we who are called to be the community of the crucified One, may empty ourselves as Christ did, serving with unselfish love. *Hear our prayer, O God.* 

For peace in all the world and an end to war and violence, that those in positions of leadership may respond to all who cry out for food, justice, dignity, and peace. *Hear our prayer, O God.* 

For all who will be baptized, that they may share with us in the inheritance of New Life in the Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer, O God.* 

For all who must bear the cross each day: for those far from home, those who endure shame or threat, and for the weary and all who suffer, remembering those commended to our prayers, especially those we now name, that they may find strength and hope in the God of life. *Hear our prayer, O God.* 

For those who have died, remembering especially those we now name, that they may rest in Christ and be raised into his glory. *Hear our prayer, O God.* 

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.* 

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Hear the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

## The Liturgy of the Table

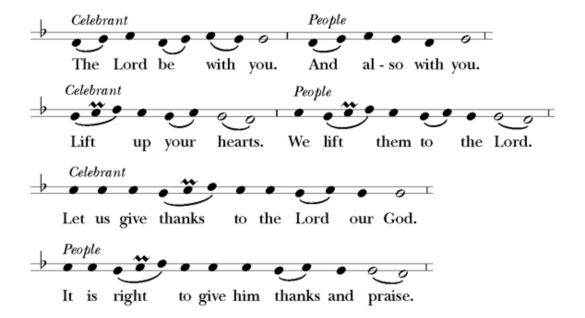
**OFFERTORY** 

Thou Art the Way

Christopher Steel

Thou art the Way: by thee alone from sin and death we flee; And he who would the Father seek must seek him, Lord, by thee. Thou art the Truth: thy word alone true wisdom can impart; Thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart. Thou art the Life: the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm; And those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: Grant us that way to know. That Truth to keep, that Life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

## The Great Thanksgiving



Celebrant 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

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 Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

Celebrant

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 forever. *Amen*.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God. Have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins. Have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world. Give us your peace, give us your peace.

#### ANTHEM

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingling down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? 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! Amen!

### HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing. The common cup is received only by sipping. Gluten-free wafers are available.

### PRAYER AFTER THE COMMUNION

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.



### THE PASSION GOSPEL

Mark 15:1-39, 40-47

Narrator: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and

scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over

to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

**Pilate:** "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: He answered him,

**Jesus:** "You say so."

Narrator: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

**Pilate:** "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

Narrator: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for

them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

**Pilate:** "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.

But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them

instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

**Pilate:** "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: They shouted back,

**Crowd:** "Crucify him!"

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

**Pilate:** "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

**Crowd:** "Crucify him!"

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging

Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And

they began saluting him,

**Soldiers:** "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on

him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him

wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**Bystanders:** "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator: which means,

**Jesus:** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

Narrator: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Narrator: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Narrator: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Please remain seated. Those who must depart may do so silently.





### Service participants

# March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday † The Passion of the Christ

### 8:30 a.m.

Sara Klingner Altar Guild

Joanne Gulya Eucharistic Minister

Pat Sisson Reader

Sheri Majczan Intercessor Ivan Martin Usher Susan Martin Usher John Majczan Acolyte

Choir

Garry Applegate Sebastian Paff

Jonathan Boksan Christina Shoemaker Bailey Fulginiti Mark Shoemaker

Stacy Gabel Stephan Taylor Hattye Magee

Joyce Meinke Jody Miller

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK March 24, 2024

### Our Partner-Parish:

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

### In the Diocese of Bethlehem:

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, our Bishop St. Gabriel's, Douglassville; and Good Shepherd Learning Center



### In the Anglican Communion:

The Church of the Province of West Africa

### Please pray for those in need:

Michael Agwunobi, Harold and Pam Basmadjian, Susan Bennett, Loretta Brobst, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Mark D'Angelo, Joan Dawson, Connie Evans, Eileen Gianguzi, Rheta and Dick Matthews, Margaret McIntosh, Jody Miller, Patti Pasda, Liz Roche, Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, Leah Stotter, Carol and Jack Vickrey.

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to: prayerlist@trinitybeth.org - by noon on Wednesday.

Names will remain on the list for a month.

### HOLY WEEK 2024



### MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 28

Cathedral Church of the Nativity
5:30 PM Simple Supper – Dining Room
7:00 PM Bilingual Maundy Thursday Liturgy/Foot Washing
Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar – Cathedral
8:00 PM-7:30 AM Overnight Vigil

### **GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29**

### Cathedral Church of the Nativity

12:00 PM Good Friday Service with Communion from reserved sacrament in English (w/choir) - Sayre Chapel

7:00 PM Good Friday Service with Communion from reserved sacrament

## HOLY SATURDAY – MARCH 30 Cathedral Church of the Nativity

7:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter in English – Cathedral (Weather permitting, service will begin outside) 8:30 PM Champagne & Dessert Feast

### EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31

8:30 AM – Holy Eucharist, Christ Church

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Rector to schedule an appointment.

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