

Bethesda Episcopal Church



The Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday
10 April 2022
10:00am

Prelude Voluntary on *Schönster Herr Jesu* Franklin D. Ashdown (b. 1942)

All stand as the Ministers enter the church.

Entrance Antiphon The Children of the Hebrews Mode I

(Antiphon) The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches of olive, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

(Ps 24) The earth is the LORD'S, and all that therein is; *
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, *
and stablished it upon the floods.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? *
It is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? *
Even the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Antiphon) The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches of olive, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

The Entrance Rite: The Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with thy help, O God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Palm Sunday Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise be to thee, O Christ.

All remain standing. The Celebrant now blesses the branches of palm, the people holding them high.

People The Lord be with you.
Celebrant And with thy spirit.
People Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Celebrant It is meet and right so to do.

It is right to praise thee, Almighty God, for the acts of love whereby thou hast redeemed us through thy 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. Bless these branches that they 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 leadeth unto eternal life; who liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

Hymn #154

Refrain:

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

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. (Refrain)

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says the following Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, who, of thy tender love towards human race, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that we should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All 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 indicates 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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 31:9-16

Tone VII.3

- 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."

The Second 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All remain seated for the first part of the Gospel. The congregation assumes the role of the Crowd.

The Gospel of the Passion

Luke 23:1-49

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
The assembly of elders rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Choir "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."

Narrator Then Pilate asked him,

Reader "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator He answered,

Jesus "You say so."

Narrator Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

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

Narrator But they were insistent and said,

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

Narrator 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,

Reader "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."

Narrator Then they all shouted out together,

People "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Narrator (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,

Crowd "Crucify, crucify him!"

Narrator A third time he said to them,

Reader "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."

- Narrator* 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?"
- All stand***
- Narrator* 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, 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."
- Narrator* And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,
- Crowd*** "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"
- Narrator* The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,
- Choir* "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
- Narrator* 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,
- Reader* "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
- Narrator* But the other rebuked him, saying,
- Reader* "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."
- Narrator* Then he said,
- Reader* "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
- Narrator* He replied,
- Jesus* "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- Narrator* 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."

Narrator Having said this, he breathed his last.

All kneel. Silence is kept for a space. Then all stand with the Celebrant.

Narrator When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Reader "Certainly this man was innocent."

Narrator 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.

Organ

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Michael G. Smith

The Nicene Creed and Confession of Sin are omitted on Palm Sunday. All kneel.

The service continues with

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant In peace let us pray to the Lord.

In our Intercessions for the Church and parish this week, we pray for the Anglican Communion, and today, we remember the Church of North India. In the Albany diocese, we pray for the ministry of Michael Smith, our Assisting Bishop; and in our parish, we ask for God's blessing as we begin this holy week, and for all those in special need: Bruce. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and for peace.

We remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son. Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet and to stand with those condemned to die.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes. Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims and those whose hearts are hardened by their work.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus, was promised a place in your kingdom. Give pardon and hope, healing and peace, to all who look death in the face.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and John his disciple to each other's care. Help us also to care for one another and fill our homes with the spirit of your love.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross. Fill our relationships, and those of new families today, with mutual care and responsibility, and give us a secure hope for the future.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The centurion was astonished to see your glory in the crucified Messiah. Open the eyes of those who do not know you to see in your Son the meaning of life and death.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Joseph of Arimathaea came to take your Son's body away. Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved, and gentleness to those who minister to them.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John, became part of your Church in Jerusalem. Bring into your Church today a varied company of people to walk with Christ in the way of his passion and to find their salvation in the victory of the cross.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Celebrant concludes with a prayer.

All stand. The Celebrant says

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And with thy Spirit.

The service continues with the hymn.

Hymn #168

O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor
the hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long-desired,
hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expired,
and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
hide not so far thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest,
the brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved,
yet thank thee for thy death.

All standing, the Celebrant sings

People The Lord be with you.
Celebrant And with thy spirit.
People Lift up your hearts.
Celebrant We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus Qui Vent *Sung by all*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to
thee, O Lord Most High. Bless- ed is he that com - eth in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath commanded and 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 Fraction

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Missa Sancto Albano

Healey Willan (1880 - 1968)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Communion

Vere Languores Nostros

Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

Vere languores nostros ipse tulit, et dolores nostros ipse portavit
Surely he hath borne out griefs, and carried our sorrows.

Isaiah 53: 4

All kneel. The Celebrant says the following prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing and Dismissal

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the celebrant departs. The service ends in silence today.

This morning, we welcome the Right Reverend **Michael Smith** as our celebrant and preacher. Bishop Smith serves as assisting bishop until the Diocese of Albany elects a new bishop. Bishop Smith previously served as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota for fifteen years. Since then, he has served as Assistant Bishop of Dallas and Assisting Bishop of the Navajoland Area Mission where he organizes the Navajoland Iona Collaborative working in the formation of Indigenous leaders from the Four Corners Region and the Diocese of Alaska. An enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma and a Benedictine oblate of St. John's Abbey, he lives in Minnesota when he is not on the road. His wife, the Rev. Lisa White Smith, is the rector of a parish there and they are the parents of three grown children and grandparents of nine.

Holy Week and Easter Services 2022

Wednesday, 13 April	7pm Stations of the Cross
Thursday, 14 April	7pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy <i>The church is open until 10pm for private prayer following the liturgy.</i>
Friday, 15 April	12pm Liturgy for Good Friday
Sunday, 17 April	Easter Day 8am Holy Eucharist and 10am Sung Eucharist
Sunday, 24 April	The Sunday after Easter 8am & 10am Sung Eucharist

April's special monthly envelope is for the Clergy Discretionary Fund (CDF) at Bethesda. As the parish has been open and more visible in recent months, we have increasingly seen situations where assistance is needed. The CDF gives the priest-in-charge a pool of funds to pull from when small requests or pastoral matters arise. The fund remains the property of the parish. All gifts are tax deductible to the donor.

Study of **Genesis** meets this morning at 9.20. No class on Easter Sunday or Low Sunday, 24 April. Class resume in May. All welcome.



Roof Replacement. After 2 weeks of weather delay, replacement of the church roof began on April 4th, starting with the southwest section. This would be the area from the side altar to the right side of the high altar. This section is small enough to be made water-tight prior to the rain forecasted for later in the week. Consecutive days of good weather are required to complete work on a roof section to a point where the church interior can be kept dry. Turnout from the **Holy Rollers** volunteers has been impressive! Pews have been covered and uncovered in less than an hour. We will need as much help as possible for Wednesday, April 13th starting at 4 pm as preparation gets underway for Holy Week services, which starts with the Stations of the

Cross at 7 pm. We will be removing the plastic from the high altar and returning the side altar to its original position. Special thanks go out to the Holy Roller volunteers who have given their time to protect the church while the exterior work continues. If you would like to volunteer a bit of your time, please contact the parish office.

Following the **Maundy Thursday** liturgy on 14 April, the church will remain open for prayer until 10pm. On Good Friday, the church will open at 10.00am for silent prayer before the noon liturgy. A sign-up sheet is available on the tract table.

Easter Lessons and Carols. On Sunday 1 May, there will be a service of **Readings and Music for Easter** at 10am.

Legs Misérables. Bethesda's **walking club** meets on three dates in May. If you wish to join fellow parishioners for a healthy walk, engaging conversation and lively fellowship, please contact the office: 518 584 5980. Dates, times and venues are listed below, with further information to follow:

Wednesday 4 May	Pitney Farm at 10 AM
Tuesday 10 May	Saratoga State Park at 2 PM
Tuesday 17 May	Hudson Crossing at 2 PM

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