



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

April 13, 2025
8:00A.M.

Welcome! Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

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Gospeler A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

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."

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

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind 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.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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?

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

Read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 31:9-16

- 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."

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Chris, Drew, Lynn, and Don, our priests; and Casey, our seminarian; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Matthew's Church and School, Houma, and for the Environmental Commission.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially, Donald, our President; Jeff, our Governor; and Sid, our Mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Henri, Dan, Bodo, Rachel, Elise, Cate, Ed, Trey, Amelia, Matthew, Lin, Brent, Sally, Beth, those on our prayer list, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity.

O Lord and giver of life, receive our prayers for expectant mothers, especially Carrie Grace, Jordan, Caroline, Danyelle, Maddy, and Anna Katherine, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving thee in all things may rejoice in thy providence.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Tony Sonnier, Harry Roberts, Susan Olds, Ida Evans, and Barbara Bergeron, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

- Narrator* When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,
- Jesus* I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.
- Narrator* Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,
- Jesus* Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.
- Narrator* Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
- Jesus* This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
- Narrator* And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,
- Jesus* This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!
- Narrator* Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them,
- Jesus* The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.
- Narrator* And Peter said to him,
- Peter* Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!
- Narrator* Jesus said
- Jesus* I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me. When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?
- Narrator* They said,
- Peter* No, not a thing.
- Narrator* He said to them,
- Jesus* But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."
- Narrator* They said,
- Peter* Lord, look, here are two swords.
- Narrator* He replied,
- Jesus* It is enough.
- Narrator* He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,
- Jesus* Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.
- Narrator* Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,
- Jesus* Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.
- Narrator* When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,
- Jesus* Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Narrator When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Peter Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Narrator Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus No more of this!

Narrator And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

Narrator Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Girl This man also was with him.

Narrator But he denied it, saying,

Peter Woman, I do not know him.

Narrator A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Girl You also are one of them.

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter Man, I am not!

Narrator Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Girl Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Narrator But Peter said,

Peter Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,

Jesus Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.

Narrator And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldier Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Priest If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Narrator Jesus replied,

Jesus If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Narrator All of them asked,

Priest Are you, then, the Son of God?

Narrator He said to them

Jesus You say that I am."

Narrator Then they said,

Priest What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

Narrator Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Priest 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,

Pilate 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,
Pilate I find no basis for an accusation against this man.
Narrator But they were insistent and said,
Priest 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,
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.
Narrator Then they all shouted out together,
Crowd **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,
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.
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?
Narrator Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

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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,
Soldier 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,
 Soldier 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,
 Criminal 1 Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!
 Narrator 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.
 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. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised
 God and said,
 Soldier 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. Now there was a good and
 righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan
 and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the
 kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down,
 wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was
 the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from
 Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and
 prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The people depart in silence.

