

ST. STEPHEN'S

Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021

Welcome! We are excited to share in this service with you. You can see in our order of worship that you too can participate through presence and response.

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Morning Prayer

Presider **Blest is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Presider **Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

All **Give thanks to God, who is good; *
 whose mercy endures for ever.**

**Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "God's mercy endures for ever."**

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.**

"This is the gate of God; *

those who are righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing, *

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *

Lord, send us now success.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; *

we bless you from the house of God.

God is the Lord, who has shined upon us; *

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

"You are my God, and I will thank you; *

you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Give thanks to God, who is good; *

whose mercy endures for ever.

Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

A Reading from Zechariah

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All Christ Jesus was in the form of God,
but did not cling to equality with God.
But taking the form of a servant he emptied himself,
and was born in our human likeness.
Being found in human form he humbled himself,
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name above every name.
That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim:
Give praise to the Father Almighty,
to his Son Jesus Christ the Lord,
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts,
for ages unending. Amen!

Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

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.

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Response

The Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 Prayers

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All 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 for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Presider 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.

Intercessions

Deacon As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

Please add your own petitions in the chat

Leader For the holy catholic church in every place,
especially the Anglican Church in Hong Kong,
and Good Samaritan, Brownsburg,
sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love,
those celebrating birthdays, especially Kimberly Wagley (3/31),
those celebrating baptismal anniversaries,
especially Leona Taylen (3/28), Hudson Bryan, (3/31),
Sarah Bryan (3/31), and Eirik Wagley (4/3).

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have asked our prayers:

Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Robin Rolt, Megan Price, Richard Hillier,
Jonnee Western, John Bonner, Martha Hafner, Ellie Thomas, Joe Kuhn,
Justin Mendoza, Kay Griswold, David Mier, Patrick Murphy, Dave Thomas,
Matt Goodwin, John Newlin, Rosemary Curtis, Bill Curtis, Karen Rutherford,
Reginald Rutherford, Mike Hayden, and Steve Hoyt.

Lord, have mercy.

Presider Blessed are you, Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountain grant us strength on our journey; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Concluding Sentence

Presider Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

All **Amen.**



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