



BLESSED
IS THE
NAME
OF THE
LORD

PALM SUNDAY
and the
PASSION *of our* LORD

SAINT JAMES'
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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WELCOME *to* ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. James' is an inclusive, diverse, multi-cultural, and queer-affirming faith community that welcomes all seekers, believers, and people of goodwill. Wherever your own spiritual path has led you so far, you are welcome to join in our fellowship and worship.

Like other Christian denominations, our faith is based upon the New and Old Testaments, and our service includes Scriptures from both. The sermon is intended to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the congregation and the world. Our service follows many ancient and established means of prayer and praise, all organized according to The Book of Common Prayer. Following the practice of the early Church, we regularly celebrate the sacrament of Holy Eucharist (or Holy Communion) to nourish our spirit throughout the week. Even if you find parts of the service unfamiliar, please participate as you are moved to do so and be open to the Spirit.

Our Liturgy for Today

Today is Palm Sunday, which recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is also the beginning of Holy Week, a foretaste of which is given in the reading of the account of Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion at the end of the service. Today's commemorations can be highly emotional, but we celebrate to show forth the power of God's love for us in the reconciling sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

We begin our worship outside, with the blessing of the palm branches.

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.**

BLESSING OVER THE BRANCHES

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.**

Celebrant

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.**

Celebrant Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



The congregation processes through the garden and into the church with the following hymn

HYMN 154

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR TO THEE

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1816), alt.
Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melichior Teschner (1584-1635) m It.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

FIRST READING

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

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SECOND READING

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL HYMN

L70, v.1,2

1. I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me);
I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me);
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me).
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me (walk with me);
In my trials, Lord, walk with me (walk with me);
When the shades of life are falling, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me).

READING OF THE GOSPEL

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

after the reading of the Gospel

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL HYMN

L70, v.3,1

3. In my sorrows, Lord walk with me (walk with me);
In my sorrows, Lord walk with me (walk with me);
When my heart within is aching, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me).
1. I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me);
I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me);
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me).

THE SERMON

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E BELIEVE IN ONE GOD

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE BELIEVE in one Lord, Jesus Christ.

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

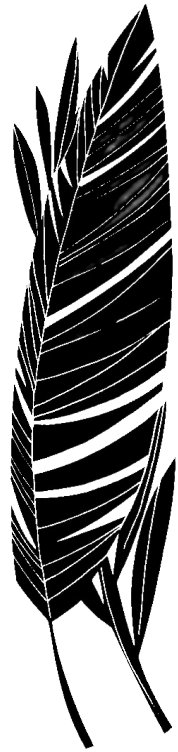
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying: "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop Marc, for our Presiding Bishop Michael, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joseph, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in our community who have commended themselves to our prayers. I invite your own intercessions and thanksgivings at this time.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

When prompted, please join in the following prayer:



WATCH OVER YOUR CHILDREN, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives—through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross

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THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS | SURSUM CORDA S120

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

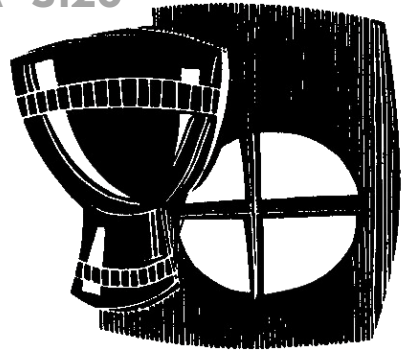
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS | THREE-FOLD HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

People & Celebrant **We remember his *death*,
We proclaim his *resurrection*,
We await his *coming* in glory;**



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 James and 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM | LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

In this season of pandemic, we are offering the bread and not the wine, understanding that communion in one kind is a full and complete communion. When receiving the bread, hold out your hands, placing your dominant hand under your non-dominant. Then, take the bread back to your pew, securely holding it. Please refrain from consuming the bread until all have received and are back in their pews. The priest will invite you to eat the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven."

If you do not wish to receive the bread but still feel compelled to come forward, you may cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing in place of the bread.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People & Celebrant



ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

The prayer bowl is rung to mark a silent exit as we move into Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY | **APRIL 14, 6:00pm gather, 7:00pm service**

"Bring-your-own" fellowship followed by Ritual, Holy Communion, and the Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY | **APRIL 15, 12:00pm - 2:00pm (Little Church)**

Reading of the Passion and the Veneration of the Cross - The Stations of the Cross follows (Big Church)

EASTER VIGIL | **APRIL 16, 8:00pm (Big Church)**

Lighting of the Easter Fire, Stories, and Songs, with Easter Proclamation and Holy Communion

EASTER PRINCIPAL SERVICE | **APRIL 17, 10:30am (Big Church)**

Celebration of Christ's Resurrection with Holy Communion, followed by Easter Egg Hunt