



14 April 2019
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

The people gather in the Parish Hall with palm fronds

Presider Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice. Your throne is the throne of God, it endures forever; and the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter. You have loved righteousness and hated evil: therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

People **Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Presider Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-denial for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our savior, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love so that we may share in his risen life.

(The people hold up their palm fronds while the following prayer is said)

Presider God our Savior, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah only to suffer and to die, let these palms 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 with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **AMEN.**

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Luke (19:28-40):

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethpage 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."

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

Presider Let us go forth, praising Jesus, our Messiah.

People In the name of Christ, Amen.

Entrance Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor

#154

(The people follow the choir in procession into the church and take their seats)

Presider: *Let us pray.*

All: 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.

(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)

First Lesson: A reading from the book of 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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People:** **Thanks be to God**

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."

Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's letter to the 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn— Ah Holy Jesus #158

The Gospel Lesson:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(The people sit until the reading mentions Jesus being taken to the place called GOLGOTHA. Then the people stand until Jesus gives up his spirit in the reading. Then the people kneel, as they are able, to the end of the reading.)

Homily

Prayers of the People

Leader We stand with Christ in his suffering. For the forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For grace to seek out those evil habits which mean spiritual death and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For Christian people everywhere, that through the recognition of disunity between ourselves and God, that there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice, mercy, and truth, Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground instead of a place of holy peace and acceptance, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those in darkness, agony, isolation, or sickness, suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that they may receive support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

Presider May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(People exchange greetings of peace with each other)

Offertory

Presider Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn To Mock Your Crown

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Doxology #380 vs 3.

Holy Communion

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider *It is indeed right and our duty and our joy at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, Holy Father, Heavenly King, Almighty and Eternal God, through Jesus Christ your only Son, our Lord.*

For he is your living Word, through him you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born into the human family as one of us, and to die upon the cross. You raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving spirit, and made us as a people your own precious possession.

And now we give you thanks because for our salvation Jesus was obedient to your will, even to death on the cross. The tree of shame was made into the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

Sanctus

#S124

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ and as we follow his example and obey his commands, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and blood.

For in the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks, he broke 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."

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks and gave it to them saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself, made once for all upon the cross, and proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

As we look for Jesus' coming in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup, recalling his sacrifice for the whole world.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and as we eat and drink of these holy gifts, in the presence of your divine majesty. (+) Renew us by your spirit, inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body of your Son.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

And now as Christ has taught us, we pray:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Fraction anthem

#S161

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.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider The body of Christ for the Body of Christ. Take and eat in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts with faith and thanksgiving.

(The people come forward to receive the bread and wine)

Communion music “O Sacred Head” #168

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, and Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray

All Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified, mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn - “There is a Green Hill” #167

Please join us for Refreshments in the Parish Hall