



Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

PALM SUNDAY

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

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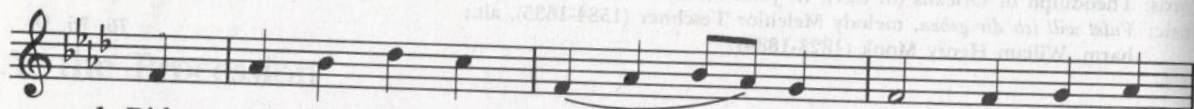


Welcome and Announcements



Opening Hymn (*Ride One in Majesty*) 1982 Hymnal #156

The Liturgy of the Palms: Processional



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
 2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
 3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
 4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
 5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868), alt.

Music: *The King's Majesty*, Graham George (b. 1912)

LM

(Please stand as you are able)

Presider: Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an donkey. 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 crosses 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.**

(Please be seated)

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Mark (11: 1-10)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethpage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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!"

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

Reader: A reading from Psalm **118:1-2, 19-29**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

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

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Presider: Let us pray. (*Please stand for the prayer*)

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 lessons and Passion reading*)

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 (*read in unison*)

**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

The Gospel Lesson: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (15:1-47)

(The people say "Crucify Him!" as the crowd as indicated below. Please sit until the reading mentions Jesus being taken to the place called GOLGOTHA. Then stand until Jesus gives up his spirit in the reading. Then the people kneel, as they are able, to the end of the reading.)

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Pilate: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Narrator: The shouted at him,

Crowd: Crucify Him!

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the more:

Crowd: Crucify him!

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Today the reading of the Passion takes the place of the Sermon or Homily

Prayers of the People BCP P. 383-365

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

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Presider: 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, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For this town Sierra Vista and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, 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 the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who are caregivers, 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.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

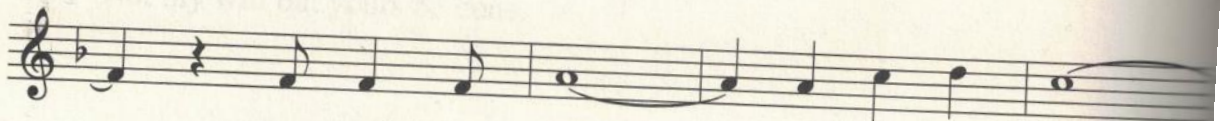
Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

406 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley



1. Je - sus walked this lone - some val - ley;
2. We must walk this lone - some val - ley;
3. You must go and stand your tri - al;



He had to walk it by him - self.
We have to walk it by our - selves.
You have to stand it by your - self.



Oh, no - bod - y else could walk it for him;
Oh, no - bod - y else can walk it for us;
Oh, no - bod - y else can stand it for you;



He had to walk it by him - self.
We have to walk it by our - selves.
You have to stand it by your - self.

Text: American Folk Hymn

Tune: LONESOME VALLEY, 8 8 10 8; American folk hymn; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937, © 1975, GIA Publications, Inc.

The 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 him thanks and praise.**

Presider continues: 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 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 as a human 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 a people for your own possession.

And now we give you thanks because for our sins he was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death, became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one 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 may be to us his body and blood.

For in the night that he was betrayed, Jesus 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, he took the cup and gave you thanks; he 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

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world.**

As we look for his coming again in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup, his one perfect sacrifice. Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink 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, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you on Earth and in Heaven, we worship you, Father Almighty, in everlasting praise:

**Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power be yours
forever and ever. Amen.**

Leader: And now as Jesus taught us, we pray:

All: 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 Breaking of the Bread:

(Presider breaks the bread. A period of silence follows)

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore let us keep the feast

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(Everyone is invited to come forward to receive the bread, one side of the church at a time. Please observe social distancing by using the marks on the floor. Extend arm with palm up to receive the bread. Move to the side 6 ft to the "X", raise/lower your mask, eat the bread, replace mask, and then return to your seat.)

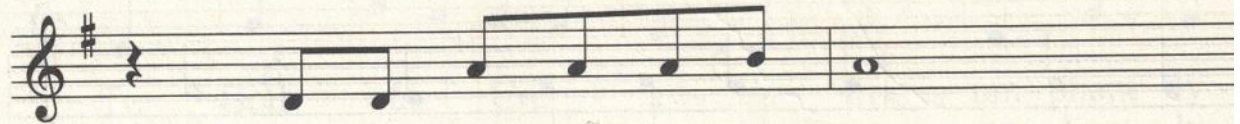
Communion music

553 We Give You Thanks

Verses



1. For the bread and wine we share here,
2. For the move-ment deep with - in us,
3. For the wa - ter bring - ing new life,



for the friends that we em - brace,
for the sto - ries that we bring,
for the fra - grance of re - lease,



for the peace we find in heal - ing,
for the signs of God's com - pas - sion,
for the fire that blaz - es for - ward,



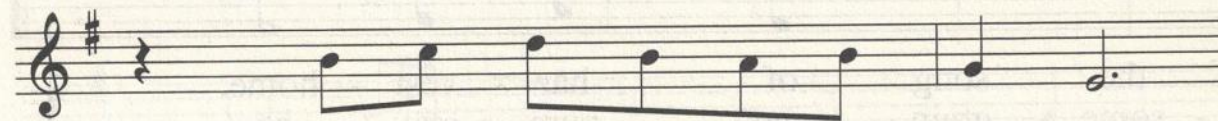
for all who gath - er in this place,
7 for the jour - ny that we sing,
7 for the call to bring forth peace,



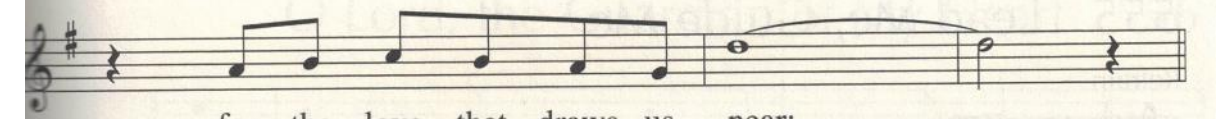
for the faith of those a - round us,
for the Word that holds our prom - ise,
for the blind-ness now en - light - ened,



for the dead and all those here,
for the gifts that we can claim,
for the bound that are now free,



for the hope we find in mem - 'ry,
for the won - ders that sur - round us,
for the bright - ness of your new day,



for the love that draws us near:
for the song that sings our name:
for the king - dom we will be:

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 for the king - dom we will be:

Refrain
 We give you thanks, we give you thanks
 for the grace to re - ceive, in you we be - lieve. We
 give you thanks, we give you thanks. With
 faith and hope and love, we give you thanks.

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Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayers, and Blessings

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.

Benediction:

Presider: *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. AMEN.*

Closing Song

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Holy Baptism



1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant



us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your



sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

Words: Scott Francis Brenner (b. 1903), alt.

Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

LM

Dismissal:

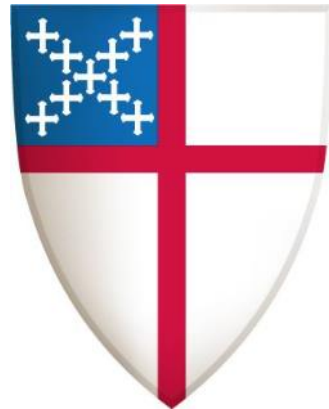
Presider: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: **We are called to love and serve.**

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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