



**ST. STEPHEN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**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.*

**HOLY EUCHARIST - PALM SUNDAY**

**Saturday, 28 Mar 5 PM & Sunday, 29 Mar 10 AM**

	<b>Saturday 5 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 10 AM</b>
<b>Celebrant/Officiant</b>	<b>Fr. JJ Bernal</b>	<b>(Fr. Henri Capdeville)</b>
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Dorothy Gutwein Sherry Simon</b>	<b>Dorothy Gutwein Sherry Simon</b>
<b>LEM</b>	<b>Tim Holsonback</b>	<b>Nancy Rea</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sandra Calhoun</b>	<b>Sharon Lake</b>
<b>Music Director</b>		<b>Doreen Oberg</b>
<b>Choir</b>		<b>Pat Wick Renee Olejnicak Doreen Oberg + you</b>

**Prelude: “O wondrous type, O vision fair!”, music plainsong Aeterne Rex  
Altissime**

# The Liturgy of The Palms

BCP 270

*The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing*

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the King 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.**

*Here a Deacon or other person appointed reads the following*

## **Matthew 21: 1-11**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Leader:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**     *Confitemini Domino*

1 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 theLORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**24 On this day theLORDacted; \*  
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 theLORD.**

27 God is theLORD; 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 theLORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

*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 thanks and praise.**

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 forever. **Amen.**

*The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said*

*Celebrant:* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* **Hosanna in the highest**

***The Procession***

*Deacon:* Let us go in peace;

*People:* **In the name of Christ**

*Deacon:* 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.**

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor" and Psalm 118:19-29.*

**Processional Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor", #154**

*The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences*

**At the Eucharist**

*When the Liturgy of the Palms immediately precedes the Eucharist, the celebration begins with the Salutation and Collect of the Day.*

**Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgive all our sins

*People:* **His mercy endures forever.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Let us pray,

**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.**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 50:4-9**

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?

*Leader:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## The Psalm

**Psalm 31: 9-16** *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 9 Have mercy on me, OLORD, 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, OLORD. \*  
**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."**

## The Epistle

## A reading of the Book of 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**

**Gradual Hymn: "O sacred head, sore wounded", #168 Vs 1-3**

**The Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew**

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn: "O sacred head, sore wounded", #168 Vs 4&5**

## The Sermon

### **Prayers of the People: Form VI**— *The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

*People:* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For reconciliation with Native American people

**For healing and justice with all who share this land.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)*

Hear us, Lord;

*People:* **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(people remember those who have died)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Anglican Church of Melanesia*.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Episcopal Campus Ministry at U of A, in Tucson*.

We also pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tohono O'odom peoples who call this area their home.

**Lord, bless and keep them.**

May we continue to support one another in love and empathy.

**And Lord, we ask your blessing and favor upon them, in your Holy Name. Amen.**

### **Prayer for St. Stephen's:**

*Deacon and People:* **Almighty God, giver of every good gift; look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of our search committee, wardens, and vestry, who are in discernment for St. Stephen's church, Sierra Vista, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect:*

*Presider:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen**

### **The Peace:**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **Welcome & announcements**

**Birthday's, Prayers of Healing, Blessings and gratitude.....**

**Offertory sentence;** *Presider: (. . .)*

**Offertory Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus ",**

**#158**

**Doxology**

**(Hymn #380 v. 3)**

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

### **The Great Thanksgiving "A"**

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

*Presider:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

**All: Sanctus -**

**S#125**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

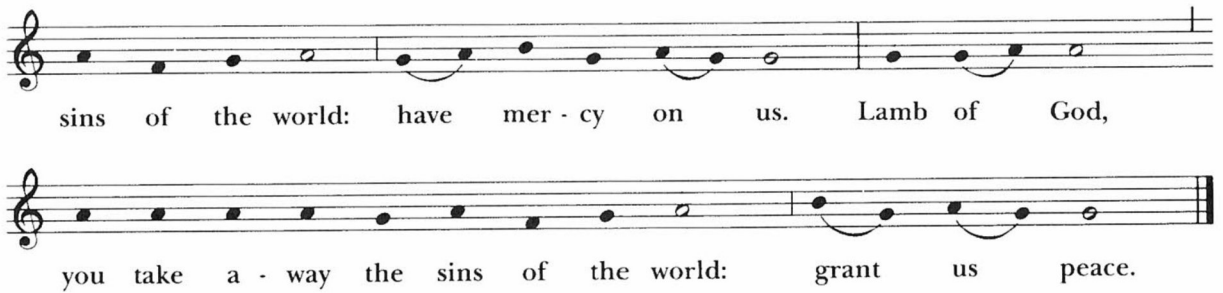
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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





*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

### **Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn: "Go to dark Gethsemane", #171**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Benediction:**

*Presider:* May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn: "When I survey the wondrous cross", #474**

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

**People: We are called to Love and Serve**

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: "Lord, Here Am I", John Beck transcribed Graig Courtney**

## **PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Dennis & Ann Gallus, Ginny Gisvold,  
Tim & Jill Holsonback, Vaughn Hormann (3/31).

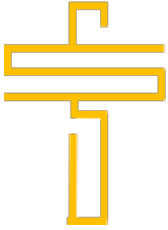
## **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

- We Pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sara, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop, for our Deacons, Dottie and Sherry, and for Fr. J.J., our Priest.
- In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for *The Anglican Church of Melanesia*.
- In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray also pray for *The Episcopal Campus Ministry at U of A, in Tucson. .*

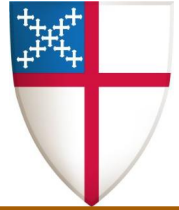
## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

Sandra Dushensky, Alverita Egbert, and Doris Millard, for MJ're quick and easy Hip surgery recovery. For the repose of Juan Ignacio's soul and the comfort of his family, Dale and Hermila Elliot.

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