



St. John's Episcopal Church

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
St. John's welcomes you.

Palm Sunday
10 a.m. 2 April 2023

**Today's service begins in Eve Henry Garden.
In the event of rain, it begins in Alfriend Hall.**

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

A Deacon or other person appointed reads the following.

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." [Matthew 21:1-11]

The Blessing of the Palms

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant says

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.*

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest.....Gallican chant

*The People process out onto Call Street and into the nave, waving palms
as the choir sings. Once inside, the following hymn is sung.*

All glory, laud, and honor (Stand) Hymn 154

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says

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.*

A Reading from the book of Isaiah:

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? [Isaiah 50:4-9a]

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

Psalm 31:9-16 (verse 9 is sung by the choir, verses 10-16 sung by all)



- 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 ac/quaintance; *
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 per/secute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your / servant, *
and in your loving-kind/ness save me."

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

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. [Philippians 2:5-11]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
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Children's Chapel

*Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel
for a blessing before processing to Children's Chapel.*

Were you there? *(Stand)*..... **Hymn 172**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

All are seated.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave them no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was still sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and having flogged Jesus, handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

Please stand.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

All kneel. Silence is kept.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!” *[Matthew 27:11-54]*

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *(Stand)*..... **BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People *(Kneel)*..... **BCP 387**

The Confession & Absolution **BCP 360**

The Peace **BCP 360**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....**Crucifixus**
J. S. Bach

“Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, he suffered, and was buried.”

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts *(Stand)*..... **Hymn 143, v.5**

Eucharistic Prayer C **BCP 369**

The Sanctus..... **Hymn S 127**

The Lord’s Prayer **BCP 364**

The Fraction Anthem **Hymn S 164**

Communion Hymns **158, 170, 458**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Kneel)* **BCP 366**

The Blessing

O sacred head *(Stand)* **Hymn 168** vv. 1-3

The Dismissal..... **BCP 366**

Voluntary **O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded**
BWV 727, J.S. Bach

Tower Bells

Welcome!

Since 1829, St. John’s Episcopal Church has sought to love Christ and our neighbors in Tallahassee and the world. Whether you are a lifelong Christian or it is your first time entering a church, welcome. We are glad you are here.

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. each Sunday.

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Julia Livingston, Kathy Hall, Lugie Torres, Stephanie Murray, Karen Leavesley, Lori and her family, Betty Kane, Lisa Council, Frank, Samantha, Kaila, Rosalie, Sam, Chris, Nancy

The Departed: Nancy Hubener, Max Soler, Kevin John Carroll, Richard Shanley, Taylor Littleton

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; the Rev. Bill Trexler, Priest Associate; the Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, the Rev. Dcn. Mike Hall, the Rev. Dcn. Linda Liebert-Hall, Deacons