

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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Setting *Missa St. Johannis*

F. Haydn

We gather in Cronyn Hall.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel *Matthew 21:1-11*

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

When they 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.”

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Presider The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our 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. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ 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

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

Processional Hymn *Hosanna in Excelsis* **Blue Book 367**

We process through the Cathedral grounds to the Great West Doors.

Processional Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honour* **Blue Book 181**

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading *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?

Psalm 31:9-16 **Green Book 740**

Second Reading *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.

Sequence Hymn *Just As I Am* **Blue Book 615**

According to Liturgical custom, the usual responses to the reading of the Passion of Christ are omitted on this day; also the creed and confession may be omitted.

The Passion of Christ *Matthew 27:11-54*

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 him 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 Jesus 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 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 after flogging Jesus he 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. 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 rebels 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 rebels 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. 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!”

Homily The Reverend Michael DeKay

Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

F. Haydn

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely

accepted, 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.

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blue Book 744

Breaking of the Bread

Presider

We break this bread,

All

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

Communion **p. 213**
Please move to the communion station closest to you.

Agnus Dei F. Haydn

Communion Motet *God So Loved the World* J. Stainer

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Doxology **p. 214**

Recessional Hymn *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle* **Blue Book 185**

Blessing & Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Pax Vobiscum* S. Karg-Elert

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the parishes of St. Thomas’, St. Thomas; Parish of Tyrconnell – St. Peter’s, Tyrconnell; Grace Church, West Lorne; and Christ Church, Amherstburg.

Intercessions – Bill, Christina, Ann & Ellis, Trent, Hunter, Angela, Linda & family, Florence, Bev, Kim, Marian, Marg, Shirley, Dez, Marion, Jacob, Paula, Krista, Ruth.

This service is being live-streamed and recorded.

Presider – **The Right Reverend Robert Bennett**

Preacher – **The Reverend Michael DeKay**

Deacon – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**

Organist – **Ian Sadler**

Servers – **Stephanie Allen, Doug Campbell, Bryan Kenwell, Benjamin Vazquez**

Lay Administrants – **John Shipston, Nancy Shipston, Bette Ferguson**

Reader – **Scott Davis**

Greeter – **Sharon McCormick**

Children’s Ministry – **Heather Clark**

Bell Ringer – **Stephanie Allen**

Wardens – **John Fooks, Ann Tonkin**

Live Stream – **Christopher Sadler / Sound Technician** – **Daniel Aldcroft**

Evening Women’s Group – The EWG met earlier this year and decided that the majority of the women would like to have our meetings in the daytime on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00pm.

Because of Holy Week, we will meet on March 30 at 2:00pm to “fine point” the upcoming Indoor Garage Sale to be held on April 22 from 9:00–1:00pm.

If you have something to donate, please bring it to Cronyn Hall between **Monday, April 17 until Thursday April 20** so we have time to sort and set up before the event.

If you would like to help with the sale please either see me after church or give me a phone call. We need both men and women to help. Gayle Anderson 519-471-1436.

**ST. PAUL'S
INDOOR GARAGE SALE**



**9am - 1pm, Saturday, April 22nd
Bargains Galore!!**

Please remember us while you are doing your spring cleaning. We need articles in good condition such as clothing, jewellery, housewares, linens, garden things, small furniture. Kindly refrain from bringing articles to the church until April 17th - thanks and happy purging.



Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Eucharist – Monday, April 3 @ 7:00pm
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 Holy Eucharist – Wednesday, April 5 @ 12:15pm
 Tenebrae with the Cathedral Choir – Wednesday, April 5 @ 7:00pm
 Maundy Thursday – April 6 @ 7:00pm
 Good Friday – April 7 @ 10:00am
 Stations of the Cross – Friday, April 7 @ 11:30am
 Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 8 @ 8:00pm
 Easter Sunday – April 9 @ 8:00 and 10:00am with Cathedral Brass

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located at the back of the Cathedral.

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New to the Cathedral? Please fill out a welcome card, available in the pews and hand to one of the clergy following the service.

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