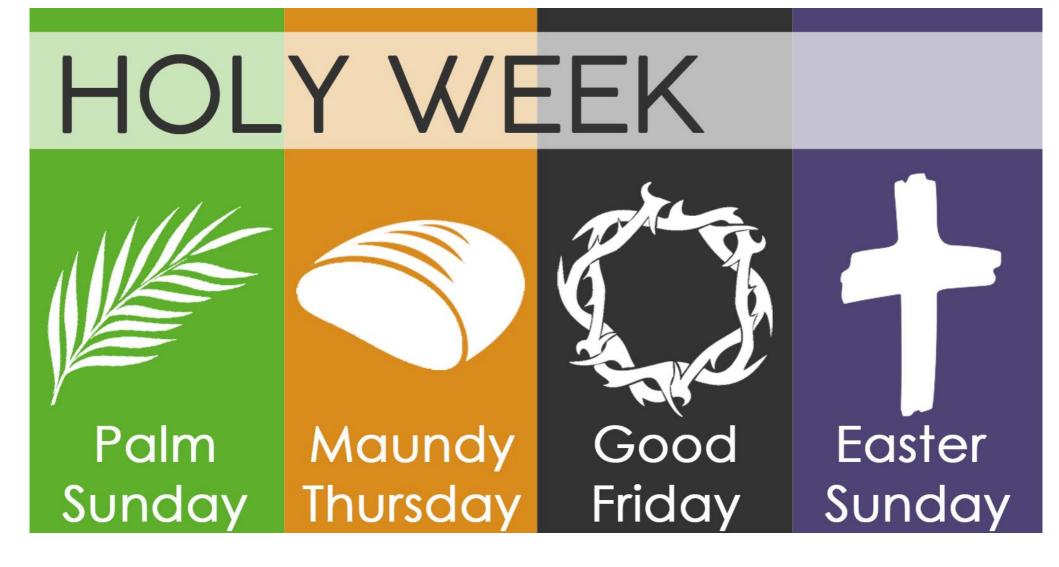
Welcome to the Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens



SUNDAY MARCH 28TH, 2021



Welcome & Announcements: Rev. Rob Henderson



The Liturgy of the Palms

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

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.

All stand for the Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.

John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord-the King of Israel!"

John 12:12-16-1/3

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified,

then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We say together: We 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.





<u>Psalm 31</u>

Refrain: "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."



All stand for the Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 14:53 - 15:39

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands,

and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again, the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death.

Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?"

But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace, and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak;

Mark: 14:53-15:39 -9/15

and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself,

and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

Mark: 14:53-15:39 -13/15

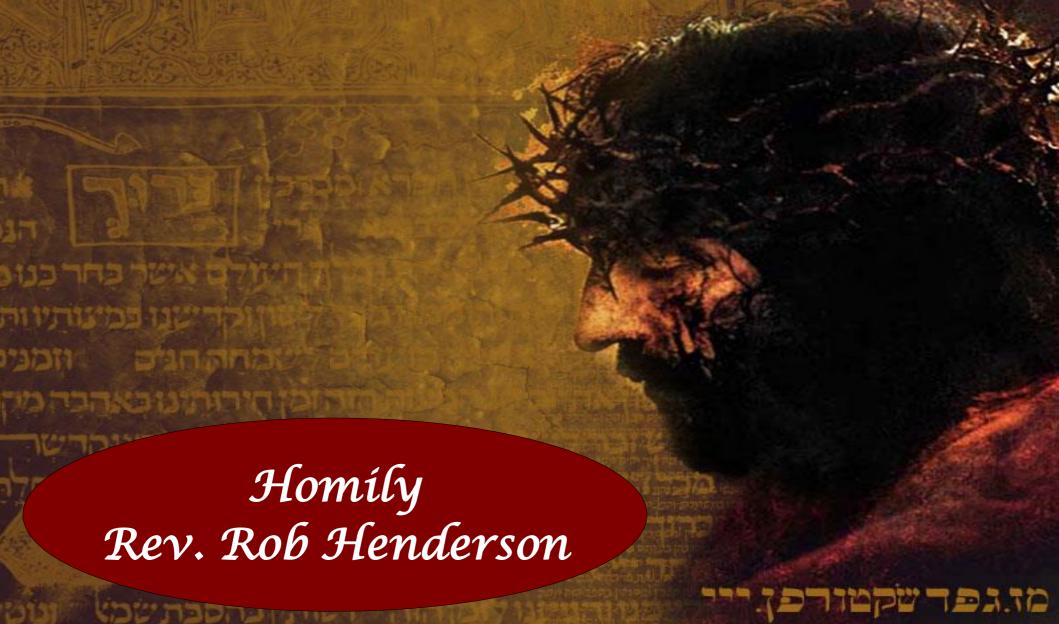
And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.







Prayers of the People

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – Year B

Our Lord comes to us humbly riding on a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray, saying: Lord hear our prayer.

That all Christians will hear and share the word of God as true disciples.
We pray:

That all the ends of the earth receive the words of the King of peace. We pray:

That all leaders of church and of state prefer humble service to empty power.

We pray:

That those who see the cross starkly revealed in their lives, draw strength from the name above every other name.

We pray:

That we who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again, be ready and joyful.
We pray:

At this time, you are invited to bring before God, either silently or aloud, those on your hearts and minds, our families and our friends, and all those named in our service bulletin.

Silence

God our creator, you show your sons and daughters the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your son Jesus Christ. Grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name.

Amen

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; **God welcomes sinners** and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

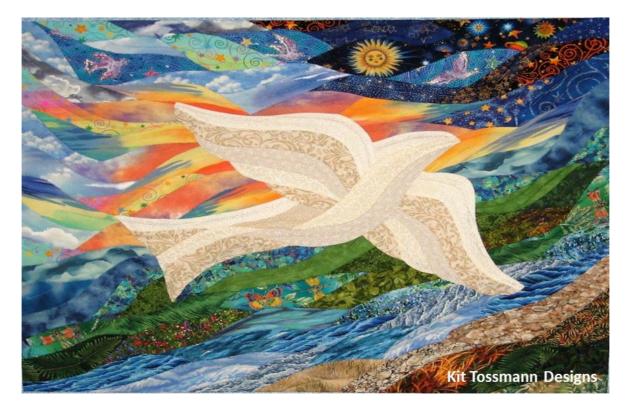
People: we confess

that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.



Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.



Receiving the gifts of money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church.





The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Leslie Savard in celebration and thanks for all the coffee helpers.

Prayer Over The Gifts

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. Amen.



Eucharistic
Prayer
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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant:

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy (Dufford)) – to be said

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. **God of Power and Might Heaven and Earth** are full of your Glory. Hosanna, Hosanna on high.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna, Hosanna on High.

Holy and gracious God, Celebrant: accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour **Jesus Christ**; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,

took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body

which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying,

"This is my blood

which is shed for you.

When you do this,

you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



Lord's Prayer (to be said)

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins As we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial And deliver us from evil, For the kingdom, the power And the glory are yours, Now and forever. Amen

Breaking of The Bread #7 Lent and Holy Week

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.



ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE, IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.

Please stay physically distanced when approaching to receive the bread.

After receiving your wafer, please step to the side and remove your mask before consuming the bread.

Gluten free wafers are available.

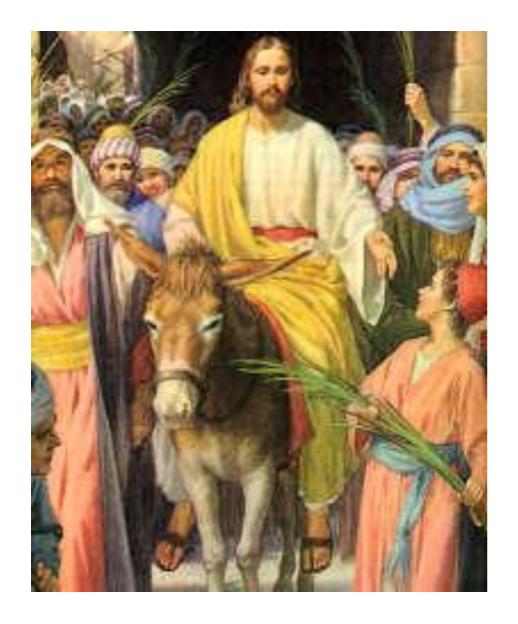


We Say Together the Prayer After Communion: God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.



THE BLESSING



Thank You For Worshipping With Us!

