

**The Episcopal Parish of  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
Hingham, Massachusetts**

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*Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion*

*April 9, 2017*

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**Welcome!**

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist. It is our hope you will find it a place of beauty and refreshment, nurture and comfort. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you are here. We pray that within these walls you will find and be found by God. Please know there is always a place for you. If you would like more information about our faith community, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate.

**About the Service:** Page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymn numbers may be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*. Service music, prefaced by an "S," is found toward the beginning of the hymnal. The people's responses are in **bold**. Large-print editions of this bulletin are available from the ushers.

**Childcare** for infants and toddlers and play-care for two-year-olds is provided in the upstairs nursery. Please ask an usher for assistance. **Sunday School** classes start at 9:45 am and the children join their families in church during the Offertory. All are invited to Coffee Hour in Upper Weld Hall immediately following the service.

In addition to Sunday morning worship, we offer a weekly contemporary Sunday evening service at 5:00 pm known as **S.W.5** and a 10:00 am Wednesday Eucharist in the chapel followed by an optional Bible Study.

## The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00 am

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*The congregation gathers in front of the church.*

### 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.

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.**

#### THE GOSPEL OF THE PALMS

Matthew 21:1-11

*Before the Gospel:*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

*After the Gospel:*

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing over 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.**

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.**

*Palms are now distributed to the People as the Choir sings*

*Anthem:* Hosianna dem Sohne Davids

Bartholomäus Gesius (c.1560-1613)

Hosanna to the Son of David! Praise him who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

*After the distribution of the palms, the following is said*

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

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

# THE PROCESSION

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in peace.

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

*During the procession into the church, all hold branches in their hands and sing*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

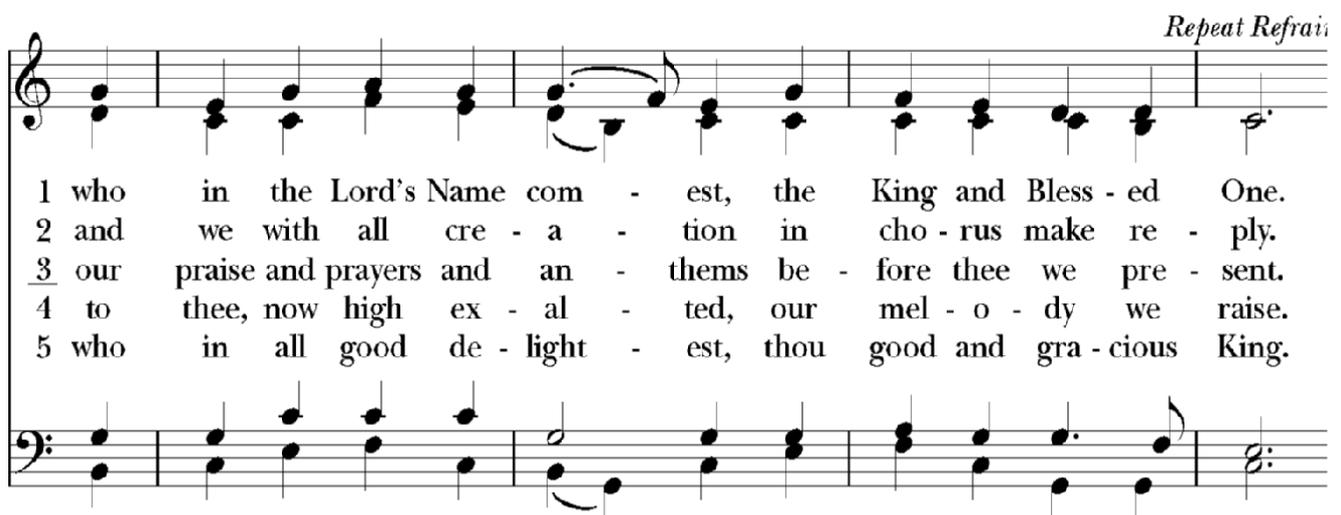


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated for the readings.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

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?

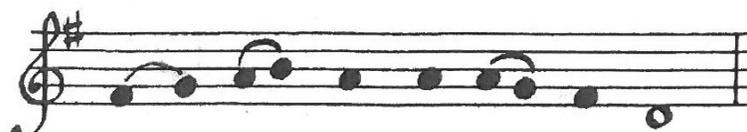
*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### PSALM 31:9-16

*The cantor sings the antiphon, then all repeat. The choir and congregation sing the verses together and repeat the antiphon as indicated.*

#### ANTIPHON



Have - mer - cy on me - O Lord.

ANTIPHON



Have - mer - cy on me - O Lord.



- 9 Hāve mērcy on me, O LORD, for Í am in tróuble; \*  
 my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
 and also my thróat and my bēlly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
 and my yéars with síghing; \*  
 my strength fails me because of affliction,  
 and my bónes are cónsumed. Antiphon
- 11 Í hāve become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
 a dismay to those of mý acquaintānce; \*  
 when they see me in the stréet they avóid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a déad man, óut of mind; \*  
 I am as useless ás a bróken pot. Antiphon
- 13 Fōr Í have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
 féar is áll around; \*  
 they put their heads together against me;  
 They plót to táke my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trústed in yóu, O LORD. \*  
 I have said, “Yóu are mý God. Antiphon
- 15 Mý tímes are ín yóur hand; \*  
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
 and from those who pérsecúte me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upón your sérvant, \*  
 and in your loving-kindness sáve me.” Antiphon

## THE EPISTLE

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.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

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

*The People stand to sing*

SEQUENCE HYMN 164 "Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord"

*Bangor*

## THE PASSION GOSPEL

Matthew 26:36--27:54

*The Passion Gospel is read by members of the Confirmation Class. The Congregation takes the part of the Crowd. The People may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand. See the bulletin insert for the full text.*

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*Celebrant:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

## REFLECTION

The Rev. Tim Schenck

*The People kneel for*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form 2

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*All stand for*

## THE PEACE

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

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

*The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion and the Choir sings the Offertory Anthem. The ministry of this church is funded through the generosity of parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity this morning.*

Offertory Anthem: Vere languores nostros Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)  
Truly He Himself bore our griefs, and He Himself carried our sorrows; by His wounds we are healed. Sweet cross, sweet nails, sweetly bearing the weight, you alone were worthy to bear the King of heaven and the Lord.

As the gifts are presented at the Altar, all stand to sing  
Offertory Hymn 458: My Song Is Love Unknown

*Love Unknown*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A, Page 361

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

After the Celebrant says the Proper Preface all sing

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-124

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

Following the Sanctus, the People kneel. The service continues on page 362.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People:* **Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer concludes:*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**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.**

*After the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread all sing the*  
**FRACTION ANTHEM**

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*All baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. The Ushers will signal when it is time to come forward. If you receive communion on the right side of the altar rail, please return to your pew via the same way you arrived. If you receive communion on the left side of the altar rail, please exit via the side door and return through the side door near the pulpit. We ask that you receive the bread in your hand and help guide the chalice to your lips. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest as the Priest approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from the priest.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**Communion Hymns**

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 158: Ah, Holy Jesus                 | <i>Herzliebster Jesu</i> |
| 160: Cross of Jesus                 | <i>Cross of Jesus</i>    |
| 167: There is a Green Hill Far Away | <i>Horsley</i>           |

*Kneeling, the People join in saying the*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*During Lent, the Blessing is omitted; the Celebrant says a prayer over the People, first saying, Bow down before the Lord.*

*After the Prayer, all stand to sing*

HYMN 168: O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

THE DISMISSAL

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)



**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Noah Van Niel **Preacher:** The Rev. Tim Schenck **Assisting Priest:** Sister Adele Marie Ryan, SSM **Vergers:** Tom Daley **Readers:** Katie Sutton, Zoe Bradford **Intercessor:** John Hussey **Chalice Bearers:** Vivian McIsaac, Tom Daley, Danielle Magner **Acolytes:** Vivian McIsaac, Andrew Buckley, William Buckley, Allison Moore, Jamie Rossano **Altar Guild:** Danielle Magner, Charlie Woodard **Ushers:** Alyson and John Hussey **Junior Ushers:** Ben and Sam Hussey.

**Passion Readers:** *Narrators:* Sam Hussey, Lexie von der Luft, Rebecca Linscott, Anna Holtschlag; *Jesus:* Claudia Larson; *Judas:* Matt Ahern; *High Priest:* Patrick Turner; *Peter:* Sam Ward; *Servant Girls:* Libby MacPherson, Ally Burnett; *Pilate:* Grace McIsaac; *Pilate's Wife:* Shannah Goddard.

*Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers:* Herb Cafarella, Becky Case, Alec Clement, Jo Duval, Lloyd Emery, Dot Finn, Dorothy Gibbs, Tommy Hense, Nina Leek, Bonnie Russ, Rebekah Turner, Bill and Shirley Wilcox. The full **Prayer List** is available in the tract rack in the church entryway.

Please **keep your palms** from this morning and bring them to next year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. They will be ritually burned to make the ashes for the next day's Ash Wednesday Services.

## About Palm Sunday

The day's full name indicates its dual focus – Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion. The reading of the Passion Narrative (the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion) is preceded by the commemoration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The Liturgy of the Palms is the entrance rite but the Passion Gospel is the central focus. The euphoria and triumph of Jesus' entry is short-lived and the tone of the day changes dramatically. We, who moments earlier, shouted "Hosanna" now cry "Crucify him! Crucify him!" The stage is set for the rest of the week. As the Passion Gospel is announced, the customary responses are omitted. Throughout Lent, the Alleluias have been silenced and now there is not so much as a "Glory to you, Lord Christ." This year we read the Passion according to St. Matthew (the readings are on a three-year cycle and Mark and Luke are read in the intervening years, with John always read on Good Friday). Two ceremonial notes: palms are traditionally held during the reading of the Passion and at the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha, the people stand.

*"His blood be on us and on our children!" "Crucify him!"*

For hundreds of years, Holy Week has been a dangerous time to be a Jew. Parts of the language of the Passion narrative are shocking to modern ears. This text has had the disastrous result of inspiring anti-Jewish prejudice and violence when the words were read at face value, and not as 1<sup>st</sup> century rhetoric. Know this: Jesus was a Jew and his followers were mostly Jews. The people he preached to, taught, and healed, were mostly Jews. He taught from the Jewish Scriptures and was executed by the Romans. Later historic struggles between Christian and Jewish communities, reflected in the Gospels, allowed anachronistic transfer of blame from the Romans to the Jews. We hear disturbing words this week from our Holy Scriptures and it is a hard journey. We must not make it easier on ourselves by feeding the hostility that continues to exist against our Jewish brothers and sisters. Anti-Jewish violence and prejudice is intolerable. We must not force the Jews to lock their doors for fear of the Christians.

As many of you know, we have spent our **Lenten Adult Education Series** learning about many different facets of poverty, particularly Homeless, Health and Hunger. But we wanted to go beyond just learning about how hard it is to be poor. We wanted to give people the chance, during this Holy Week of fasting and prayer, to experience a little bit of what it is like to have to do without some of the basic necessities we take for granted. So we have come up with the **St. John's Holy Week Poverty Experience**. We are challenging you and your family to see if you can make do with what most of the world survives on for food allowance: \$2.50 a day per family. In the spirit of this experience, you will notice that our coffee hour this morning has tried to meet such a challenge. The spread of cookies and coffee will not be what we are used to here at St. John's (though for those who for medical purposes, or for children in desperate need of a snack more food will be available in the Thayer Room). We will have a brief presentation and handouts available that outline this opportunity in more detail at Coffee Hour and we hope you will join us to learn more about what we are doing, and why.

**2017 HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE**

*Morning Prayer is offered at 8:45 am throughout Holy Week.*

**PALM SUNDAY: SUNDAY OF THE PASSION – April 9**

- 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I with the Blessing of the Palms
- 9:45 am – Nursery, Child Care and Sunday School
- 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II with the Blessing of the Palms, Procession and a Dramatic Reading of the Passion of our Lord.
- 5:00 pm – Contemporary Palm Sunday Service – S.W.5

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – April 12**

- 10:00 am – Service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 13**

- 6:45 pm – Contemplative Soup and Bread Supper in Upper Weld Hall
- 7:30 pm – Holy Eucharist of the Last Supper with Foot Washing and the Stripping of the Altar
- 9:00 pm – The Watch takes place in the Chapel until Midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY – April 14**

- 12:00 pm – Spoken Liturgy of the Day
- 2:00 pm – Outdoor Stations of the Cross (Glastonbury Abbey)
- 4:00 pm – Children’s Good Friday Service
- 7:30 pm – The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with sung Passion according to St. John and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

**HOLY SATURDAY– April 15**

- 10:00 am – Liturgy of the Day

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER – April 15**

- 7:30 pm - The Great Paschal Vigil with The First Eucharist of Easter, followed by a Champagne and Jelly Bean reception in Upper Weld Hall!

**EASTER DAY: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION– April 16**

- 7:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I with hymns
- 9:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II with St. John’s Choristers  
*Easter Egg Hunt following*
- 11:00 am – Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II with St. John’s Choir

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*The Church Offices will close at noon on Good Friday, April 14 and reopen Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>.*

This week in **Sunday School**, the children are learning the lesson of *Jesus’ Arrest, Trial, and Death*. Please contact Kelly Powers at [kelly.powers@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.powers@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute 50 nut-free stuffed eggs to the annual Easter Egg Hunt. They can be delivered at any time prior to Easter to Alexis MacElhiney’s office.

**Mission Statement of the Episcopal Parish of  
St. John the Evangelist:**

*We seek to share the Good News of the Gospel through engaging worship,  
faithful service, and life-long Christian formation while joyfully  
living out our faith in this community and the world.*

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