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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

April 10, 2022, 10 a.m.

PRESIDER

The Rev. Paul Clark

CRUCIFER

Alana Spurling

ALTAR GUILD

Nani Banks

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation gathers in the Parish Hall

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider: 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 TRIUMPHAL ENTRY: LUKE 19:28-40

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The people raise their palm fronds and crosses to be blessed.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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.**

THE PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The congregation processes into the Church

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY (*BCP p. 219*)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM THE PROPHET 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?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 31:9-16

SANDY DAVIS

Remaining seated, the Leader and the People say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS A PORTION OF PSALM 31.

Have mercy on 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.**

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.

**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
 I am as useless as a broken pot.**

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."**

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

SANDY DAVIS

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PASSION GOSPEL*Please remain seated*

LUKE 22:14-23:56

The Passion is read by three voices

1. The Narrator CASSIDI REESE 2. Jesus: ALANA SPURLING 3. Reader for all other voices: RICHARD HENDRICKS
*Parts in **bold** are said by the congregation as a whole*

Narrator Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
 When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.
 He said to them,

Jesus I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you,
 I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will
 not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Narrator Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave
 it to them, saying,

Jesus This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Narrator And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Narrator Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Narrator And Simon Peter said to Jesus,

Reader Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

Narrator Jesus said to them,

Jesus When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

Narrator They said,

All No, not a thing.

Narrator He said to them,

Jesus But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

Narrator They said,

Reader Lord, look, here are two swords.

Narrator He replied,

Jesus It is enough.

Narrator He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

Narrator Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Narrator When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

All Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Narrator Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus No more of this!

Narrator And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

Narrator Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Reader This man also was with him.

Narrator But he denied it, saying,

Reader Woman, I do not know him.

Narrator A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Reader You also are one of them.

Narrator But Peter said,

Reader Man, I am not!

Narrator Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Reader Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Narrator But Peter said,

Reader Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

All Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

All If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Narrator Jesus replied,

Jesus If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Narrator All of them asked,

All Are you, then, the Son of God?

Narrator He said to them,

Jesus You say that I am.

Narrator Then they said,

**All What further testimony do we need?
We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!**

Narrator Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

All **We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**

Narrator Then Pilate asked him,

Reader Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator He answered,

Jesus You say so.

Narrator Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator But they were insistent and said,

All **He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**

Narrator When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Reader You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator Then they all shouted out together,

All **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

Narrator Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

All **Crucify, crucify him!**

Narrator A third time he said to them,

Reader Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Narrator But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.'

Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?
Narrator Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS ABLE.

Narrator When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Narrator And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

All **He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**

Narrator The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

All **If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**

Narrator There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Reader Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator But the other rebuked him, saying,

Reader Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator Then he said,

Reader Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator Jesus replied,

Jesus Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

A PROFOUND MOMENT OF SILENCE IS OBSERVED.

Narrator Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Reader Certainly this man was innocent.

Narrator And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Narrator Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Please be seated and observe a period of silence.

THE HOMILY

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALANA SPURLING

Rejoicing in the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon your Church. Fill with your life and grace Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, David our Bishop, and all your people. May we be good news to those poor in spirit and poor in resources.

Lord, by the passion of your Christ

Hear us, and protect us.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon us who are called by your name. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of North India, and in our diocese we pray for the work and ministry of St. James Episcopal Church in Sonora.

Lord, by the passion of your Christ

Hear us, and protect us.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon the nations of the earth. Challenge them with your justice and mercy. May Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, Eric our Mayor, and all in authority work with integrity for the common good.

Lord, by the passion of your Christ

Hear us, and protect us.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon this community. Prosper the work of your church. May our lives be signs of your kingdom, and a blessing for those among whom we live and work.

Lord, by the passion of your Christ

Hear us, and protect us.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon all living in sickness or distress. Make known your healing presence to Stan, Rita, Robert, and all in need. May earth and heaven resound with your praise.

Lord, by the passion of your Christ

Hear us, and protect us.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon those whom we love but see no longer. Fulfill in all who have died your promise of resurrection. May we with them come to the fulfillment of your redemption.

Lord, by the passion of your Christ

Hear us, and protect us.

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please stay in your pew. Waving, bowing, and peace signs are appropriate. Please be seated.

Worship with St. Michael's during Holy Week.

- Maundy Thursday, April 14: Zoom Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.
Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael
- Good Friday, April 15
 - Service of The Way of the Cross, 12 Noon
 - Good Friday Service, 7:30 p.m.
- The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.
- Easter Day, April 17, 10 a.m.

COVID Policy Changes Easter Weekend

- Masks will be optional beginning with our Easter Vigil Service on April 16, 2022.
- We still need to stay in our pews during the Passing of the Peace.
- Communion will remain in one kind for the time being and clergy must wear masks during its distribution.

Please mail your offerings to the church (at the mailing address above) or give to the church online using tithe.ly (<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2212452>).

For pastoral care: please call Deacon Cathy at 760-384-8824 or email countmyblessings1@gmail.com

HOLY COMMUNION**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

EPHESIANS 5:2

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn

OFFERTORY HYMN

O SACRED HEAD, SORE WOUNDED

Hymnal #168

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

(BCP p. 361)

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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 this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

(BCP p. 362)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Then the Presider 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 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 364)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(BCP p. 364)

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Presider says

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.

WHEREVER YOU ARE IN YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME AT GOD'S TABLE.

Please come up to the altar rail for communion.

The Bread is given to the people using these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The response is: **Amen.**

Gluten free wafers are available upon request, please ask the minister during Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(BCP p. 365)

The people may stand or kneel.

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.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

(BOS p. 12)

Bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

Hymnal #474

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

~Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour. ~

If you are new to St. Michael's, please sign our guest book and we'll be in touch.

OUR MISSION

The people of St. Michael's welcome all those who seek a deeper understanding of God's love for ALL His children. Our congregation is "intentionally inclusive," welcoming all persons without regard to age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical or developmental disability.

This service is based on the Liturgy for The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, which begins on page 270 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary (Episcopal) and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Scripture quotations marked CEB are from the Common English Bible, copyright 2011. Psalm texts are taken from the BCP. Other liturgical elements may include materials from Enriching Our Worship (EOW), and the 2018 Book of Occasional Services (BOS).