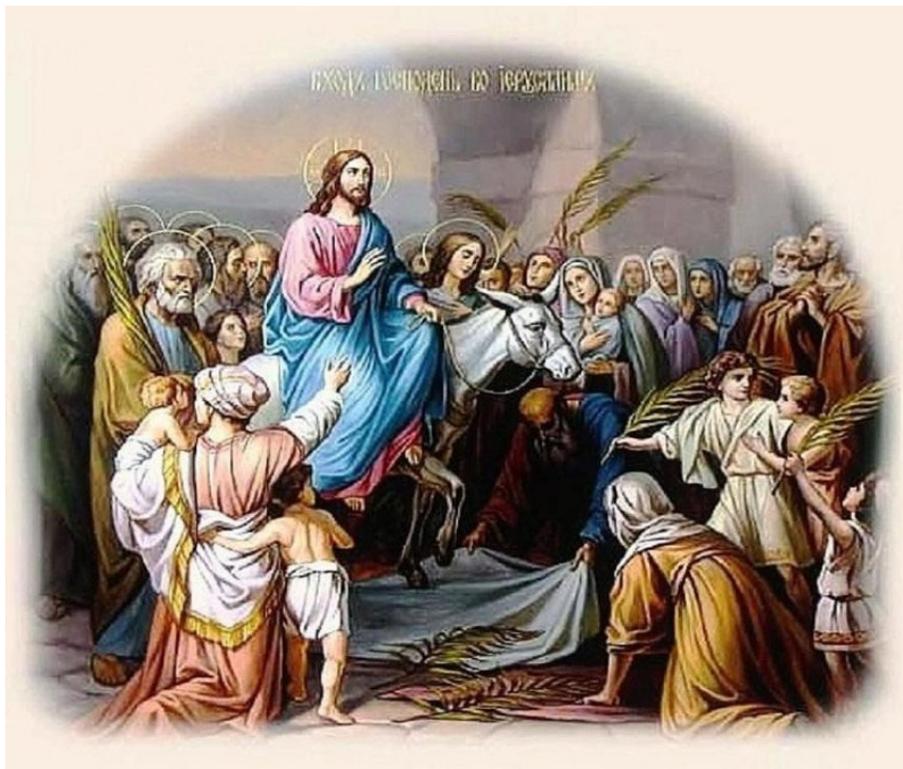


**The Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021 11:15 AM**



St. John's Episcopal Church

Today starts Holy Week, during which the church dramatizes the events leading up to the suffering and death of Jesus. Today is called Sunday of the Passion, or Palm Sunday, which focuses on Jesus' joyous triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

The euphoria and triumph of Jesus' entry is short-lived and the tone of the day changes dramatically, as Palm Sunday also includes a portion of the Passion Narrative in place of the Gospel. We, who moments earlier shouted "Hosanna" now cry "Crucify him! Crucify him!" The stage is set for the remainder of Holy Week.

The service starts outside in the parking lot to the east of the church building

Please go to the welcome table to check in and pick up a palm frond, and then find a place to sit or stand in one of the marked, socially distanced areas of the parking lot in front of the altar. While we hope you were able to bring your own chairs; we do have a small number of metal folding chairs available if needed.

The first part of the service will be held near the welcome table to the left of the congregation seating area.

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.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their

cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

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

HYMN 154: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

The Altar Party will move from the table where the palms were blessed to the altar in front of the east wall of the Church building. You may remain in place.

After the Altar Party has arrived, the Celebrant says:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

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 LESSONS *(The people sit.)*

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

Reader: A Reading from ___ Isaiah ____.

Please see the insert sheet.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 172 “Were You There?”

THE GOSPEL NARRATIVE

Priest: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*The Gospel Narrative is read by several persons and the Congregation will voice the role of the “Crowd.”
Please refer to the separate Gospel Narrative booklet.
You may sit for the first part of the reading and will be asked to stand (as you are able) at the reference to Golgotha.*

THE SERMON—The Reverend Minerva Camarena Skeith

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Please respond to all petitions by saying:

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

You are invited to “virtually” pass the peace; please do not shake hands or make physical contact with others. Please do not remove your mask.

HYMN: “When Jesus Left His Father's Throne”

Sung by Jessica Glasebrook

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.**

Words of consecration

**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.**

Words of consecration

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

Words of consecration

AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to recite the Lord's Prayer quietly with the
Celebrant. Please do not remove your mask.*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Priest: 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.

The Celebrant will bring the consecrated bread to your seat. Please stay where you are seated or standing when she places the bread in your outstretched hands .

HYMN 671: "Amazing Grace"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

The priest may bless the People.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 474: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

St. John's is interested in meeting the pastoral needs of our community. If you have prayer requests, please contact Sheri Rasmussen at sheri@austinstjohns.org.

If you would like the Daughters of the King to include you in their prayer list, please contact Sandra Ward at 1redsand2@gmail.com.

If you need pastoral care please contact Mother Minerva at revminerva@austinstjohns.org or Deacon Victoria at deaconvic@austinstjohns.org.

HEALING AND GUIDANCE: John, Petra, Jim, the McCoy family, Christina, Terry, Cindy, Ed, Ramona, CJ

DECEASED: Sherry, Jamey, Rev. Armistead Powel

BIRTHDAYS: 4/1: Catherine Turner, Angie Bautista, Carol Bautista

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Each Thursday at 10:00 AM. For access information, please refer to the "Christian Education and Formation" email which is sent out each Tuesday. Bible Study will not meet on April 1, Maundy Thursday.

THE BRIDGE—Our weekly newsletter, "The Bridge" is emailed every Friday and it is also published on our web site. Check it out for news and other items of interest.

LECTIONARY BASED BIBLE STUDY — Our Lectionary Based Bible Study will resume after Easter.

NEED HELP? If you find that your situation is causing financial, spiritual, or emotional difficulties, or if you are in need of food, do not hesitate to call Mother Minerva (revminerva@austinstjohns.org / 512-593-1178) or Deacon Victoria (512-297-5953).

2021 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 28

The Passion of our Lord: Palm Sunday

9:30 AM	Online Palm Sunday Service in English
10:15 AM	Virtual Coffee and Fellowship in English
11:15 AM	Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in English
1:00 PM	Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in Spanish

Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM	Online Maundy Thursday Service
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Friday, April 2 Good Friday

12:00 NOON	Online Good Friday Service in English
6:30 PM	Outdoor Via Crucis in Spanish

Saturday, April 3 No Easter Vigil at St. John's this year

*We invite you to participate in the online Easter Vigil at
Christ Church Cathedral (Houston) on Saturday, April 3, at 8:00pm.*

www.christchurchcathedral.org/easter

*Another option that you may want to consider is the Easter Vigil at
Trinity Church Wall Street in New York City on Saturday, April 3 at 7:30pm.*

<https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/worship/holy-week-easter>

*Washington National Cathedral is not holding
an Easter Vigil service this year,*

Sunday, April 4 Easter Day

9:30 AM	Online Liturgy of the Word in English
10:15 AM	Virtual Coffee and Fellowship in English
11:15 AM	Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in English
1:00 PM	Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in Spanish

***Online worship services are conducted using the Zoom online
meeting system and are recorded for replay on Facebook, on our
web site, and on our YouTube channel.***

***Bring fresh flowers to the 11:15 AM and 1:00 PM services
for the "flowering of the cross" on Easter.***

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 AM
11:15 AM
1:00 PM

Online Morning Prayer in English
Outdoor In-Person Holy Eucharist in English
Outdoor In-Person Holy Eucharist in Spanish



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