



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms & Morning Prayer with the Passion,
(with Communion from Reserve at the later service)
9 and 10:15 in the morning

“I know Palm Sunday’s exciting,
but I also have a feeling it’s going to get pretty dark over the next week,
before it’s time for Easter. Except---except that we’re on God’s time now.”

Sara Miles

Prelude ‘Trumpet Tune’

The Liturgy of the Palms

*9 - All are invited to secure palm leaves or other greenery.
10:15 - Palm leaves are distributed to the congregation gathered.*

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Officiant 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.**

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 11:1-11a

The Deacon reads

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.

The Officiant then says the following blessing

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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.**

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

The Procession

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

Musical Selection ‘All Glory, Laud, and Honor’

9 - Moving about as they are able, the congregation waves greenery, the Officiant prays
10:15 - At the doorway of the Church, the Officiant prays

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.**

9 - Settling again to continue in prayer
10:15 - Having reached the Sanctuary, the congregation disperses throughout the room

The Collect of the Day

Officiant 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 Gradual ‘Ride on, King Jesus’

The Passion Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark will be read. *Mark 14:32 - 15:39*

*The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.
At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha Mark 15:22, all are asked to stand.*

A period of silence follows, during which the congregation may be seated.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

Deacon Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Deacon Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**
Deacon Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Deacon Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Deacon Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Deacon Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Deacon Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

A Collect for Sundays

9 - Tess Crawford 10:15 - Deacon

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for all Christians in their Vocation

9 - John Crawford 10:15 - Deacon

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

9 - Anne Meservey 10:15 - Deacon

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The Offertory 'Holy, Holy, Holy'

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

9 - Mike Bramhall 10:15 - Deacon

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

9 - Remembering the longing to share Communion, all pray

A Prayer of Longing for Community

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar, and I long to be with the members of my church family to receive the Sacrament. We cannot now receive you sacramentally, so draw comfort in knowing that you live in us and we in you. Never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

The service continues with the Closing Hymn

10:15 - All present are invited to receive the Body of Christ from Reserved Sacrament

Communion from Reserve Sacrament

The Officiant prays

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully, in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and Who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great high Priest as you were present with your disciples, and known to us in the breaking of the bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God. **Amen.**

The Sacrament is presented with the following words

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance the Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Sacrament is distributed for consumption

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 Closing Hymn 'Ride On, Ride On in Majesty'

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Holy Week has begun; let us part from one another in silence.

