

# **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Morning Prayer Rite II Sunday, March 28, 2021**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude Ride on King Jesus**

**Opening Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor**

**Sung by all**

**Opening Sentence**

*Presider* All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

**The Decalogue**

**Said by all**

*Presider* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

**Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:**

**You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.**

**We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others.**

**We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.**

**We have tried to love our neighbors individually**

**while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.  
Forgive us, Holy God.  
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.  
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.  
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,  
united in our diversity,  
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,  
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.  
Amen**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*Presider* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

### **The Lessons**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

**read by Deacon John Musco**

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?

The word of the Lord.

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

A reading from Paul's letter to the Phillippians

**read by Glenn Jussen**

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.

The word of the Lord.

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

## **Musical Introduction**

### **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark**

**Homily**

The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp

**The Apostles Creed**

**said in unison**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Offertory**

*We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:*

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

**Doxology**

**Sung by all**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Presider* And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264**

**Sung by all**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

**led by Kallen Tsikalas**

Almighty God, we are continually amazed at the way you turn the world upside down. For a Savior of the world we would have chosen a powerful prince, but you chose a carpenter's son born under questionable circumstances.

For disciples to help Jesus through his ministry we would have chosen well connected wealthy people of the upper class to bank roll the operation, but you chose fishermen, a tax collector, and other such outcasts.

For a grand entrance into Jerusalem, we would have chosen a white Stallion, but you chose a donkey.

When riding high in the polls on Palm Sunday we would have chosen to stay there as long as we could, but you chose to clear the temple.

For a place of coronation we would have chosen a palace with a wonderfully decorated royal throne, but you chose a cross.

For those who we would want to have included in the kingdom of God we would have chosen those who look and sound like we do, but you chose the world.

For people to share the love and grace extended to us in Jesus Christ, we would have chosen somebody else, but you chose each of us.

Today we pray for ourselves, for you to open our eyes to see you working in the world in small ways and big, for you to open our ears to hear the cries of your people and respond with compassion, for you to open our hearts to love one another as you have loved us.

Dear people of God, what else, and who else, should we pray for?

### **Collect of the Day**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*All*              **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.*

## **Closing Prayer**

**led by Janet Kaplan**

**Friends, please join me in our closing prayer:**

**Merciful God, as I enter Holy week,**

**turn my heart again to Jerusalem,**

**and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

**Stir up within me the gift of faith**

**that I may not only praise him with my lips,**

**but may follow him in the way of the cross.**

## **The Benediction**

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 In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

**Join us today at 12noon for the Procession of the Palms. We will meet at Vanderbilt Playground in Prospect Park starting at 11:45am and begin our procession promptly at 12noon.**

## **Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

- **Maundy Thursday**
  - **5pm Agape Meal Zoom**
  - **7:30pm Zoom service**
- **Good Friday**
  - **12noon Zoom service**
- **Easter Vigil**
  - **8pm in person with Eucharist**
- **Easter Day**
  - **10am Zoom**
- **2nd Sunday of Easter**
  - **10am Zoom**
  - **11am This Little Light & Easter Egg Hunt for small children 5 and under**
  - **11:30am Coffee Hour to Go at church**