

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NC
Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

Celebrant and Preacher: Adele Hatfield
Lay Reader: Kim Clark, Eucharistic Minister: Kim Clark, Greeter: Melba Martin
Altar Guild: Mary Long, Pat Prouty, Lauren Byrum, Bobbi Harris
Counters: Ray Harris, Melba Martin



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00 AM

Gather in the memorial garden courtyard, weather permitting

The Liturgy of the Palms

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When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing

Celebrant +Blessed is the King who cometh in the name of the Lord.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

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."

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Blessing of Palms

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Raise fronds or place your hand on your cross for the Celebrant to bless, saying,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty to praise thee Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy 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 and follow him in the way we bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leadeth to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen

Celebrant: +Blessed is he who cometh 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.**

Process through the doors of the church reading the following Psalm in unison.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered
me *
and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to
the horns of the altar.

²⁸ "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said

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 Word of God

Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The prophet encounters opposition as he boldly proclaims God's truth. His vindication is found through remaining steadfast in his calling.

Reader 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 The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 31: 9-16

In te, Domine, speravi

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The Psalm response is chanted or read responsively by whole verse

⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;*

my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; ***

**my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹ 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.

¹² **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; ***

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. ***
I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ **Make your face to shine upon your servant, ***
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Even though he is the incarnate Word, Jesus freely humbled himself, living a life of service. His obedience to his Father, even unto his death, is the reason for his exaltation in heaven.

Reader A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

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 The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Luke

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The people are seated.

Stand when Jesus gets to Golgotha.

Kneel when Jesus dies.

The Sermon

The Reverend Adele Hatfield

Prayers of the People: Form I

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The Prayer of Humble Access

We believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the consecrated bread and wine. Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians and they are invited at this time to the altar rail to receive Christ's Body and Blood. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please inform the Priest and one will be provided for you. Please let an usher know if you need Communion brought to your seat for any reason. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to signify that to the Priest.

Post-Communion Prayer

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Solemn Prayer

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, *we* pray thee graciously to behold this thy 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 liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal



The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of
Mildred and Frank Thorne
By
Their daughter, Sharyn Hardister
And family

