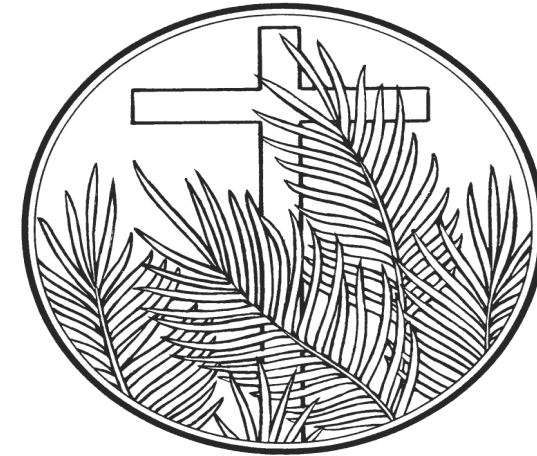


St. James Episcopal Church  
La Grange, Texas  
“Enter as strangers, leave as friends.”



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Year B

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*As you arrive please get palm frond and palm cross.*

All gather on the sidewalk in front of the office door.

*Hosanna, Blessed Is He Who Comes* (1961)

Choir

W/M: Christian Gregor (Silesia, 1723-1801), arr. for double choir (*cori spezzati*)  
by Dr. Ivan H. Trusler, jr (Arkansas, 1925-2008)

Hosanna! Blessed is He That comes!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is He That comes, He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, Praise ye the Lord on High!

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Praise ye the Lord on High,

All ye Nations sing praise to His Name.

Hosanna in the highest!

Palm Sunday

Rite Two

LEM Tom Tracy Lector Ursula Stephens/Cheri Balla

Acolyte Luke Herbrich Ushers Lil & Ray Landry

Intercessor George Frondorf Vestry Joe Bailey

**Altar Guild Team** – all teams



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### 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.**

A reading from the Gospel according to **Mark 11: 1-11.**

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, 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.

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.**

### The Word of God

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.**

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER GO TOGETHER!

The joy of Easter is to be found as one walks with Jesus in his last week of earthly life. The liturgies of the church are designed to guide us along as we ponder this great mystery of our salvation. Set this Holy Week aside to pilgrimage with Christian people around the world as we make our way to the Cross.

Think about who you will be inviting to church for one of our beautiful services. You'll be doing them a favor!

See schedule below. EASTER IS MARCH 31

Wednesday Eucharist with Healing Litany 5:30pm (no music)

Maundy Thursday Eucharist 5:30pm Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper. (no foot washing)

Good Friday service @ noon followed by Stations of the Cross (optional)

No service on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday 8am & 10:30am services; both services with music followed by annual parish photo, reception, flowering of the Cross, and Easter Egg Hunt following 10:30 service.

*Easter Flower Sign-up Sheet is posted in the parish hall. Any donation is appreciated to make our church lovely for Easter. Please remember to write down your dedication so it can go in the Easter bulletin. Thank you*

No Bible Class today, Easter Day and first Sunday after Easter.

### Flowering of the Cross

Be sure to bring flowers on Easter Day to flower the cross.

### ECW Spring Time Lunch-n-Learn

Le Petite Gourmet Shop April 10, 2024 - 12 noon

Your gourmet lunch will be prepared by Chef Mike Morphey

\$35.00 Limited seating Sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

### April Supper Club

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 26th. The hosts are Brad Christians and Amy Reistle. More information coming soon!

Postcommunion Prayer (please stand or kneel)

Prayer Book 365

Priest: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Remain in place for closing hymn sung by choir after the candles are extinguished. The cross and altar party remain at front and will exit without procession.

Adoramus Te, Christe (from The Seven Last Words)  
by Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Choir

Priest: Let us now follow Jesus into these holy days.

People: We will follow Jesus.

All exit in silence.

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen

The Liturgy of the Palms: Processional

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Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el; thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.;  
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

*After all are in their pews:*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.**

Welcome/ Announcements

**First Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11**

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31: 9-16 spoken**

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 con- / **sumed.**

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 a- / **void me.**

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

I am as useless as a broken / **pot.**

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Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Priest continues... 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

Prayer Book 337

*Agnus Dei* (Hurd)

**Hymn S-161**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Communion

Communion Music:

*At the name of Jesus* KING'S WESTON

Hymnal 435

*O Sacred head, sore wounded*

Hymnal 168

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN [Passion Chorale]

revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus, *Holy, Holy, Holy* (HURD)

**Hymn S-124**

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now your work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;

fear is all a- / **round;**

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."**

*Alone, thou goest forth, O Lord* BANGOR

Hymnal 164

**The Gospel:** Mark 14: 1-15: 47

*The congregation remaining seated for first part of Passion. At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able. The Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying:*

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.**

Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Turner

*Conclusion: Open up our imaginations, O Lord, to the wonder of this Holy Week.*

Intercessor: The Prayers of the People (Form II)

Prayer Book 385

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) Andrew, Hector, Kai and Jeff, Sharon, our priest in residence, and Merrill and Ken, our supply priests, and for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. We pray for our sister churches, St. Peter's, Brenham; St. Philip's, Hearne; St. Thomas', College Station.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for the well-being of all people; and for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; especially Doc Ayres, Ernest Balla, Hank Crain, Mike Coppinger, Carol Smythe, Will Bundick.

[PRAYER LIST]

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially\_\_\_\_\_. (prayer list names of people who have died)

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been Honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

We remember in our prayers today: Pinky, Carolyn, Pete & Martha, Lonnita, Betsy, Brooks, Justin, Tom, Bryan. [PRAYER LIST]

*You are invited to add your own petitions and intercessions either silently or aloud.*

*The Priest may add a concluding Collect.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Birthday, Anniversary, and Special Occasion Blessings

**The Holy Communion**

The Offertory *Vision of the Cross*

Choir

W: John Newton, alt. (1725-1807); M: KINGSFOLD arr. Sean Paul, 2023

John Newton, the famous composer of *Amazing Grace!* wrote many hymns, 61 of which are still in use. One of the crudest of sailors, a slave trader Captain, he nearly perished in a storm at sea. During the turbulence, His early childhood memories of his Christian mother caused him to cling to the Bible and plead with the Lord Jesus for his life. After

this dramatic encounter, he followed his Savior completely, becoming a Rector in the church of England. He continued preaching until he was 80 years old. This text is believed to be a recounting of His salvation experience.

In evil long I took delight, Unmoved by guilt and shame, Until a scene came into sight, A scene of love and pain. I saw One hanging on a tree, In agony and blood; Who fixed His weary eyes on me, As near His cross I stood.

Surly never to my latest breath, Can I forget that look! It seemed to charge me with His death, Though not a word He spoke. My spirit fell; I groaned within and sank into despair; He bled and suffered for my sins, I helped to nail Him there!

Alas! I knew not what I did, but now my tears are vain. Where shall my trembling soul be hid: For I the Lord have slain. A second look He gave, which said, “Your sins I do forgive; This blood is for thy ransom paid; I die that thou mayest live.”

So while His death my sin displays In all its blackest hue, Such is the mystery of grace, It seals my pardon too! With pleasing grief and sad delight, My spirit now is free. For Jesus gave His perfect life To save a wretch like me.

*All Sing: Doxology Old 100th:* **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving-Prayer C

Prayer Book 369

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you