



## The Liturgy of the Word

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020 • 10:15 a.m.

### HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The people's responses are in bold.*

*This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

### OPENING ANTHEM

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

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

***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.***

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 21, verses 1 through 11.

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

<sup>1</sup>When [Jesus and his disciples] had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

*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.**

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.**

## **SECOND ANTHEM**

*The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said*

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

## **COLLECT**

*The following 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 COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY**

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

*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 FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 50, verses 4 through 9a.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>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 PSALM

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.*

*Reader*            Our response to the first reading is a portion of Psalm 31, verses 9  
                         through 16. Please pray it with me.

### Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>**Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \***  
**my eye is consumed with sorrow,**  
**and also my throat and my belly.**

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, \***  
**and my years with sighing; \***  
**my strength fails me because of affliction,**  
**and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>**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.**

<sup>12</sup>I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
 I am as useless as a broken pot.  
<sup>13</sup>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.  
<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
 I have said, "You are my God.  
<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; \*  
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
 and from those who persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
 and in your loving-kindness save me."

## THE SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi, chapter 2, verses 5 through 11.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
 did not regard equality with God  
 as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
 taking the form of a slave,  
 being born in human likeness.  
 And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to the point of death—  
 even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## THE PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew 27:11-54

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Matthew 27:33), all stand.*

**Reader**      The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 27, verses 11 through 54.

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” <sup>23</sup>Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. *(All stand.)* <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

<sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup>“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.” <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ” <sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed

his last. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup> After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

## THE SERMON

**The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier**

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.*

*Presider In today’s Prayers of the People, your response of “Hear our prayer” is invited after each offering of “Lord, in your mercy.”*

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time rooted in the global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of all those in need, the Church and the world.

For the Church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop, Marty Stebbins, our Bishop, and all who minister in your name.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For all experiencing ramifications of the coronavirus around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down, that bonds of trust may be strengthened to benefit the entire human family.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Grant public health and government officials in our nation the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion in service to all. We pray especially for Donald, our President, the Congress, Steve and all Governors, elected officials in local communities, John, our mayor, and our County Commissioners.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For healthcare workers, who with hearts of service, stand on the front lines of providing care. Grant them courage and protection as they put the needs of public safety before their own.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless scientists and researchers around the world as they combat the virus, that their work may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For the safety and well-being of all who travel and those who remain quarantined.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Surround with your strength and wisdom all educators, teachers, parents, and caregivers working to respond to the needs of children and students in new ways. Fill our social service agencies, nonprofits, volunteers, and neighbors with courage and discernment in their work with public officials to collectively meet basic needs.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in sharing our resources.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Grant that our churches and communities of faith may reflect your love, as they minister to the most vulnerable among us; fill them with your Holy Spirit as they work to be your healing hands and feet to all in need. We pray especially for our parishioners and our ministries throughout the community.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For those who have already lost loved ones to the virus, and those who will yet suffer such loss, that they may know the consolation of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We pray especially today for Walter M. Parock and Tom J. Adams.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

### **THE CONCLUDING COLLECT**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.** (Prayer from Gloucester Cathedral)

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to 77977 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

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# CLOSING HYMN • #168

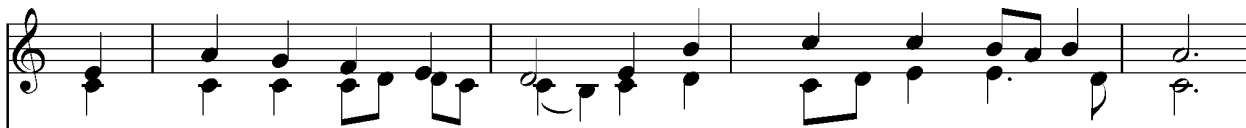
*O sacred head, sore wounded*

*Sung by all.*


*Passion Chorale*



1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
 \*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 \*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

## POSTLUDE

*O Sacred Head*

Bach

**PRAYERS FOR TODAY:** Prayers for today are in loving memory of her father Walter M. Parock, by Judy Parock; and in loving memory of her husband, Tom J. Adams, by Kathy Adams.



### **Prayer for People Facing Great Uncertainty**

God of the present moment,  
God who in Jesus stills the storm  
and soothes the frantic heart;  
bring hope and courage to all  
who wait or work in uncertainty.  
Bring hope that you will make them the equal  
of whatever lies ahead.  
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,  
for your will is health and wholeness;  
you are God, and we need you.

Taken from *A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa* (adapted)

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## **ONLINE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

*Maundy Thursday*  
*Good Friday*  
*Easter Vigil*  
*Easter Sunday*

*Thursday, April 9*  
*Friday, April 10*  
*Saturday, April 11*  
*Sunday, April 12*

*No service this year*  
*12 noon*  
*TBD*  
*10:15 a.m.*

## **GROW WITH US**

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### **HELPING EACH OTHER**

Here are a couple of ways you can help in the Missoula Community:

#### **MISSOULA COVID-19 MUTUAL AID COMMUNITY**

A webpage dedicated to helping our neighbors, being prepared and getting informed. It provides resources for those individuals in our community who need help and ideas and resources and links to organizations to those folks who can help. Check it out at <http://covidmissoula.org/>.

#### **CHECK IN ON EACH OTHER**

What can we do our own Holy Spirit Community? As of this writing, Rev. Gretchen has organized a team of 22 volunteers to check in on our fellow parishioners. Can you think of people who might appreciate a check in? We're all in this together, and we can all do our part to stay connected and in touch.

#### **CAN WE BE OF HELP?**

Providing support to one another, especially in times of crisis, illness or grief, is at the heart of our lives together as a congregation. Rev. Gretchen has organized a team of 15 drivers who are willing to help while our more vulnerable folks self-isolate. They can do grocery runs, pick up medications, etc. Please let us know if we can be of help. Contact Rev. Gretchen at 542-2167 or [gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org](mailto:gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org).

#### **ONLINE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES:**

##### **ONLINE CENTERING PRAYER, FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS AT 12 NOON ON THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE**

Centering Prayer is offered to all on Facebook Live on the church Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritMissoula/>) on the First and Third Fridays of each month at 12 noon. The next gathering will be Friday, April 17. All are welcome to join in. At this time, with all the challenges in the world, it is timely to take the inner journey where we can feel at one and at peace. Join us for Centering Prayer – a simple practice of opening our whole being to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. Open to everyone, from any tradition, or no tradition. No experience necessary – you will be gently guided into a 20-minute time of resting in the God of your experience and understanding.

Join us on the First and Third Fridays each month from noon to 12:30 p.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritMissoula/>.

#### **ONLINE DIALOGUE:**

##### **PLENTY COUPS' STORY: A MODEL FOR SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND HEALING**

Facilitator Glenn Hladek has taped his first lecture, and it is available on the church YouTube page for viewing here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD4gRWYgdsv6PvkObRwjkQ/videos>. Each of the three sessions will be about 30 minutes long and will allow time for answering questions or allowing comments that resulted from the previous session. Questions can be emailed to Glenn at [gahtrek@bresnan.net](mailto:gahtrek@bresnan.net) or by text at 239-7346. Please join him in this interesting online discussion.