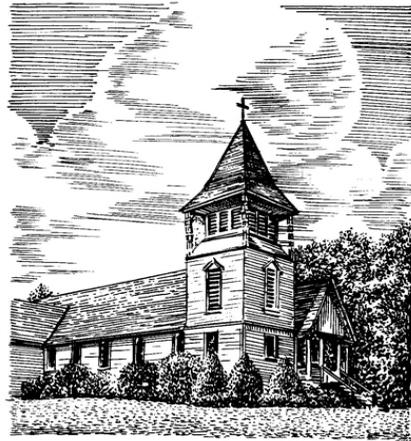


Sunday, April 1, 2012

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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Church of the Annunciation
Oradell, New Jersey

Liturgy of the Palms

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

Let us pray, saying together

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

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 that 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! Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blest is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!"**

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Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are delighted that you are with us today. Know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. We hope you will participate fully in our worship and engage your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Children are very welcome, especially in the play space near the rear of the church. Fill out a visitor's card, which you will find on the shelf near the door to the church, so we can stay in touch with you. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, so we can get to know you better and to support you in your walk with the Lord.*

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2 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 Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The good news is that Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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

The Procession

Once you receive your palm, please process into church saying the following Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2 and 19-29

said in procession to church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let us pray, saying together

Almighty God, your most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified.

4 **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.**

HYMN 158 **sung in procession around the church**

The Good News is – the Lord is with you:

And also with you.

Let us pray, saying together

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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:21-25

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?

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RESPONSE

Psalms 22:1-21

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

“He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

6 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

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.

Readers assemble at their microphones

A Choral Reading the Passion by Mark 7

*The congregation may sit during the first part of the Passion.
When the action moves to Gogotha, all who are able please stand – as directed.*

EVANGELIST: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. For they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS & SCRIBES: **Not during the festival,
or there may be a riot among the people.**

EVANGELIST: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head.
But some were there who said to one another in anger,

MURMURERS: **Why was the ointment wasted in this way?
For this ointment could have been sold
for more than three hundred denarii,
and the money given to the poor.**

EVANGELIST: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS: Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to the whenever you wish; but you will not always have me.

She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

EVANGELIST: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

8 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

DISCIPLES: **Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

EVANGELIST: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

JESUS: Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you.

Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, 'Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'

He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

EVANGELIST: So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them. And they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And, when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

EVANGELIST: They began to be distressed and to say to him, one after another,

DISCIPLES: **Surely, not I!. You don't mean me!**

EVANGELIST: He said to them,

JESUS: It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me.

For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

EVANGELIST: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

JESUS: Take – this is my body.

EVANGELIST: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 9

JESUS: This is my blood of the covenant, which poured out for many.

Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

EVANGELIST: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

JESUS: You will all become deserters. For it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."

But, after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

EVANGELIST: Peter said to him,

PETER: Even though all become deserters, I will not.

EVANGELIST: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

EVANGELIST: But he said vehemently,

PETER: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

EVANGELIST: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples,

JESUS: Sit here while I pray.

EVANGELIST: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated, and said to them,

JESUS: I am deeply grieved, even to death. Remain here and keep awake.

10 EVANGELIST: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

JESUS: Abba, Father, for you all things are possible.
Remove this cup from me.
Yet, not what I want, but what you want.

EVANGELIST: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?
Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

EVANGELIST: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.
And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy – and they did not know what to say to him.
He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough!
The hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
Get up. Let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

EVANGELIST: Immediately while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived. And with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.
Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: The one I will kiss is the man. Arrest him, and lead him away under guard.

EVANGELIST: So, when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

JUDAS: Rabbi!

EVANGELIST: And kissed him.
Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.
But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled. 11

EVANGELIST: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.

Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death. But they found none.

Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

FALSE WITNESSES: **We heard him say,
“I will destroy this temple
that is made with hands,
and in three days I will build another
– not made with hands.”**

EVANGELIST: But even on this point their testimony did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

EVANGELIST: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

HIGH PRIEST: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

EVANGELIST: Jesus said,

JESUS: I am. And you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power – and “coming with the clouds of heaven.”

EVANGELIST: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

12 HIGH PRIEST: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy!
What is your decision?

EVANGELIST: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, and blindfold him and to strike him, saying to him,

THE MOB: **Prophecy! Prophecy to us! Tell us who hit you!**

EVANGELIST: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

EVANGELIST: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: I do not know or understand what you are talking about!

EVANGELIST: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: This man is one of them.

EVANGELIST: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

BYSTANDERS: **Certainly you are one of them;
for you are a Galilean.**

EVANGELIST: But he began to curse – and he swore an oath,

PETER: I do not know this man you are talking about!

EVANGELIST: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

JESUS: Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

EVANGELIST: And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council.

They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: Are you the king of the Jews?

EVANGELIST: He answered him,

JESUS: You say so.

EVANGELIST: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

PILATE: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

EVANGELIST: Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked.

A man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection.

So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

EVANGELIST: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

EVANGELIST: They shouted back,

CROWD: **Crucify him! Crucify him!**

EVANGELIST: Pilate asked them,

14 PILATE: Why? What evil has he done?

EVANGELIST: But they shouted all the more,

CROWD: **Crucify him! Crucify him!**

EVANGELIST: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them. And, after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace – that is, the governor’s headquarters – and they called together the whole cohort.

And they clothed him in a purple cloak. And after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

SOLDIERS: **Hail, King of the Jews!**

EVANGELIST: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

ALL WHO ARE ABLE – PLEASE STAND

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. It was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha – which means the place of a skull. And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.

And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read,

INSCRIPTION: **The King of the Jews.**

EVANGELIST: And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

PASSERSBY: **Aha!**

**You would destroy the temple
and build it in three days.
Save yourself – and come down from the cross!**

15

EVANGELIST: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS & SCRIBES: **He saved others.
He cannot save himself.
Let the Messiah – the King of Israel
– come down from the cross now,
so that we may see and believe.**

EVANGELIST: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: Eloi, eloi, lema sabachthani?

EVANGELIST: Which means,

JESUS: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

EVANGELIST: When some of the bystanders heard it they said,

BYSTANDERS: **Listen, he is calling for Elijah.**

EVANGELIST: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

CAREGIVER: Wait; let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

EVANGELIST: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

SILENCE

16 EVANGELIST: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION: Truly this man was God's Son!

EVANGELIST: There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.

These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come – and since it was the day of Preparation that is, the day before the sabbath – Joseph of Arimathea – a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God – went boldly to Pilate and asked him for the body of Jesus.

Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead. And, summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Use this period of silence to meditate on the great, loving work Jesus has done on our behalf – the mystery of our salvation.

Reflections "Contrasts – then and now"

HYMN 167 – stz. 1, 2, & 5 There is a green hill far away

Prayers of the People – Form 3 **Prayer Book page 387**

Collect for Holy Saturday, Blessings, and The Peace

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HYMN 168 – stz. 1-3

O sacred head, sore wounded

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-129

During Communion:

After Communion: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him.
If we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

O Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood, you have redeemed us.
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

HYMN 313

Let thy blood in mercy poured

Postlude:

Today's Worship Leadership

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A Card in memory of Irene Merritt has been received.

The Palms today are given to the glory of God. After the service, please take some to a shut-in or someone in a hospital or a nursing home.

The Absent Guest Plate is a second offering at the choir steps each week. Immediately after the service, it is given away for charitable purposes - today for the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. It is administered by the Wardens while Annunciation has no rector and exists to help parishioners & people they recommend with emergency needs.

Serving in the Military: Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly, Justin A. Perry, Scott Bartholf, Benjamin Royal

Coming Parish Events

Mon 02 Apr – Vestry Meeting @ 7:30 pm – Note change in date and time

Thu 05 Apr – Maundy Thursday Seder @ 7:00 pm – in the Parish Hall

Fri 06 Apr – Good Friday “Watch by the Cross” – 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm: Focus on “The Seven Last Words of Jesus” in roughly 20-minute segments. “Come when you can. Leave when you must.”

Fri 06 Apr – Good Friday Liturgy @ 7:00 pm: Choral reading of the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John and the Solemn Collects.

Wednesdays at 11:00 am – Holy Communion with Healing and Spiritual Focus

4/4 Frederick Dennison Maurice 4/11 William Augustus Muhlenburg 4/18 No Service

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 pm

Wed 04 Apr – The Resurrection Appearances of Jesus

Wed 11 Apr – More on the Resurrection Appearances of Jesus

Wed 18 Apr – No session

Wed 25 Apr – Topic to be determined by the participants

Notes About Today's Scripture Readings

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Scripture For The Next Three Sundays

4/08 Easter Day – Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2 & 14-24; 1st Cor. 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

4/15 Easter 2 – Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1st John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

4/22 Easter 3 – Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1st John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48