

# ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Existing for those who are not yet members!*

**215 Years of Ministry in the City of New York**

## **SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:**



**The Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**The Reverend Canon Alissa Newton, Celebrant**

**The Reverend Frank Morales, Preacher**

Welcome to St. Philip's Episcopal Church in the Village of Harlem, New York. We welcome your full participation in this service. Please remember to remain in your seats only exchanging the peace by waving or giving the peace sign. Always keep your masks on properly, covering your nose and mouth. Please turn off any cell phones before the beginning of the Service.

## OUTSIDE THE CHURCH:

### THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Celebrant*                      **B**lessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People*                         **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**  
*Celebrant*                      Let us pray.

**A**ssist 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.*

*Deacon*                      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*                         **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen 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, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! 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.

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

*Celebrant*                      **T**he 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.**

**I**t 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.*

*Celebrant*                      **B**lessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People*                         **Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE PROCESSION

*Celebrant*      **L**et us go forth in peace.  
*People*          **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession around the block, all hold palm branches in their hands and sing "All glory, laud, and honor." The procession ends at the doors of the church.*

## AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH

*Celebrant*      **B**lessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People*          **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**  
*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**A**lmighty 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.*

## HYMN IN PROCESSION HYMN 154

*All glory, laud and honor*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**A**lmighty 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

**T**he 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.**

PSALM 31:9-16  
*Domine, speravi*

*In te,*

9 **H**ave 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 EPISTLE  
Philippians 2:5-11

**L**et 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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN  
LEVAS 31

*Lead Me to Calvary*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.*

**Narrator:** 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?

**Narrator:** He answered him,

**Jesus:** You say so.

**Narrator:** 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.

**Narrator:** But 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. Now 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?

**Narrator:** 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?

**Narrator:** The crowd shouted back,

**Crowd:** Crucify him!

**Narrator:** Pilate asked them,

**Pilate:** Why, what evil has he done?

**Narrator:** But they shouted all the more,

**Crowd:** Crucify him!

**Narrator:** 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,

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

**Narrator:** 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. 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).

*All stand.*

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, "The King of the Jews." 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,

**Passer-by:** Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

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

**Chief Priest:** He saved others; he cannot save himself.

**Scribe:** Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

**Narrator:** 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?

**Narrator:** which means,

**Jesus:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Narrator:** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Bystander 1:** Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

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

**Bystander 2:** Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

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

*[Silence may be kept]*

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!

**Narrator:** [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 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.]

**THE SERMON**  
Frank Morales

The Reverend

*A moment of silence is kept*

**THE PEACE**  
*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY  
Choir

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:  
Eucharistic Prayer C

*Celebrant*                      The Lord be with you.  
*People*                        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*                      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                        **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*                      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*                        **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

**G**od 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 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**H**oly, 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*

**A**nd 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 his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.

*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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All stand. At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say The Lord's Prayer together*

**O**ur 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

*The Celebrant then breaks the bread. A period of silence follows and says,*

*People* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

**T**he Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 33

*He Never Said A Mumblin Word*

*At the end of Communion, all stand and join the Celebrant in saying*

**E**ternal 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.*

#### BLESSING

#### HYMN

*The Palms*

1. **O**'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay  
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,

Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away;  
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Refrain:

Join, sing His name divine,  
Let every voice resound with united acclamation,  
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord,  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

2. His word goes forth, and people by its might  
Once more their freedom gain from degradation;  
Humanity doth give to each his right,  
While those in darkness find restored the light. [Refrain]

3. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,  
Of all thy songs sing the emancipation;  
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem  
Brings forth the hope to thee forevermore. [Refrain]