

# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*All are welcome, because all belong.*

## **Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

March 24, 2024

10 AM



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# The Liturgy of the Palms

*The People and Clergy gather in the Parish Hall.*

*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 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.**

**Introit**

*Hosanna*

- Christian Gregor

## **The Palm Gospel**

**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,

"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.

*Lector:*      The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      Thanks be to God.

# Ride on, King Jesus

## Negro Spiritual

Musical notation for the first system of the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: Ride on, King— Je - sus, No man can - a hin - der me.

Musical notation for the second system of the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: Je - sus, ride on, no man — can - a 1. Ride on, King— Je - sus, ride on, no man can - a hin - der me.

Musical notation for the third system of the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: hin - der me. 2. Fine 1. King Je - sus rides a milk - white horse, No man works like 2. I know that my re - deem - er lives,

Musical notation for the fourth system of the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: Him, 1. De riv - er Jor - d'n He did cross no man works like Him. Oh 2. And of His bless - ing free - ly gives, D.C.

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

The Lord be 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; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

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

*People* Hosanna in the highest.

*The blessed palms are then distributed to the congregation.*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* ***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

*Following the cross, the People process to the church.*

## **Hymn 154 at the Procession**

*Refrain*

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

1) Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessèd One.

2) The company of angels  
is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

3) The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems  
before thee we present.

4) To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

5) Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

## The Ministry of the Word

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* 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.

### **Children's Moment**

*Children are invited to join Father Chris for a Children's Moment*

### **The Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

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 awakens – awakens 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?

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***

### **The Reading from the Epistles**

**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.***

## Song

## *Above All*

1) Above all powers, above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways  
of man

You were here before the world began

2) Above all kingdoms, above all  
thrones

Above all wonders the world has ever  
known

Above all wealth and treasures  
of the earth

There's no way to measure  
What you're worth

*Chorus:*

Crucified, laid behind the stone  
You lived to die, rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all

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## The Homily

The Reverend Chris Tang

Anthem

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

- Thomas Tallis

## Prayers of the People

Morley (adapted)

*These prayers are inspired by the great Psalm of contrition, Psalm 51.*

*Celebrant* Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your  
great compassion, hear our prayers.

*Intercessor* We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the  
holy people of God. Wash us through and through,

*People* And cleanse us from our sin.

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and  
judge. Purge us from our sin,

*People* And we shall be pure.

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

*People*                    that those who are broken may rejoice.

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely. Give them the joy of your saving help,

*People*                    and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

In this season of Lent we pray for the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

*People*    and renew a right spirit within us.

We pray for those who have died and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence,

*People*    and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

*Prayers and Thanksgivings are offered*

Lord Jesus, you proclaimed the Good News in Galilee, saying that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; grant us the strength and wisdom to repent and believe in the Good News, this day and always. Amen.

*Celebrant*            Gracious God, you sent your son not to condemn us, but to save us; hear our prayers in this holy season of Lent, and bring us the gift of your salvation. Amen.

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*    ***And also with you.***

# The Holy Communion

## The Announcements

### Anthem

*My Song Is Love Unknown*  
Martha Cargo, flute

- Mark Schweizer

### Music at the Presentation

### *Song of Thanks and Praise*

Holy Father, with this, our offering  
We give thanks, for we are standing in your grace  
Father we love you, we give you our hearts.  
Standing before you, we open our arms.  
Standing before you we want to receive you;  
We want you to know  
We treasure, treasure your grace.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

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*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 God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread*

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

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*The People offer this Prayer in solidarity with those who are worshipping remotely*

You, O Christ, we worship, and this holy mystery we hold in deep reverence. May your presence dwell within us, as it resides in this bread and wine, that your whole church, transcending time and space, may be brought together in the unity of your grace; and on the final day, when we stand before you, our judge and our advocate, may we share in eternal life together with you. Amen

*Facing the people, the Celebrants says the following invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Music During the Communion

### Song

*Jesus . . .*

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### Hymnal 458 (vs. 1, 2, 7)

*My Song is Love Unknown*

*Love Unknown*

### Song

*We Come Now To The Table*

1. We come now to the table  
To be with you  
We come now to the table  
To be renewed  
We take the bread and take the wine  
In remembrance of you  
You gave your life for us  
On that wooden cross

2. With the heavy cross  
On the road to Calvary  
You sacrificed your life for us  
On that wooden cross  
You poured your blood for us  
To wash away our sins  
You gave your life for us  
On that wooden cross

#### *Chorus:*

With all of my heart  
With all of my soul  
With all of my strength  
And with all of my mind  
I love you

#### *Chorus*

3. We come now to the table  
To be renewed  
To take the bread To take the wine  
In remembrance of you  
Lord, we so love you  
You know we do  
You gave your life for us  
On that wooden cross

#### *Chorus*

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## The Post Communion Prayer

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*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **Song**

## *Bearing Our Crosses*

*Words and Music by Rick LaRocca*

*(Chorus)*

*Jesus we walk this lonely road with you*

*Bearing our crosses, too.*

*Let us feel the tears and the pouring of  
your blood,*

*Ransoming your life for us.*

Cantor: Prince of Peace who lived and  
died for us. It's in your name we  
gather.

In your hour of darkness we pray to  
the Holy Father.

*(Chorus)*

## **The Passion**

### **The reading of the Passion Gospel according to Saint Mark**

*During the reading of the Passion Gospel, the congregation may remain seated until the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*As the Passion is read in parts, the congregation plays the role of "People".*

### **Hymn 172 v. 1, 2, 4**

1) Were you there when they  
crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they  
crucified my Lord?

### *Were You There?*

2) Were you there when they nailed  
him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him  
to the tree?

4) Were you there when they laid him  
in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in  
the tomb?

**Following the reading:**

*After the Blessing has been said, the candles are extinguished. The choir, clergy and other ministers process out in silence. There is no dismissal. The people are asked to maintain silence as they depart. Holy Week has begun.*

**COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S*****Join us for Holy Week & Easter*****Maundy Thursday**

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist  
with Foot-washing and Stripping  
of the Altar

**Good Friday**

7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

**Saturday**

8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

**Easter Day!**

10:00 Holy Eucharist

11:30 Easter Egg Hunt

**April 7: The Second Sunday of Easter**

A Celebration of the Resurrection in  
Scripture and Song

**PALM SUNDAY**

Today's liturgy marks the beginning of Holy Week. In this Palm Sunday service we journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then utterly rejected and crucified at Golgotha outside the gates of the city. Today's reading of Christ's passion sets forth the central act of God's love for humankind. We are not just observers but are part of the passion of Christ and through it we come to know the reality of God's saving action in our lives. Holy Week will culminate in the celebration of the Triduum—the Sacred Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THIS MORNING'S SERVICE**

Celebrant: The Rev. Chris Tang  
Organist: Nina Asgeirsson Feeney  
Praise Band: Margaret and Rick LaRocca,  
Richard Boales, Scott Kramer  
Choir Members: Barbara Barrett, John Beakes, Rosemary  
Beakes, Joanna Boales, Richard Boales, Martha  
Cargo, Sandi Davis, Kris DeWitt, Nancy Hall,  
June Kerger, Michelle Goddard Kim, Dave  
McAdoo, Marianna Stepniak, Susan Stup,  
Charles Wingate

### **Next Week**

Chalicerist:	Beth Mitchell	Kathleen Huffman
Lector:	Beth Mitchell	Bonnie Dixon
Prayer Leader:	Kathleen Huffman	Ron Stup
Altar Guild:	Karen Tang	Karen McAfee
Ushers:	Tim Swygert	Paul Kim
	Paul Kim	Aaron Bird
LiveStream		
Producer:	Michael Gerdes	

## **The Vestry Members and Officers**


Senior Warden: Ron Luman | Junior Warden: Thomas Feeney  
Treasurer: Kathleen Huffman | Registrar: Rich Roca

Dick Mitchell, Sheridan Phillips, Brendon Worst, Bill Brazis,  
Kay Morice, Tim Swygert, Daniel Buettner, Sharon Keeny, and Paul Kim

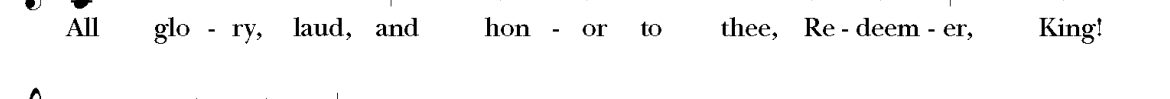
Rector: The Rev. Chris Tang  
Organist and Choir Master: Nina Asgeirsson Feeney  
Praise Band: Rick and Margaret LaRocca  
Office Manager: Nancy Fadely

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor


*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.



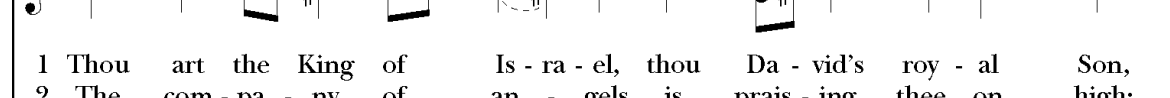
1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,

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*



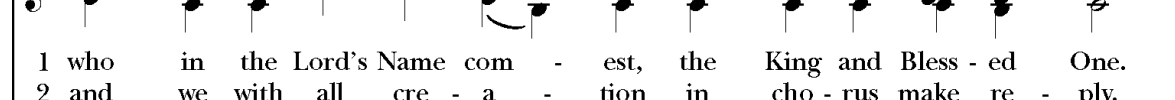
1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.

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 - al - ted, 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.*

# My Song is Love Unknown

*Unison or harmony*

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 \*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -  
 \*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
 \*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst him rise.  
 5 stead-fast he to suf-fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

\*6 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heaven was his home;  
 but mine the tomb  
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 no story so divine:  
 never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine,  
 This is my friend,  
 in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 could gladly spend.



# Were You There?

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 \*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you  
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!  
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!  
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!  
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?