Church of the Most Holy Martyr **Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields**



Palm / Passion Sunday April 9th, 2017

SUNG MASS AND PROCESSION AT 10:30

ORDER OF SERVICE

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation gathers near the table on which the palms have been placed.

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Incense is blessed before the reading of the Palm Gospel.

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

Response And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Response Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel of the Palms: *Matthew 21.1-11*

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

Response Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ 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.

All Amen.

The palm branches are blessed and distributed. During the distribution, the following antiphons and psalm are sung:

Antiphon: The children of the Hebrews, carrying palms and olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

Psalm 24: Domini est terra



- 1 THE EARTH is the Lord's and all that <u>is</u> in it, / the world and all who dwell there in.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the <u>seas</u> / and made it firm upon the <u>riv</u>-ers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? / and who can stand in his ho-ly place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a <u>pure</u> heart, / who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the <u>Lord</u> / and a just reward from the God of <u>their</u> sal-va-tion."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who <u>seek</u> him, / of those who seek your face, O God of Ja-cob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; / and the King of glo-ry shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glo-ry?" /
 - "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, migh-tyoin bat-tle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; / and the King of glo-ry shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glo-ry?" / "The Lord of hosts, he is the <u>King</u> of glo-ry." *Antiphon repeated.*

PROCESSION

Priest Let us go forth in peace.

Response In the name of Christ. A-men.

The congregation follows the chancel party in procession during this hymn:

Hymn: All glory, laud, and honour

ST THEODULPH

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

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and blessed one. *Refrain*

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

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

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

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

The procession will move outdoors during the hymn. The following collect will be said, and a second processional hymn sung.

Collect

Celebrant

Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Hymn: Ride on! ride on in majesty!

WINCHESTER NEW

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry; thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

By the end of the procession, all should be in their places to continue with the Collect of the Day and readings.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a

Reader The word of the Lord.
Response Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31.9-16



- 9 HAVE MER-cy on me, O Lord, for I <u>am</u> in trou-ble; / my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and <u>my</u> bel-lÿ.
- 10 For my life is wasted with *grief*,+ and my <u>years</u> with sigh-ing; / my strength fails me because of affliction, and my <u>bones</u> are con-sümed.
- I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of <u>my</u> ac-quain-tance; / when they see me in the street they <u>a</u>-void më.
- 12 I am forgotten like a <u>dead</u> man, out of mind; / I am as useless as <u>a</u> brooken pöt.
- For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; <u>fear</u> is all a-round; they put their heads together against me; they plot to <u>take</u> my life.
- But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. / I have said, "You are my Göd.

- My <u>times</u> are in your hand; / rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who per-<u>se</u>-cute më.
- Make your face to shine up-<u>on</u> your ser-vant, / and in your loving-kind-<u>ness</u> save më."

Epistle: *Philippians 2.5-11*

Reader The word of the Lord.
Response Thanks be to God.

Passion Gospel

Three readers proclaim the Passion: N. represents the narrator; J. represents Jesus; O. represents the other characters. The congregation is invited to join in the sections marked A., for "All". The usual Gospel announcement and response are not made.

Please remain standing, as you are able. If you prefer, you may sit until the verse which indicates the arrival at Golgotha.

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, **Other:** "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?" **N:** They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, **O:** "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" **N:** He said, **J:** "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.""

N: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, J: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." N: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, O: "Surely not I, Lord?" N: He answered, J: "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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." N: Judas, who betrayed him, said, O: "Surely not I, Rabbi?" N: He replied, J: "You have said so." N: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, J: "Take, eat; this is my body." N: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, J: "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with

you in my Father's kingdom." **N:** When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, **J:** "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." **N:** Peter said to him, **O:** "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." **N:** Jesus said to him, **J:** "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." **N:** Peter said to him, **O:** "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." **N:** And so said all the disciples.

N. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, J: "Sit here while I go over there and pray." N: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, J: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." N: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, J: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." N: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, J: "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." N: Again he went away for the second time and prayed, J: "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."
N: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, J: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

N: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, **O:** "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." **N:** At once he came up to Jesus and said, **O:** "Greetings, Rabbi!" **N:** and kissed him. Jesus said to him, **J:** "Friend, do what you are here to do."

N: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, J: "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" N: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, J: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." N: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

N. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, O: "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" N: The high priest stood up and said, O: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" N: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, O: "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." N: Jesus said to him, J: "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." N: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, O: "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" N: They answered, All: "He deserves death." N: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, All: "Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

N: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, O: "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." N: But he denied it before all of them, saying, O: "I do not know what you are talking about." N: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, O: "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." N: Again he denied it with an oath, O: "I do not know the man." N: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, O: "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." N: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, O: "I do not know the man!" N: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

N. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, O: "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." N: But they said, All: "What is that to us? See to it yourself." N: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, All: "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." N: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on

whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, **O:** "Are you the King of the Jews?" **N:** Jesus said, **J:** "You say so." **N:** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, **O:** "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" **N:** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

O: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

N: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. 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."

N. Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, O: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" N: And they said, All: "Barabbas." N: Pilate said to them, O: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" N: All of them said, All: "Let him be crucified!" N: Then he asked,

O: "Why, what evil has he done?" N: But they shouted all the more, All: "Let him be crucified!"

N: 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, O: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." N: Then the people as a whole answered, All: "His blood be on us and on our children!" N: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 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, All: "Hail, King of the Jews!" N: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, All: "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." N: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, All: "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. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" N: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, J: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" N: that is, J: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" N: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, All: "This man is calling for Elijah." N: 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. But the others said, All: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." N: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

¶ Here all KNEEL, as able, and pause for a period of silence.

N. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. 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, **O:** "Truly this man was God's Son!" N: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, **O**: "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." N: Pilate said to them, O: "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." N: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

At the conclusion of the Passion, no response is made. Please be seated. A period of silence is kept.

Homily: Mtr Maggie Helwig

Nicene Creed BAS, p. 188

Intercessions (Names and prayers may be added to the list at the entrance)

To the petition "We trust in you, O Lord," please respond "For you are our God."

When the departed are prayed for:

Intercessor Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

Response And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Response Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,

welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,

† pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory hymn 186: *The royal banners forward go* VEXILLA REGIS

Prayer over the Gifts

BAS, p. 300

Eucharistic Prayer 3 BAS, p. 198

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface: Preface of Holy Week BAS p. 221

Sanctus (Common Praise 689)

Hurd

Lord's Prayer (BAS p. 918)

McNeil Robinson

Breaking of the BreadBAS, p. 213

Agnus Dei (Common Praise 690)

Time

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion,
please cross your arms over your chest when the communion ministers approach.

Feel free either to stand or to kneel – we ask that you not lean on the rail.

Communion hymn 196: Ah, holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Please stand, as able, for the prayer after communion.

Prayer after Communion

BAS, p. 300

Hurd

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Closing hymn 198: O sacred head PASSION CHORALE

Dismissal

Priest Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Welcome to everyone here today!
Please join us after Mass for refreshments and conversation in the parish hall.

Intercessions List

A list is available each Sunday on the small table at the entrance. Please feel free to add your own petitions, and the names of those you would like prayed for during Mass.

Prayers have been asked today for:

Phyllis; Vanesta; Marcelle; Becky; Mark; Kadeem, Alex; Tejah; Damien; Tannis; Cyrlene & Harmon; Kevin; Beck; Lovina; Michael, Chris; David; Gladston; Barbara; Krista; Victor; Mary; Willow Ashley; John

For announcements and up-coming events, please see the separate take-home leaflet.

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