



PALM SUNDAY

*March 24, 2024
eight o'clock in the morning*

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 24

- 8 a.m. Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Passion
- 9 a.m. Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Passion *
(*Gather in the courtyard*)
- 11 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Singing of the Passion *
- 1 p.m. Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Passion (*in Spanish*)
- 5 p.m. Choral Evensong with Organ Recital at 4:15 p.m. (*with incense*)

Wednesday, March 27

- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Golding Chapel

Maundy Thursday, March 28

- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing, Cathedral Chancel
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing,
and Stripping of the Altar (*bilingual*) *

Good Friday, March 29

- 12:05 p.m. Liturgy for Good Friday
- 7 p.m. Via Crucis/Way of the Cross in the Cathedral (*bilingual*)

Holy Saturday, March 30

- 8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter (*with incense*)
At sundown, the first Eucharist of Easter *

Easter Day, March 31

- 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with hymns
- 9 a.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II *
- 10 a.m. Flowering of the Cross, Bishop's Courtyard
- 11 a.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite I * (*with incense*)
- 1 p.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II (in Spanish)
- 5 p.m. The Well, Celtic Eucharist

* *Childcare provided in the Jones Education Building*

The Sunday of the Passion

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

at eight o'clock in the morning

THE REV. CANON BRADLEY VARNELL
Celebrant

The People's responses are printed in boldface.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Palms are distributed. All hold up their palms during the Blessing of Palms. The following anthem is said.

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PALMS GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy 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 liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Celebrant Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Liturgy of the Word

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE READING

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?

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Mark 15:1–39

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” 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, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” 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, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back,

People **“Crucify him!”**

Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

People **“Crucify him!”**

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,

People **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**

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.

All stand

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, "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,

People **"Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"**

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

People **"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."**

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, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

People **"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."**

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

People **"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."**

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Silence is 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, "Truly this man was the Son of God."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this Sunday of the Passion, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, have mercy.

For God's Church throughout the world, that we may be faithful to our mission to proclaim to all people the gospel of the Cross as the way of love and life, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, the Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, Andrew, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, and for every member of thy holy catholic Church, that we may truly serve thee, following our Lord Jesus who came to serve and give his life as ransom for many, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world and an end to war and conflict; for all in authority and all who serve the common good; and for all who suffer oppression or injustice as Christ was condemned unjustly, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer any grief or trouble, for the sick and those in need, that they may find hope and healing, we pray to thee, who suffered for us all, O Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For the forgiveness of our sins, things done and left undone, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who have died in the communion of thy Church, and those whose faith is known to thee alone, that thou wilt remember them in thy Kingdom, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all thy saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God; O Savior of the world, who by thy Cross and precious blood has redeemed us.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Celebrant

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death, between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are presented by the People.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand, and the Wine either by drinking from the Cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; ask at the altar rail.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE LENTEN DISMISSAL

Priest Bow down before the Lord.

Priest Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Palm Sunday 2024



- ✧ The palms on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God by the late Audrey Jones Beck in loving memory of her husband, John A. Beck, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tilford Jones, her grandmother, Mrs. Neta V. Taylor and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Jones.
- ✧ The palms at the pulpit are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for all those who come to this pulpit to enlighten and inspire.
- ✧ The palms at the lectern are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Robert Weldon Maurice.
- ✧ The palms at the baptismal font are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Phyllis Renfro by Rick Ankrom and Jay Hooker.
- ✧ The palms on the processional crosses are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Carter Roberts Boyd.
- ✧ The palms at the World War I Memorial are given to the glory of God in memory of her parents, Jean and George C. Morris Jr. and her grandparents, Mary and George C. Morris, Sr. by Penny Morris.
- ✧ The palms at the World War II Memorial are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dolly Bille.
- ✧ The palms in the Golding Chapel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Seller J. Thomas, Jr. by his family.



Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral



If you are a guest today, we offer a warm welcome to Christ Church! Please complete a welcome card found in the pew racks so we can get to know you. Drop the card in the alms basin or hand it to one of the welcome team or staff members after the service. For further information, visit our website at www.christchurchcathedral.org or call the office directly at 713-222-2593.

To learn more about the ministries of Christ Church Cathedral and how you can get involved, read our monthly newsletter, The Bulletin, see our upcoming events, and subscribe to our weekly e-newsletters to stay informed. You can find all this information and more at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/get-connected.

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong this evening at 5 p.m. in place of The Well. This special service will begin with an organ recital featuring Cathedral organist Tom Marvil at 4:15 p.m. Please note that incense will be used at this service. Learn more at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/evensong

If you are new to the Cathedral or feel that you are, you're invited to join us for a Newcomers Welcome Party on Wednesday, April 10, from 6-8 p.m. Get to know the clergy, staff, church leaders, and fellow newcomers at this relaxed gathering. For questions or to RSVP and receive address details, contact Elizabeth Cuevas, Minister for Community Life and Welcome, at ecuevas@christchurchcathedral.org

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