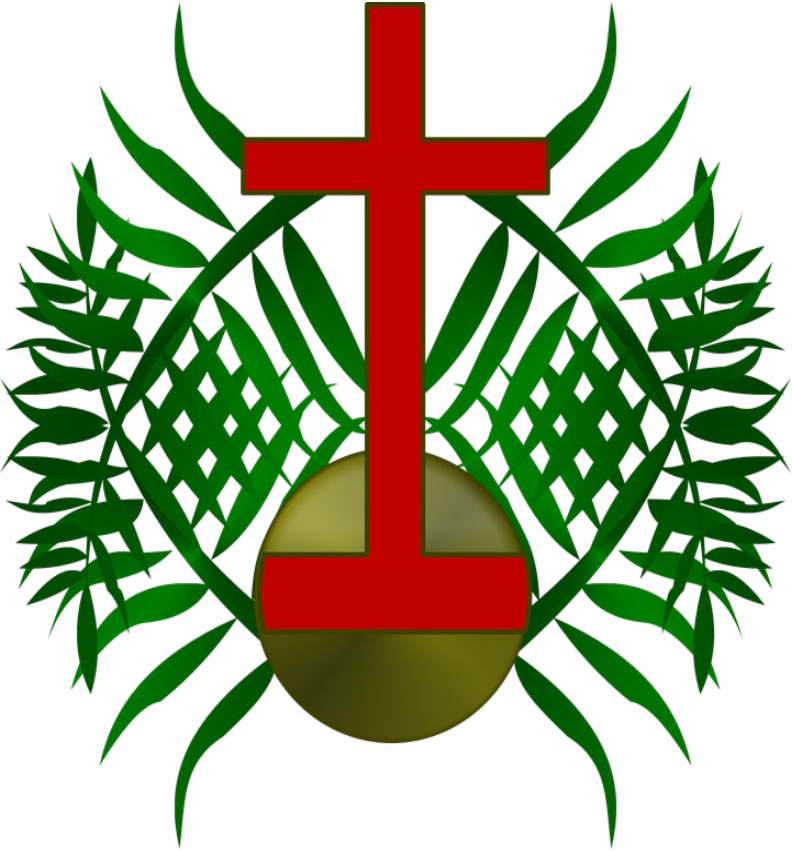


Sunday of the Passion
Holy Eucharist Rite II
March 28, 2021 ~ 10:30 a.m.



Saint Theodore's Episcopal Church

The Right Reverend Larry R. Benfield,
Bishop of Arkansas

All of the following service can be found in the
1979 Book of Common Prayer
Scripture lessons are taken from the
Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for Year B
and are from the New Revised Standard Version
of the Bible

Prelude *Lord God, now open the gates of heaven* Walther
 Ride on, ride on in majesty Metzger

Processional *All glory, laud, and honor* **Hymn 154**

Liturgy of the Palms

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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 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.*

Celebrant A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had
reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two
disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you,

and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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 him 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. 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 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Officiant **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.*

Please be seated

Psalm 22:1-11

To be said by all in unison

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

- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;*
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,*
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you;*
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;*
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,*
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;*
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;*
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,*
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;*
you were my God when I was still in my mother's
womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,*
and there is none to help.

Gospel Hymn *When I survey the wondrous cross* **Hymn 474**

The Passion Gospel: Mark 15:1-39

Celebrant The Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The congregation may remain seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

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, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "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, "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. 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, "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, "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, "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, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 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 God's Son!"

Sermon (*Sit*)

Father Grisham

Prayers of the People – Form III (BCP 387)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Litanist Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Litanist Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Litanist We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Litanist We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Litanist Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Litanist Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Litanist Give to the departed eternal rest; especially all those who have succumbed to the Corona virus.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Litanist We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Litanist Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; for those of our parish family for whom prayers have been asked: Don, Rose, Gene, Julia, Angie, Amanda, Marianne, Becky, Karen Kay, Valerie, Elwin, Sue, the Rector Search Committee, and all those who have contracted Covid-19 and all who care for them. *(Pause)*

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer A (BCP 361)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and the following is said.

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.**

Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 our 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.

People *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and the following is said.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.

Celebrant receives Communion in both kinds and then invites the online congregation to receive a spiritual communion.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional to express one's desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent them from actually receiving the consecrated elements.

Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and Online Congregation

Beloved Jesus,

I believe that you are present

in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things,

and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you

in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,

come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.

Let me never be separated from you

in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant distributes communion to the congregation. Please remain in your pew, either standing or kneeling as you are able.

After communion has been distributed to the congregation present, Celebrant says the following to Eucharistic Visitors:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, Rose, Marianne and Neva, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

Closing Prayer

Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People (BCP 365)

**Eternal 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.**

The Blessing

The Eternal One has emptied God's Divine Self into our humanity, taking our human brokenness, suffering and death into God's own heart.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself even unto death and is now exalted.

May the Spirit waken your ear morning by morning that you may carry your cross with courage and faith.

And the blessing of our humble God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you uphold you, now and for ever.
Amen.

Dismissal

The Celebrant says the words of dismissal

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

Recessional

At the name of Jesus

Hymn 435

Postlude

Herzliebster Jesu

Leupold

Congregation to depart quietly following ushers' instructions and observing social distancing.



Receiving Private Communion today:
Rose Bernath, Marianne Farner & Neva Woolsey

Participants in the Service

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Reverend Lowell Grisham
<i>Organist</i>	Annette Zehring
<i>Acolyte</i>	Josh Goodrich
<i>Litanist</i>	Nancy Nagle
<i>Eucharistic Visitor</i>	Diane Landmesser