



Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.  
Text of prayers and lessons are included here. Please review the in person guidelines.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

10:00AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
*The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366*

### THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Presider:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

*Presider:* 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.**

*Here the Priest reads the Gospel account of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.*

#### Mark 11:1-11a

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.

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



*Giotto: Entry into Jerusalem*

*The Presider continues:* 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.**

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

*People:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider:* Let us go forth in peace.

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

*The Presider continues with following Collect:*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to glory 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.**

## Prelude

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*, Arr. Mark Hayes  
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*This prelude is played as the Procession enters the church.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

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.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

*Psalm 31:9-16 (Please stand)*

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

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.

**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

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.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. (Please be seated.)**

**The Gospel: *The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.***  
*Please open the Passion Gospel booklet and participate in the dramatic reading.*

## Sermon

**Peter Munson**

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor:* Let us give thanks to our Lord for all his blessings, especially for loving us so passionately that he died for us so we may live. As we walk with Jesus through the coming week, Holy Week, let us not move quickly towards Easter, but make time each day to study, pray, and remember our Lord's journey to the cross. As we reflect upon our Lord's crucifixion and death, may we more fully understand the magnitude of God's love for us – and praise Him for his mercy and goodness.

Lord Jesus, help us imagine we are walking with you from your triumphal entry into Jerusalem to your victorious death on a cross. As we make the journey from celebration to mourning, your path becomes so difficult, and your cross so heavy, that although we want to walk with you, we sometimes choose to walk away. When we are tempted to seek our own paths and do our will instead of yours, remind us to stop, pray, and ask you help us follow your way, the path you have chosen for us, the path of self-giving love and service that leads to life in all its fullness.

\_\_\_ Lord Jesus, help us die to our old selves, our old ways, \_\_\_ **that we may truly live.**

Lord Jesus, when we and the world's people are faced with situations where we have the option of choosing to do what is right and just or what is expedient and crowd-pleasing, give us the courage to make decisions that give light and life rather than darkness and death; and give us the will to use whatever power and resources we have been given to bring your justice to all people, that our broken lives and world may be made whole, all people and creation may flourish, and your kingdom of love and peace may reign on earth.

\_\_\_ Lord Jesus, you challenged the world's ways and showed us God's way;

\_\_\_ **may we love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Lord Jesus, in faith we ask that you comfort, heal and give hope to all people who are suffering. We lift up to you now those we hold in our hearts who are grieving, lonely, ill, injured, in pain, danger or any other distress [*names may be offered aloud*]. We also ask that you guide, protect, heal and uplift our nation and leaders, your church in the world, your church in Aspen, our interim rector Peter and his family, our families, and all of us who put our trust in you and say, *You are my God*.

\_\_\_ Lord Jesus, you know our pain and suffering; \_\_\_ **in your loving-kindness heal and save us.**

### **Let us pray for our families and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.**

We pray for our friends, Marsha, Diana, Peter and Julia Munson, Don, Jessica & Philip, George Baker, Keith Gardner, and Bobbi Ann. We pray for Roger, Joann all, Heta & Hubert, Tony, Brad Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, Galileo and little Otto. We pray for all who serve this great nation in uniform in nearby and far-off places. We pray for the young people and students of Aspen.

*Presider:* Lord Jesus, in your passion and death, you have given us new life. Give us the strength to make the journey with you to the cross; and give us the courage and perseverance to remain with you as you endure your humiliation, suffering and death. As we look upon your cross, help us see that your undying love is stronger than death and that nothing can ever separate us from your love. Truly you are God's son, and in your holy name we pray, Lord Jesus. \_\_\_ **AMEN.**

### **The Peace** *All stand.*

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Offertory**

*In the Garden, Arr. Lisa Hoekstra*

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### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*The people remain standing*)

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds:*

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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus**

**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 Presider 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:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider 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 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.*

*Please stand and join hands with the persons nearest you, including those across the aisle.*

*Presider:* 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**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:*

*Presider:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

### **Invitation and Distribution of Holy Communion**

*After the Invitation, members of the congregation will be invited to come pick up the blessed elements, one per person, at the altar rail. Please come up the center aisle and return to your seat via the outside aisle. After everyone has returned to their seats we will all receive communion together.*

### **Communion Music**

*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness, Arr. Dan Forrest*

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### **Post-communion Prayer**

*Presider and People:* **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.**

Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers

### **Holy Week Prayer (in unison.)**

*All:* **Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience you died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### **Postlude**

*Ride On, King Jesus, Arr. Gina Sprunger*

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