



SAINT JOHN'S
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LOVE at the CORE.

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 | 8 a.m.



Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, Pietro Lorezetti (circa 1320)

✻ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✻

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

✻ THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS ✻

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 now hear the words of the Gospel of Mark.

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.

-Mark 11:1-11

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn 154 (*Stanzas 1-3*)

"All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!"
Valet will ich dir geben

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence.

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.

Psalm 31:9-16 (*read in unison*)

**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."**

✠ THE PASSION GOSPEL ✠

Mark 15:1-39

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The Congregation reads the parts for the People in bold. The Congregation is seated until the verse that mentions Jesus' arrival at Golgotha.

Narrator 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,
Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"
Narrator He answered him,
Jesus "You say so."
Narrator Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,
Pilate "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."
Narrator 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,

Pilate “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator 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,

Pilate “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

Narrator They shouted back,

People “Crucify him!”

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

People “Crucify him!”

Narrator 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!”

Narrator 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!”

Narrator 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.”

Narrator 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,

Jesus “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

Narrator which means,
Jesus “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,
People “**Listen, he is calling for Elijah.**”
Narrator 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.**”
Narrator Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

+ *Silence* +

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,

People “**Truly this man was God’s Son!**”

All sit.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Chip Stokes

A period of silence is kept.

All stand.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God’s help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Let us now pray for those who will be welcomed into The Episcopal Church today: Terry Alan Tilley, Wanda Sherrine Griswold, Karen Bay Baber, Earl Kevin Jones, Lyla Eden Poole, Martha Peek Sacks, Katie Elizabeth Garner, Jonah Crane, Jeanne V. Imhoff, Jeanne Bass Winston, Jeffrey Edward Lewis, Lyle David Mullican, Elaine Wood, Molly Adelaide McGee, Gregory Peyton Valencia, and Denise Morris Hudmon.

Almighty God, we ask you to bless these people who will become part of The Episcopal Church. May your Holy Spirit inspire and rule their hearts, leading them into all goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another with the peace of Jesus.

Welcome and Announcements



As the altar is prepared for Communion, please place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed. You may also give by texting jaxcathedral \$(amount) to 73256. Or use the QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity.

∞ THE HOLY COMMUNION ∞

Hymn 380 (*8 a.m., Stanza 3*)

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”
Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

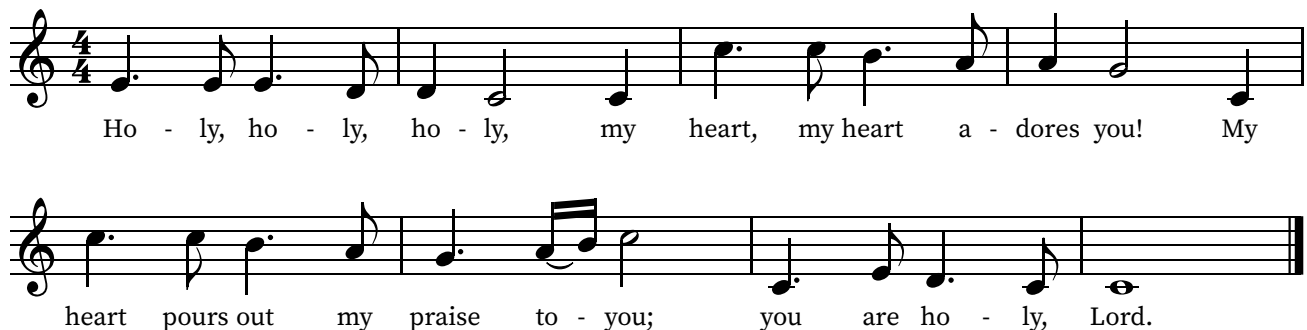
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus (*Sung three times*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart
WLP 785



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
heart pours out my praise to - you; you are ho - ly, Lord.

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into

our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

All 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.

Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Celebrant 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.

All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Please let clergy know if you would like a gluten free wafer. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by folding your arms across your chest. If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come to the altar, please ask an usher for assistance. You are also invited to receive prayers in our chapel to the left of the altar.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All stand.

Hymn 154 (*Stanzas 4-5*)

“All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!”

Valet will ich dir geben

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



There is no music following today's service because we are already contemplating the costly and wondrous love poured out on this most holy of all weeks.

∞ LOVE AT THE CORE ∞

Love at the Core is our motto; it refers to the heart of who we are. For nearly 200 years, St. John's Cathedral has sought to lead people in worship and community service here in the urban core of Jacksonville. We believe that through beauty, art, and worship we can draw people into community to experience God's love and serve those in need. We are a diverse congregation that welcomes all people. You are welcome to learn about the love of Jesus with us.

Our Clergy



**The Very Rev.
Kate Moorehead Carroll**
Dean



**The Rev.
Mark S. Anderson**
Subdean



The Rev. Eric Kahl
Associate Priest



**The Rev. Dr.
Linda Privitera**
Associate Priest



The Rev. Sandra Kidd
Deacon for Pastoral Care
and Outreach

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✧ INFORMATION ✧

FOR VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us today. To learn more about membership, baptism, confirmation or to receive emails about upcoming events, fill out a connection card found in the pew and hand it to an usher or clergy. Or, visit jaxcathedral.org/welcome and fill out a card online.

HAKIMIAN NURSERY

Our nursery is staffed with trained caregivers for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old every Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to Noon.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian formation for ages 4 through 12th grade is offered at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to meet in the Narthex to process behind the choir down the aisle and out to their various classrooms. We rejoin the worship service at the time of The Peace.

PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYER

The prayer line is always open. Please let us know what you need and how we can pray for you. Many parishioners appreciate our clergy being with them prior to surgery. If you are having a medical procedure and would like pre-op prayers, please call the church office (904) 356-5507.

If you are calling after hours, press 4, and your call will be routed to a member of the clergy. You may also choose the prayer request option under "Contact" on our website for a quick and confidential response.

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EVENTS

Cultural Dinner: Latin and South America

Saturday, April 6 | 6 p.m. | Taliaferro Hall

\$30 per person

A dinner to celebrate the many cultures of our Cathedral parish courtesy of the Baking Ministry. Register in Realm or Scan the QR Code.



Hunger Fight 2024

Sunday, April 7 | Noon to 2 p.m.

Following the 10:30 a.m. service in Taliaferro Hall. Sign the whole family up for an action-packed intergenerational event that will feed our neighbors. Register in Realm by April 1.



Free Wheelchair Mission Kickoff Events-Save the Dates!

Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14

Free Wheelchair Mission is the world's largest nonprofit manufacturer of cost-efficient, durable wheelchairs designed for the developing world. Since 2001, they have distributed more than 1.4 million wheelchairs to individuals living with disabilities in 95 countries, providing renewed dignity, independence, and hope through the gift of mobility.

Free Wheelchair Mission Founder Don Schoendorfer and Director of Development Angela Gomez will visit St. John's Cathedral Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14.

Brunch and Mimosas Reception

Saturday, April 13 | 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Home of Wendy and John Anderson

Brunch provided by the St. John's Cathedral Baking Ministry

Open to all, registration is required as space is limited.



Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Reception

Saturday, April 13 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Home of Beth and Michael Kirwan

Open to all, registration is required as space is limited.



Dean's Forum

Sunday, April 14 | 9 a.m.

Taliaferro Hall

Open to all. No registration required.

Coffee Hour and Book Signing*

Sunday, April 14 | 11:15 a.m.

Taliaferro Hall

**Miracle Wheels: The Story of a Mission to Bring Mobility to the World*, by Don Schoendorfer is available at the St. John's Cathedral Bookstore and Gift Shop. All proceeds support Free Wheelchair Mission.