



Welcome to Christ Church

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday



8 a.m. Service is found on page 323 of Prayer Book (Gold Cross on cover). It will include a blessing of the palms; **10:15 Service** is in the leaflet and the service starts in the Great Hall with the Blessing of the Palms and Procession. **Hymns** are in the larger blue books. **Intercession fill-in list** is on the stand.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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 pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O 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.**

A Reading from Mark's Gospel:

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethpage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

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

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 may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit in glory. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

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

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 *(Together)*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * "His mercy endures for ever."

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,*

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord;* the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank thee that thou hast answered me* and hast become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected* has become the head of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing;* it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the Lord has made;* let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save us, we beseech thee, O Lord!* O Lord, we beseech thee, give us success!

26 Blessed be he who enters in the name of the Lord!* We bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light.*

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!

28 Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee;* thou art my God, I will extol thee.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;* for his steadfast love endures for ever!

10:15 a.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II (Readings for other services)

154 Opening Hymn *(begins after everyone has come back into the Great Hall)*

from Common Worship: Ch. of Eng.

Celebrant: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

People: **O my God, in you I trust.**

Celebrant: You are the God of my salvation;

People: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Celebrant: In you I hope all the day long.

People: **O my God, in you I trust.**

Celebrant: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,

People: **For they are from everlasting.**

Celebrant: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

People: **O my God, in you I trust.**

WLP 840 Kyrie *(sung responsively together)* *Leader: Kyrie* All: **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: Christe All: **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.** *Leader: Kyrie* All: **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

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

A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Isaiah 50:4-9

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 wakens—wakens 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.



In-to your hands I com-mend my spir-it.

Psalm 31:1-4,7,16

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * *deliver me in your righteousness.*
- 2 Incline your ear to me; * *make haste to deliver me.* [antiphon]
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * *for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.*
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * *for you are my tower of strength.* [antiphon]
- 7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; * *for you have seen my affliction; you knew my distress.*
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * *and in your loving-kindness save me."* [antiphon]

A Reading (Lesson) from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: Thanks be to God.

474 Gradual Hymn (verses 1 & 2 before Gospel, 3 & 4 after Gospel) (please all stand)

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (People: Glory to you, Lord Christ)

(found in your yellow choral reading booklet: Special readers please stand when you read)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Message Jane Hale (all may be seated)

The Nicene Creed – *(standing as possible)* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People Form IV (kneeling or standing)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *We pray for those in the Armed Forces but especially for: Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Tim and Jay (and names from the sheet)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *For those celebrating birthdays...Nathaniel Heath, Ryan Black, David Eichorn, Meghan Eichorn, Liam Adams (and names from the sheet)... and for those celebrating anniversaries... (and names from the intercession sheet)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *But especially for.... (any on our list)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *And especially... (any on our list)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Together: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known**

and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of *thy* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

Offertory Anthem *The Palms* by Faure' (the ushers pass the collection plates)

380 Offertory Presentation Hymn (verse 3 only) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

The Holy Eucharist: Prayer A (*all standing as are able*)

S120 *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.**

The Celebrant continues..... 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:

S130 *Together.....* ***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.***

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:

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

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.**

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

S164 Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

645 Children's Entrance Hymn

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymns during Communion (458, 313, LEVAS 74) (*all baptized are invited to communion*)

Thanksgiving Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray together

Celebrant and People: God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing (followed by the choral Amen)

Announcements

435 Closing Hymn

Postlude

Announcements for Palm Sunday: March 20, 2016

Welcome to your church in the Great Hall! The extensive cleaning in the church is about to start (scaffolding, stained glass, floor to roof line!). In the meantime this gives us an opportunity to experiment a little with our worship-style.

Communion uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the wafer only, if you prefer, or "intinct" the wafer into the wine. Non-gluten wafers? Check with clergy. Thanks to service participants! (the schedule is on the back table). Communion is done at "stations": Bread/Wafers first and then one of the chalices. We will send a "communion team" to other parts of the building, if necessary.

Church School –To find out more about our "Feasting on the Word" curriculum for Easter and current "Moses" program speak with Vestry Liaisons, Kim Bergandahl or Melissa Zahansky or **Nicole Nichols** [**churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com**](mailto:churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com)

Girl Scout Cookie orders are in! See Fiona Rigney or Kate or Molly Landis.

Lenten Programs: LentenWords "hard copy" for the whole season on the back table. **Faith, Humanity and Science:** A Conversation with Krista Tippett & guest scientists. Final Monday at 6:30 p.m., listen to an interview and converse (at the Rectory with Dave). March 21st: Exoplanets & Love: Science that connects us.

Community Kitchen Fund-raising: The First Congregational Church of Woodstock, 543 Rte. 169, will host a concert to benefit Community Kitchens on **Friday, April 1st at 8:00 pm** featuring the **Bluegrass Gospel Project**.

Teen Program: J2A and YAC activities, see separate email notices; J2A students and their parents need to take a look at the *Wonder Voyage* website and start checking out possible trips; Rite-13 (grades 6-7), J2A (8-9) and YAC (10 grade+); Catherine Bastow: 860-928-3575; catherinebastow@sbcglobal.net

Vestry: Planning Meeting starting with lunch on Sunday, April 3rd. (No meeting in March)

Vine and Branches Mural: See Rite-13ers or Jim Goodwin to get your photo taken!

Visions & Ventures/Stewardship for 2016: It's never too late to submit your pledge! The total is currently 83 pledges for approximately \$190,354. We're getting there. Our working goal is \$213, 592. Thank you!

Women's Spiritual Growth Workshop: 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 22nd** in the library (or larger space) for spiritual exploration and celebrating our Sisterhood! Just bring yourself. Jane Hale at jclhale@charter.net.

Worship Upcoming: Wednesday in Holy Week, 7:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist; Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Table Eucharist at the Rectory, followed by a simple meal, soup & bread provided; Good Friday Walking the Labyrinth starts at 7:30 a.m. with the Liturgy at 6:30 in the Great Hall (using the Labyrinth); Holy Saturday, 10 a.m. Eggstravaganza/Telling of the Passion for our families; Easter Sunday, March 27th (Dave, preacher) 8 and 10:15 services with closed circuit TV as necessary.

House-keeping:

Courier Deadline for April: March 21st; *We will mail out first class to those who request it.* Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). **Do we have your email or snail-mail address?** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

Directories... there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

CSO – Community Kitchen on March 28th; Cooking a meal at CCPomfret and taking it to the Hill Church (1st Cong.) in Woodstock. See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor. **We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS.**

Flowers: the memorial/thanksgiving form is on the stand in back. Master Flower Sign-up outside the office .

Pastoral Call Emergencies should be directed to office (860-315-7780) or Fr. Dave's cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-315-7780.

Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More in the hallway closet by the offices: Rebecca Patenaude: patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com.

Special Mission - the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer's programs on Spirituality are in the Reminder.



March 23rd – Wednesday Healing Eucharist at 7:30 a.m. (Great Hall)

March 24th - Maundy Thursday:

Taize' style Table Eucharist followed by Potluck Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Carter's home

March 25th – Good Friday; Walking the labyrinth in the Great Hall

Labyrinth Good Friday Liturgy service at 6:30 p.m. (Great Hall)

March 26th – Eggstravaganza 10 a.m. Great Hall

Rectory Chapel Service 4 p.m. at the Tang Center

March 27th – Easter Services (8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. in the Great Hall)

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LEVAS 74

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. **D.C.**