# Jalm Sunday

# Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place === Zoom Service with Full Eucharist === The Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday: March 28, 2021 THE ORDER OF SERVICE

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

# 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 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.* 

#### Mark 11:1-11

NARRATOR: When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the

Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them,

JESUS: "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."

NARRATOR: 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,

BYSTANDER: "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

NARRATOR: 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,

PEOPLE: "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!"

NARRATOR: 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 People raise their palm crosses at home for the blessing.

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 God 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.

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

People Hosanna in the highest. Let us go forth in peace. Deacon

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

The People sing the following, waving their palm crosses at home.

Gather #294, "Ride On, Jesus, Ride," refrain, v. 1, and refrain

Refrain: Verse 1:

Ride on, Jesus, ride, King Jesus rides on a milk white horse.

Ride on, Jesus, ride. Ride on, Jesus, ride.

Ride on, Jesus, conquering King, The river Jordan he did cross.

Ride on, Jesus, ride. Ride on, Jesus, ride.

> Ride on, Jesus, conquering King. Ride, on, Jesus, ride. (to Refrain)

Opening Hymn – Hymnal #154, "All Glory, Laud and Honor," v. 1, 2 & 3

Verse 1: Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor Thou art the King of Israel, to thee, Redeemer, King! thou David's royal Son, To whom the lips of children who in the Lord's Name comest,

made sweet hosannas ring. the King and Blessed One.

(to Refrain)

Verse 2: Verse 3:

The company of angels The people of the Hebrews is praising thee on high; with palms before thee went; and we with all creation our praise and prayers and anthems in chorus make reply. before thee we present.

(to Refrain) (to Refrain)

# The Collect for Palm Sunday

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.

Celebrant And now the readings:

The First Reading – The Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: 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?

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

Thanks be to God. People

# **Psalm** – Psalm 31:9-16 In te, Domine, speravi

Reader: 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 Second Reading** – The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

*Reader:* 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.

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NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

(The Gospel – Mark 14:1 - 15:47)

NARRATOR: The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said,

CHIEF PRIEST: "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR: When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant.

GUEST: "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."

NARRATOR: They were infuriated with her. Jesus said,

JESUS: "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

NARRATOR: Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

DISCIPLE: "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: He sent two of his disciples and said to them,

JESUS: "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there."

NARRATOR: The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS: "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

NARRATOR: They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one,

DISCIPLE: "Surely it is not I?"

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

NARRATOR: While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

JESUS: "Take it; this is my body."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS: "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed. But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him.

PETER: "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be."

NARRATOR: Then Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: But he vehemently replied,

PETER: "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR: And they all spoke similarly. Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I pray."

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them,

JESUS: "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch."

NARRATOR: He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said,

JESUS: "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will."

NARRATOR: When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter,

JESUS: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR: Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them,

JESUS: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR: Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying,

JUDAS: "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely."

NARRATOR: He came and immediately went over to him and said,

JUDAS: "Rabbi."

NARRATOR: And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply,

JESUS: "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled."

NARRATOR: And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.

They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

WITNESS: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands."

NARRATOR: Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying,

HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?"

NARRATOR: But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him,

HIGH PRIEST: "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?"

NARRATOR: Then Jesus answered,

JESUS: "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

NARRATOR: At that the high priest tore his garments and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

NARRATOR: They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him,

PRIEST: "Prophesy!"

NARRATOR: And the guards greeted him with blows. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said,

MAID: "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

NARRATOR: But he denied it saying,

PETER: "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about."

NARRATOR: So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

MAID: "This man is one of them."

NARRATOR: Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,

BYSTANDER: "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean."

NARRATOR: He began to curse and to swear,

PETER: "I do not know this man about whom you are talking."

NARRATOR: And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." He broke down and wept.

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He said to him in reply,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him,

PILATE: "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of."

NARRATOR: Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast, he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered,

PILATE: "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: For he knew that it was out of envy 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 again said to them in reply,

PILATE: "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted again,

# CONGREGATION (All Readers): "Crucify him."

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Why? What evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: They only shouted the louder,

# CONGREGATION (All Readers): "Crucify him."

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with,

SOLDIER: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passerby, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull. They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see 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." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDER: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross."

NARRATOR: Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said,

CHIEF PRIESt: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice.

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: ... which is translated,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

BYSTANDER: "Look, he is calling Elijah."

NARRATOR: One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

BYSTANDER: "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

NARRATOR: Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. (Silence.)

NARRATOR: The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURIAN: "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

NARRATOR: There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene; Mary, the mother of the younger James and of Joses; and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid.

NARRATOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

(Several moments of silence)

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# **The Holy Communion**

# **The Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

# The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **Eucharistic Prayer A** From the Book of Common Prayer

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.

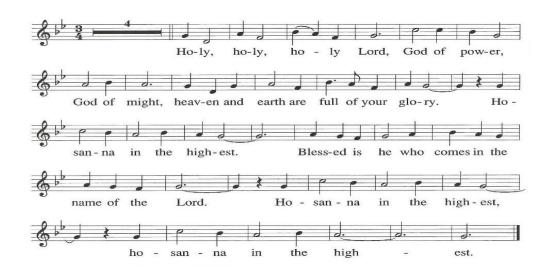
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

#### **Sanctus**



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Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

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*.

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** *After a short silence, the following is said:*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

#### **Fraction Anthem**



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#### Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

You may participate at home by taking your prepared hosts at this time if you so desire.

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving** The Presider and People pray together

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.

# Closing Hymn – Hymnal #168, "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded," v. 1, 2 & 3

#### Verse 1:

O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn: what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!

# Verse 2:

Thy beauty, long desiréd hath vanished from our sight; thy power is all expiréd and quenched the light of light. Ah me! for whom thou diést hide not so far thy grace: show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.

#### Verse 3:

In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry, with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die. Ah, keep my heart thus movéd to stand thy cross beneath, to mourn thee, well belovéd, yet thank thee for thy death.

# **Presider Blessing**

Presider May you receive all the blessings bestowed to those who have faith, through the

Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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