



The Sunday of the Passion:  
Palm Sunday

5 April 2020 @ 9:30 AM

Grace Episcopal Church  
Randolph, New York

ANTHEM      *All glory, laud, and honor*      *Hymnal 1982 #154 v3*

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

*Matthew 21:1-11 [NRSV]*

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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him 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 in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A REFLECTION

*The Rev Tom Broad*

THE PASSION STORY IN CARTOON:

*Hosanna?*

## THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. **Amen.**

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. **Amen.**

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. **Amen.**

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. **Amen.**

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. **Amen.**

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. **Amen.**

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

**Amen.**

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

**Amen.**

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ, heal us.

**Jesus Christ, heal us.**

Let us pray together in the words Jesus has given us:

**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 COLLECT AT THE PRAYERS

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 BLESSING

**Please join the worship with our Bishop and people from throughout the diocese of WNY & NWPA at 10:00 am**  
<https://zoom.us/j/127336938>

Password: lakeerie

*For worship you do NOT need a camera or microphone, you can view the worship on your computer and use chat to respond to prayers.*

**Followed by Coffee Hour at Grace Church at 10:45 am**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/956268380?pwd=MTN6aGNodmUvM1rTTdUOFU2NU53QT09>

*If you do not have a camera and microphone on your computer, or no computer at all, you can still be part of Coffee Hour by telephone ...*

Phone Number: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 956 268 380

Password: GRACE. (note: ALL CAPS)

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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