



Saint Matthew's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer – Rite II
Palm Sunday & the Sunday of the Passion
March 28, 2021
10:00 am

*The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. While we're online, these words will be led by someone on screen so that you can read and pray with them. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Find a comfortable place to sit. Kneel or stand for the prayers if you'd like. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.*

The People were invited to pick up palms before worship – if they weren't able to do that, they're invited to pick them up at the church after worship as well!

Prelude

BWV 666 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Jesus Christus unser Heiland

The Liturgy of the Palms

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

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Officiant 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.**

Gospel of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11

Lector A Reading from 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Blessing of the Palms

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Officiant 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 the 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 forever. **Amen.**

Officiant
People

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The People are invited to process around the room with the Palms while singing the hymn.

Hymn 154

Valet will ich dir geben

The People are invited to sing and process at home.

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence of scripture.

Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Mark 8:34

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Officiant and People say together

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

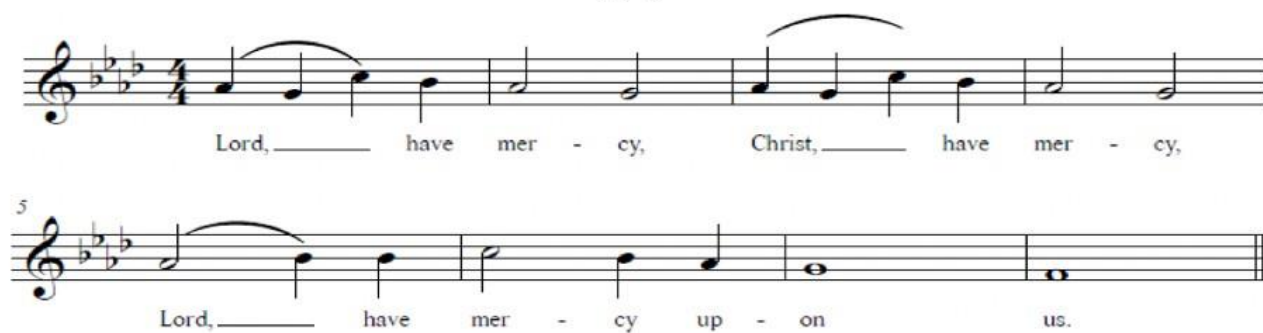
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Song of Praise – Kyrie eleison

Sung by all



The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 31:9-16

In te Domine, speravi

*Choir and the People chant the psalm; the People join in the verses in **bold**.*



⁹ Have mercy on me O LORD for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief and my years with / sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones / are consumed.**

¹¹ 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.

¹² **I am forgotten like a dead man out of / mind; * I am as
useless as a / broken pot.**

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in you O / LORD. *
I have said, "You / are my God.**

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who
persecute me.

¹⁶ **Make your face to shine upon your / servant, *
and in your loving-kind- / ness save me."**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 10

The Second Song of Isaiah

Officiant and People say together

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.**

**Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

**And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,**

**Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,**

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *

it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
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.

The Second Lesson

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 has 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*If you would like to follow along with the reading of the Passion, [click here](#) (opens new tab). The People are invited to read the parts of the "Congregation." When we come to the place of the crucifixion, to Golgotha**, please stand as you are able.*



The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People say together

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

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.

**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 Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People say together

**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.**

V: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R: **And grant us your salvation.**

V: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R: **Let your people sing with joy.**

V: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V: Let your way be known upon earth;

R: **Your saving health among all nations.**

V: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten.

R: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

An Intercessor begins, the People respond with the words in bold.

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.**

On this day the church hears again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. We follow along the steep road into Jerusalem as pilgrims continue to do, recalling the love poured out for all. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For the whole church throughout the world, for bishops, clergy, and all the baptized, and particularly for the Church in Jerusalem, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For those who are preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for their teachers and mentors. For schools everywhere, and for all those who seek a future of reason and hope for the next generation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For peace among the nations and forbearance among all people, for the building of hope in our Holy Land. For our Jewish and Muslim siblings, and for all who seek to open windows between our faiths, so that we might learn how to listen to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For this assembly, scattered as we are, that we may share a holy journey to the cross; and for all those who have carried forth our faith since the time of the first Apostles, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For the weary, for the sick, for those who are consumed with sorrow, for the forgotten, for the isolated, and for all who have commended themselves to us for any need, especially Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Carolann, Linda, Rob, David, Jane, MaryAnn, Roy, Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Dawn, Barrie, Donnie, David, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Gene, Kathy, Bo, Geoff, Dann and for all those we now name [_____], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For all who are in harm's way, especially those who serve in the military, Jake and Matthew. For all who risk being in interfaith dialogue with those different from themselves and who seek peace in our Holy Land. For all healthcare workers and first responders, may they know healing who put themselves at risk to seek the healing of others. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For all who have died, [especially_____] and those we now name [_____]. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

We give thanks for all the departed who shared the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God. And we ask your help, O God, that our faith may lead us to that feast prepared for those who love you since the foundations of the earth. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

The People are invited to offer prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession either silently or aloud.

Officiant

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People say together

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with
truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people saying

**Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a
firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of
God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit guard you this night and
forevermore. Amen.**

Closing Hymn 168

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

The People are invited to sing at home.

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3 and 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.
 Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hessler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Postlude

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Fuga from *Sonata No. 2*

Worship Leaders

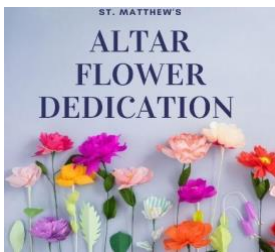
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Prayer Requests *Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for six weeks. Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list. **You are encouraged to offer your own prayers silently or aloud as indicated in the Prayers of the People.***

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: *Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Carolann, Linda, Rob, David, Jane, MaryAnn, Roy, Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Barrie, Dawn, Donnie, David, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Patricia, Frank, Gene, Bo, Kathy, Geoff, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker and Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton. The Program & Budget Committee, Faith & Order Commission; Convention planning committee; Convention worship committee.

Altar Flower Dedications



You can celebrate or memorialize your loved ones with flower dedications. Let us know the date you would like and any colors or flowers you want (we will do our best) and the Flower Guild will make a beautiful vase arrangement and delivery to your home (local addresses only please). We will announce the dedication in church and on our social media. A \$75 donation is suggested.

Please email Jennifer Angerame at theangerames@gmail.com with questions.

Join Us For Coffee Hour – Sundays at 9am

This fall, coffee hour returns in a slightly different form! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9am. Gather with other parishioners for an hour before virtual worship at 10am. Bring your coffee or tea and spend some time connecting with all those faces you miss! To begin, Coffee Hour will be hosted each week by our Vestry members and Officers. As we move further into the year, there will be opportunities for others to host as well. As always, Zoom information will be shared in our e-News and will be posted in our [Parishioner Facebook Group](#). We can't wait to see you!



Join us in a Zoom room for Sung Compline – Tuesday nights at 9pm

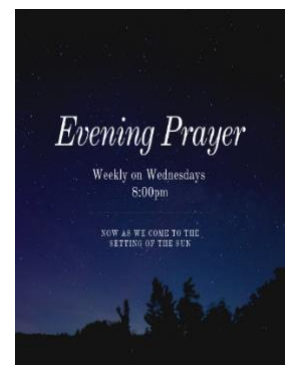
One of the pieces we miss most about worshipping together is actually **being together**. Join us in a Zoom room for Compline. This will allow us to see each other as we worship and it will allow us to connect for a few minutes afterwards, to talk to each other, to engage together on a deeper level - and we hope you'll try it with us!



In a Zoom Room
Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group

Evening Prayer at St. Matthew's – All Are Invited

Set aside your Wednesday evenings as a family (or after the kids go to bed) to join St. Matthew's for online Evening Prayer to end the day. Offered via Zoom, this short (15-20 minute) service will help you settle down after a long day, giving thanks for what has been done and what has been left undone. Starting at 8:00pm led by members of St. Matt's, we will begin by greeting one another then move into prayer with the opportunity for anyone to contribute or ask for prayers during the service. A link will be provided each week in our eNews and our Parishioner Facebook Group.



Weekly Calendar – March 28 – April 4

Sunday, **March 28**

9:00am

9:00am

10:00am

Palm Sunday

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

Morning Prayer – Rite 2 (Livestream)

Monday, **March 29**

8:00pm

Night Prayer for Monday in Holy Week

Tuesday, **March 30**

11:00am

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

9:00pm

Compline (Zoom)

Wednesday, **March 31**

8:00pm

Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, **April 1**

7:00pm

Maundy Thursday service (Zoom)

7:30pm

Online Adult & Youth Choir rehearsal

Friday, **April 2**

12:00pm

Good Friday Liturgy (Livestream)

Saturday, **April 3**

9:00am

Holy Saturday service (Zoom)

Sunday, **April 4**

9:00am

Easter Sunday

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

10:00am

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (Livestream)

Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

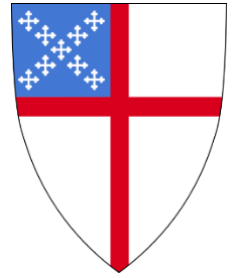
Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

Need something else? Send Marissa a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

Next Week: Worship online again with St. Matthew's

There are many ways to connect with St. Matt's in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.



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