

PALM - PASSION SUNDAY

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

March 24, 2024

The service begins outside.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed is the One 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.

People **Amen.**

The Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Deacon The holy gospel according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, O God.**

Deacon When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage 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,

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!"**

Deacon 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.

Deacon The gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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.**

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. 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.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest!**

Palms are distributed.

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace

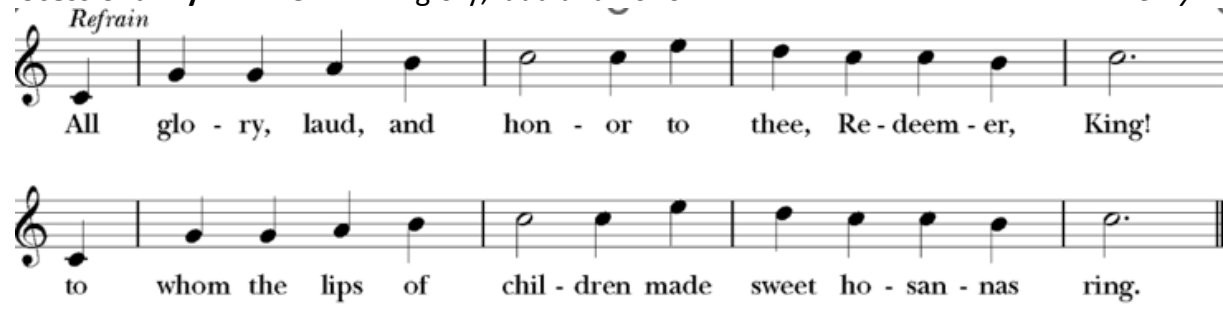
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

All are encouraged to join the procession of the palms, as we follow the crucifer, waving our palms as we sing and process. Those at their seats are invited to wave their palms as they sing the hymn.

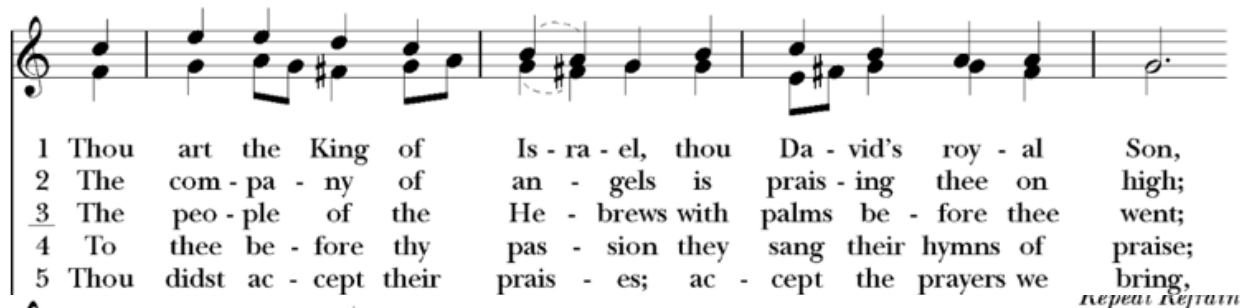
Processional Hymn: #154 All glory, laud and honor

The Hymnal 1982

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, *Керувей Керувей*



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.

Acclamation

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

People **Hosanna in the highest!**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living 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.

People **Amen.**

Choral Introit

“Palm Sunday Antiphon,” by S. Morgan
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the son of David.
Blessed, blessed be the king that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the son of David.
Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in excelsis Deo!

Children’s Greeting

Mary Curlew, Pastoral Intern

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Nina Scribner

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?

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silent reflection follows the reading.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Nina Scribner

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 servant,
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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silent reflection follows the reading.

Gospel Hymn, #670

Lord, forever at thy side

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel: Mark 14:32—15:47

Deacon The holy gospel, according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, O God.**

Deacon Please be seated for the reading of the gospel.

Gospel text can be found on pg. 10

Deacon The gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Anthem “Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts” by H. Purcell

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.*

*O holy and most merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not, at our last hour,
for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.*

Homily

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.

Prayers of the People

Lisa Fitzgibbons

Leader In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence for reflection

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Thomas, our Bishop; Amanda, our Priest;

Corey, our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially those on our St. Bart's prayer list:

Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Hazel; Matilda; Gregory; Mary Jane; Michael Curry; Curt; Bethany; Zach; Andy; Mark; Sally; and Ruth.

We also lift up those we name before you now, either aloud or silently.

A moment of silence for the congregation to share their petitions.

Hear us, O Christ;
For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially John Martin "Marty" Doggett, brother-in-law of Tom and Laurie Hyndman; and Charles "Cal" Calvin, husband of Mary Calvin, and all those we name before you now, either aloud or silently.

A moment of silence for the congregation to share their petitions.

Let your loving-kindness be upon them, O God;
Who put their trust in you.

We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life.

A moment of silence for the congregation to share their thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant Holy God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

Announcements

Anne Jacobs

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant The scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*) Therefore, let us, now, share the blessings of our lives to the glory of God.

Offertory Hymn, #173

O Sorrow Deep

The Hymnal 1982

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to our God.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to Christ our Sovereign.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus

Peter Christian Lutkin

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and

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earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

People **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

People

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 Fraction

Celebrant

People

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

The Invitation

Celebrant

People

Come! For all is now ready: the gifts of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearers will follow the Priest with the chalice of wine. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

Music at Communion, #169 O Sacred Head

The Hymnal 1982

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray together: Loving God,
People **we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore.
People **Amen.**

Invitation to Holy Week: "Song of the Winding Sheet" by Jan Richardson

The Rev. Deacon Walmer

We never
would have wished it
to come to this,
yet we call
these moments holy
as we hold you.
Holy the tending,
holy the winding,
holy the leaving
as in the living.

Holy the silence,
holy the stillness,
holy the turning
and returning to earth.

Blessed is the One
who came
in the name,
blessed is the One
who laid
himself down,

blessed is the One
emptied for us,
blessed is the One
wearing the shroud.

Holy the waiting,
holy the grieving,
holy the shadows
and gathering night.

Holy the darkness,
holy the hours,
holy the hope
turning toward light.

Closing Hymn, #458

My song is love unknown

The Hymnal 1982

There is no dismissal this morning. Palm-Passion Sunday is the start of Holy Week and at St. Bart's we view this week and its special services as one, week-long service. As you leave this place, you are still "worshipping" as you say your daily prayers and go about the journey with Christ to the cross.

Postlude

"O Sacred Head"

Resources

Communion Liturgy: Enriching our Worship

"Song of the Winding Sheet" by Jan Richardson, *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*.

The Gospel: Mark 14:32—15:47

Narrator Jesus and his disciples went to a place called Gethsemane and he said to his disciples,

Jesus You all sit here while I pray.

Narrator He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be deeply moved and distressed. And said to them,

Jesus My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; you all stay here, and stay awake.

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

Jesus Abba, Father, all things are possible for you; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you do.

Narrator Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not stay awake one hour? Stay awake and pray that you all may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator And again he went away and prayed, saying the same thing. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. Jesus came a third time and said to them,

Jesus Are you all sleeping, still, and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come. Look! The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator And instantly, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests, the religious scholars, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I kiss is he; seize him and lead him away safely." Then when Judas came, he went up to Jesus immediately and said,

Judas "Rabbi!"

Narrator and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and took him. But one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus Is it as for a bandit you all have come out with swords and clubs to seize me? Daily I was with you all in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

Narrator All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following Jesus, with just a fine cloth on his naked flesh. They caught hold of him, but he forsook the fine cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and they assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the religious scholars. Now Peter followed him from afar into the courtyard of the high priest and was sitting with the attendants, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council sought testimony against Jesus to put him to death but found none. For many gave false testimony against him, yet their testimony did not agree. Some rose and gave false testimony against him, saying,

People **“Well, we heard him say, ‘I will destroy this hand-made temple, and in three days I will build another, that is not hand-made.’”**

Narrator But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and said to Jesus,

High Priest No response? What are they testifying against you?

Narrator But he was silent and answered nothing. Again, the high priest spoke to him,

High Priest Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Narrator Jesus said

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 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest Why do we still need witnesses? You all have heard his blasphemy! How does it appear to you?

Narrator All of them condemned him,

People **Guilty! This is death!**

Narrator Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

People **Prophesy!**

Narrator Then the attendants took him and beat him.
While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest’s servant girls came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

High Voices **You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus.**

Narrator But Peter denied it, saying,

Peter I do not know or even understand what you are saying.

Narrator Then he went out into the front courtyard. Then the cock crowed. And the servant girl, on seeing him, began to say to the bystanders again that this man is one of them. But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders said to Peter again,

People **Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.**

Narrator But he began to curse and swore,

Peter I do not know this person you are talking about.

Narrator And suddenly the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered the thing Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he threw himself down and sobbed.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests took a counsel with the elders and religious scholars 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 Judeans?

Narrator He answered him saying

Jesus You say so.

Narrator Then the chief priests accused him of many things. But Pilate asked him again,

Pilate Have you no reply? See how many charges they bring against you.

Narrator But Jesus made no further reply, thus Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival Pilate used to release one prisoner to them, whoever they asked. Now there was a man called Barabbas in prison with the rebels who in the rebellion had committed murder. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he responded to them saying,

Pilate Do you all want me to release the King of the Judeans to you?

Narrator For he recognized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. Then the chief priests stirred up the crowd that instead Barabbas might be released for them. Pilate again responded to them,

Pilate What then do you wish me to do with the one you call the King of the Judeans?

Narrator They shouted more [than before],

People **Crucify him!**

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Pilate Why, for doing what evil?

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

People **Crucify him!**

Narrator So Pilate, wanting to satiate the crowd, released Barabbas to them; then he handed Jesus over for flogging and to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the property, which is the military headquarters, and they called together the entire cohort. And they clothed him in purple, and they put on him thorns woven into a crown. And they began saluting him,

Right Side **Hail, King of the Judeans!**

Narrator They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple and put his clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

They compelled a passerby, a certain Simon of Cyrene who was coming from the countryside, to carry his cross; he was the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the Golgotha place (which means Skull Place). And they offered him myrrh wine, but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes casting lots among themselves for what each would take.

It was the third hour [past dawn] when they crucified him. The writing above of the accusation against him read, “The King of the Judeans.” And with him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left.

The passersby reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

Left Side **Ha! You 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, with the religious scholars, mocked him among themselves and said,

Right Side **He saved others; himself he is unable to save. The Messiah, the King of the Judeans! Come down from the cross now that we may see and believe.**

Narrator Those who were crucified with him also demeaned him. Now when it was the sixth hour [of the day, or noon], darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour [of the day, about three in the afternoon]. At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus *Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*

Narrator which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Left Side **Listen, he is calling Elijah.**

Narrator And someone ran and filled a sponge with vinegary 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 great cry and breathed out a final time. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, stationed facing him, saw that in this way Jesus breathed out at the end, he said,

Low Voices **Truly this man was God's Son!**

Narrator There were also women watching from a distance; among them were Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Jesus, and Salome. These women followed him and ministered to him when he was in Galilee, and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation—the day before the sabbath—Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who himself was also waiting for the reign of God, went boldly to Pilate and requested for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered that Jesus was now dead, and summoning the centurion asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned it from the centurion, he gave the corpse to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a fine cloth, and taking him down, wrapped him in the fine cloth, and put him in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary the Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was put.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Music	Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer	Lisa Fitzgibbons
Lector	Nina Scribner
Ushers	Nick Desiderio, Pal Covie
Altar Guild	Beth LaSalle
Flower Arranger	Barbara Barhydt
A/V	Peter Sillin
Counters	Dennis Fitzgibbons, Pal Covie
Snow Removal	Kevin Gillan
VPOW	Anne Jacobs
Coffee Hour	Kathy Abernathy
Nursery Care	Jennifer Weiderman
Readers	Corey Walmer, the Zimmerman Family



Holy Week & Easter 2024

March 24, Palm-Passion Sunday, 9:30 am

Holy Week begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem where palms were laid before him on the road. Join St. Bart's for a Holy Eucharist service where we journey with Jesus into Jerusalem and then contemplate, together, the story of Jesus' Passion -- the story of his trial and crucifixion.

March 28, Maundy Thursday, 5:30 pm

Maundy Thursday commemorates the night when Jesus gave his great commandment -- that we love one another -- and instituted the Lord's Supper (Communion). Come and celebrate with us as we remember these gifts of grace.

March 29, Good Friday, 5:30 pm

This is the evening we remember Jesus' trial and death on the cross. Join us for a service of scripture, music, and poetry.

March 30, The Great Vigil of Easter, 7 pm, St. Luke's

The community of St. Bart's will be joining the wider Episcopal and ecumenical communities of Portland for a shared Easter Vigil at the Cathedral of St. Luke (State St., Portland). Let us come together as a community of believers to tell, once again, the stories of our faith and to anticipate the joy of Easter morning.

March 31, Easter Sunday, 9:30 am

Jesus is risen! Join our community for a festive Eucharist to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We invite children to stay after the service and join us in an "Easter Hunt."

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church