

Morning Prayer

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship lies at the heart of Christian life. It is in worship that we express our beliefs about God and affirm our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. At St. Margaret's our worship is grounded in ancient Anglican liturgical traditions while also embracing new prayers with gender-inclusive language for describing God and God's people. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted. Because St. Margaret's is committed to sustaining a diverse and inclusive worshipping community, our liturgy seeks to reflect the broadness of Anglican worship and the diverse cultural preferences for worship and music represented in our parish.

This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

The People's responses are in bold.

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**
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 Savior. **Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

This reading is taken from one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Savior Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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.”

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.

PASSION READING

Matthew 27:11-54

This reading is taken from one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 Glory to you, O Christ.

After he was arrested, Jesus stood before the governor Pilate; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations

they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Incarnate One of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Incarnate One.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God,

why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Incarnate One!"

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Rachele Sam

THE PRAYERS

God is with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Our Father/Mother/Creator

Padre nuestro...

Vater unser...

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 priest says the Collect of the Day.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for humanity you sent Jesus, to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us an example of great humility: Mercifully grant that we too may walk in the way of the cross and share in the resurrection; through the one who is our Savior and Redeemer and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the Church, and the world.

For the Church, that we may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serving as beacon of hope to a suffering world. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all affected by the coronavirus around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down that bonds of trust may be strengthened to benefit the entire human family. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant public health and government officials in our nation the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion in service to all. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For healthcare workers, who with hearts of service, stand on the front lines of providing care. Grant them courage and protection as they put the needs of public safety before their own. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the safety and well-being of all who travel and those who remain quarantined. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in sharing our resources. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that St. Margaret's and Charlie's Place may reflect your love as we minister to the most vulnerable among us; fill us with your Holy Spirit as we work to be your healing hands and feet to all in need. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those members of our parish who are sick: Karen Castro, Anne Chase, Pedro Rivera, Roberta Ujokovich, Ray Rhinehart, Teresa Terry, Pat Heinz, Diana Wright, Bob Bark, John Newby, Amelia Early, Kimberly Rankin-Imperial, Mary McHenry, Edith Scott, Marcelina Maynard, Beryl Gill, Michelle Brito, and Louise Thomson; grant them the healing they need, whether in mind, body, spirit, or relationship, that they may know the consolation of your love. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those known to us who have recently died: Terrence McNally, Marjorie Worrell, Susan Rees, Victor "Country" Hilliard, Emile Webster, Don Felo Porras, Kristin Bernhart, Lynn McCall, William Reese, Daniel Otterstrom, Jerry Heinz, and Rukesh Samerasekera; may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And for the members of our parish celebrating birthdays this week: Madelaine Wakefield, Patty Fitzgerald, Dominic West, Kate Shepherd, Sam Zimmerman, John Williams, and Annie Elliott; Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The priest offers this concluding collect.

Keep us, O Christ, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

As a grateful response to the abundance God has given us, your continued generosity is an investment in St. Margaret's bold purpose: to help people thrive as members of the Body of Christ in a diverse and inclusive worshipping community.

Ways to Give

- *By Check: Checks mailed to the parish office (1830 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009) will continue to be deposited on a weekly basis. If you currently give by check, do consider transitioning your method of giving to the web.*
- *Online: An improved online platform now allows anyone to donate through a quick and secure online form—without setting up a personal Realm log-in. If you have a pledge booked for 2020, your online gifts will automatically be credited toward your pledge. Give a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift with this easy online form: <https://onrealm.org/StMargaretsDC/give/now>*
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God so loved the world (from *The Crucifixion*)

John Stainer
(1840–1901)

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

Words John 3:16–17

This is a recording of the anthem sung by the St. Margaret's Choir on Sunday, March 8, 2020.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless our God. **To God be thanks for ever.**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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VOLUNTARY

Wondrous Love

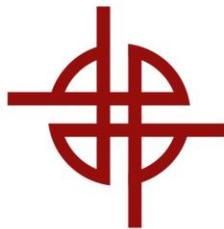
Charles Callahan
 (b. 1951)

LEADING WORSHIP

April 5, 2020	
PRESIDER <i>The ordained minister leading the service</i>	Richard Weinberg
PREACHER <i>The minister (lay or ordained) who leads a reflection on how the appointed Scripture speaks to us today</i>	Rachelle Sam
DEACON <i>The ordained minister who reads the Gospel lesson</i>	Bertram Nagarajah
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INTERCESSOR <i>The lay minister who reads the the prayers appointed for the day</i>	John Williams

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