

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



St. Luke's Church Eastport

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Welcome to St. Luke's Eastport

We are glad to have you worshipping with us today. If you need assistance, please see one of the greeters. If you are a guest, please fill out a Welcome Card and hand it to the Rector or a greeter after the service.

Large print booklets are available upon request.

Congregational Health. We take precautions to minimize transmission of Covid-19 and other illnesses as we gather for indoor worship. Masks are not required, but those attending in person are very welcome to wear masks if they feel more comfortable doing so. We do not require social distancing. However, please refrain from making physical contact (i.e., handshakes or hugs) with those outside your household, including during the passing of the peace, unless you are sure that it is welcome.

Hybrid Worship. Whether worshipping in person, on Zoom, by phone, or through Facebook Live, we gather as one community. Our worship services are publicly available as a live video stream at www.facebook.com/stlukeseastport.

Holy Communion. The Episcopal Church, like all churches rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Holy Baptism is the traditional entry point for receiving the Eucharist. We at St. Luke's also believe that anyone who desires to receive the body and blood of Christ is always welcome at God's table. If you have not been baptized, we invite you to explore with us what baptism could mean for your life. To learn more, please speak with the Rector after the service.

We use an option for Holy Communion known as "shallow intinction." The celebrant alone dips each wafer into the wine before placing it in the hands of the recipient. Intinction by individual worshipers is not permitted due to associated health risks. Communion under one kind, i.e., the bread or the wine alone, is the full reception of Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please extend a single hand when you come forward. Our wafers are gluten free. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your pew, please notify a greeter.

Children. All ages worship together at St. Luke's. The Children's Corner is reserved for young worshipers and their caregivers. Childcare is available downstairs during the service.

Restrooms. Two non-gendered restrooms are located downstairs. Please see a greeter if assistance is needed.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant Beloved in Christ, for these forty days we have journeyed with Jesus from the wilderness up to the gates of Jerusalem. As we join with all the faithful and celebrate his entry in both triumph and humility, let us welcome him with cries of “Hosanna,” and may his praise be on our lips even as we walk with him toward the cross and the grave, confident in God’s power to save.

Let us pray: Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that as we greet our Savior with joy at his entry into Jerusalem, we may follow him in humility and contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David.
People **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Reader Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice. Your throne is the throne of God, it endures forever; and the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter. You have loved righteousness and hated evil. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David.
People **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

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 him 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.**

Palms are distributed to the people to carry in procession.

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David.

People **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

Celebrant Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ showed himself to be the true king, reigning with humility and service, and was hailed by the crowd as Messiah. Grant us the faith to know and love him, that we may accompany him on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

All glory, laud, and honor

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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 Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation;
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son entered the gates of Jerusalem to acclamations of reverence and homage from those who recognized him; Grant that the eyes of your people may remain opened, that we too may see, believe, and worship him, through Christ our Sovereign and Redeemer. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

Please be seated.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth.

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

The Psalm

Please remain seated. All are invited to sing the Psalm to this setting:



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¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD;
 the righteous shall enter through it.
 21 I thank you that you have answered me
 and have become my salvation.
 22 The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the chief cornerstone.
 23 This is the LORD's doing;
 it is marvelous in our eyes.
 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
 O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
 We bless you from the house of the LORD.
 27 The LORD is God,
 and he has given us light.
 Bind the festal procession with branches,
 up to the horns of the altar.
 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
 you are my God; I will extol you.
 29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Please remain seated.

Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to 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 The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn “Ride on King Jesus, no man can a-hinder me” **L-97**
Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Celebrant reads the Gospel. Response after reading

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

After the sermon, silence may be kept.

The Prayers of the People

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Cantor Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and
always.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve
you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the
world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader We pray also for the special needs and concerns of this church
community. We thank you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have
bestowed on us. For the lives we have touched and for the
opportunity to serve you in ways both large and small. We pray to
you for guidance and strength as we look to the future. Help us to
trust in you to lead us to new places we cannot yet see. Instill us with
vision to discern the path you have laid for us, and grant us strength
and courage to walk it with you. Have mercy on us, O God of
lovingkindness. Forgive our weakness and fears, and let us remember

that all things are possible through your Holy Spirit. Help our members and our leaders to shine with your light. Help us to think boldly and to never underestimate all we can do with your grace. Help us to be an inspiration to others: a city on a hill, singing and dancing with all our might like David before your ark. In your holy name we pray, O Lord of light and truth, of overflowing abundance and boundless wisdom.

For the Anglican Communion, especially _____.

For the Diocese of Maryland, especially _____.

For those on our parish prayer list, especially _____.
And for those we name at this time, aloud or in our hearts. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest [especially _____].
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

The Celebrant adds prayers and a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Parish Notices

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

As part of our worship, offerings are received to support the work of the Church locally, nationally, and globally. Offerings may be placed in the plate, given online, or mailed to the Church Office. For online giving, scan the QR code to the right or visit www.stlukeseastport.org and click on "Giving". Blue online giving cards are also available in your pew and may be placed in the plate as a tangible sign of your online gift.



Offertory Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving

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Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your son Jesus Christ to live and teach among us, and in his last days enter the holy city of Jerusalem riding on a donkey, a sign of triumph and humility. We raise our Hosannas as we proclaim a new kingdom in which justice reigns and the lowly are exalted. 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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Please kneel or stand as you are able. The Celebrant continues

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.

The Celebrant continues

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 St. Luke, the Holy Mother and 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.**

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

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Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

To receive the bread and wine, extend your hands palms up. To receive only the bread, extend a single hand. Any individual who prefers not to receive may request a blessing by crossing their arms across their chest. Children of any age are invited to receive at the discretion of their parents.

Communion Hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross"

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and the People

Lord Jesus Christ, you set your example before us as one who came not to be served but to serve: Give us the courage to be your faithful disciples, following your way even to the cross, and proclaiming you as Savior and King. Amen.

Reading of the Passion Gospel

Celebrant The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Please be seated for the first portion of the reading, standing as you are able when asked to do so. After the reading, an extended silence will be kept.

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

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