

Palm Sunday / The Sunday of the Passion
March 28, 2021 9 am
Morning Prayer &
Reading of the Passion Gospel According
to Mark
Following the Liturgy of the Palms
held on Saturday March 27, 2021 - noon

Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee
Lucille Clinkman, Toussaint Jackson,
Kevin Keppler, Mary Johnson, Peach Warren
Musicians:

Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas, Beth Stochaj

Christ Jesus, being found in human form, humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross. [Philippians 2:8]

Prelude All Glory Laud and Honor Hymnal #154

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,

to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

Mother Judith: Salutation

Blessed be the God of our salvation: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Mother Judith: Gathering Prayer

O God of all, we gather here to celebrate your presence with us, our deepening awareness of the promise of new and resurrected life, calling from beyond the passion of the days ahead. Come, holy God of mystery, come fill our hunger, for we gather in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Mother Judith: The Confession

Lord Jesus, you come into our lives when we are least prepared for you. As you enfolded your betrayers, so embrace us who struggle to love. Reconcile us with our sisters and brothers, and for the sake of your love forgive us all our sins.

Absolution:

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Mary Johnson Healy Willan

Lord Have mercy upon me. Christ has mercy upon me. Lord have mercy upon

Mother Judith: Collect of the Day

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.**

Lucille Clinkman Prayers of the People

Our Savior Jesus Christ promised to draw to himself all things in heaven and on earth. Let us pray, therefore, that the peace accomplished through the Cross of Christ may be brought forth in our own world. Let us pray for the Church and the world and for peace among all nations. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, especially the young migrants at our borders, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for schools and centers of learning throughout the world, for those who lack access to basic education, and for the light of knowledge to shine in the lives of all God's people. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for an end to our divisions and inequalities, that we all might share in the blessings of your creation. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the health of men, women, children, persons, and families around the world. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for an end to the waste of God's creation, for access to natural resources shared equally among all people, and for resolve to conserve our resources. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own community at Trinity, in thanksgiving for the blessings of our fellowship, in hopes that those who seek healing of body and spirit will find peace with us. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the departed, especially Leta Stochaj, those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and those who were murdered in Boulder Colorado this week, and those we now name, silently or aloud; *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Most merciful 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 may find it the way of freedom and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**.

Musical Meditation Jeff Lukas

Kevin Keppler A Reading from the Prophet 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 — 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?

Peach Warren Psalm 31:9-16

- 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-kindness save me."

Touie Jackson A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians [2:5-11]

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though in the form of God, did not cling to equality with God, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. Being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A Dramatic Reading from the Gospel of Mark [14:1-15:47]

Musical Interludes: Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Hymnal #172

Soloist: Beth Stochaj

Postlude O Sacred Head sore wounded J. S. Bach

The service ends in silence.