

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:45 A.M.

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.
We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome
Center. This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.*

*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back
of the sanctuary.*

*Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.
If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass window area.)
We want to honor and respect your privacy.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community
committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

Welcome to Holy Week at St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We appreciate that you worship here during these days of Holy Week, you are joining in the praise of God.

The forty-day journey called Lent that we as a people of faith have embarked upon is drawing to a close. The color and mood of our services shift to the story of Jesus' passion and death. We recall the story of our salvation by immersing ourselves in worship that requires the totality of one's mind, body, and spirit.

Our worship on **Palm/Passion Sunday** begins with the shouts of "Hosanna!" accompanying a "Triumphal Entry." Then, a dramatic turn of events occurs and the cries of jubilation turns to jeers of "Crucify him!" On this day we realize anew that we are a part of both crowds of people.

On **Maundy Thursday** we mark the "official" close of Lent and the beginning of the *Triduum* or "*Three Days*" and we focus our attention on the Passover of Christ. The church celebrates a new Passover, recalling that Jesus, on the night before he was to die, gave us the gift of himself in bread broken and wine poured. "Do this in remembrance of me." We pray for the grace to become the community that is signed with the Eucharist and committed to the new commandment of loving service to each other by washing one another's feet.

On **Good Friday**, the church was stripped of all adornments and the Ministers enter in silence. The somber words of Isaiah set the mood. The Gospel of John portrays Jesus as the divine Word who willingly lays down his life so that all might come to life. The Bidding Prayers place us in union with brothers and sisters around the world and with him who intercedes for us on the cross. Finally, in solemn adoration we acknowledge the sign of our redemption.

I invite you to participate in worship today as you feel comfortable. You will find St. Augustine's that place where you will receive a radical WELCOME, experience thought-provoking and inspiring WORSHIP, and meet other disciples of Jesus ready and willing to WITNESS to all that God is doing!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in the Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering place so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: “The Palms”

Gabriel Faure

Welcome and Announcements

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At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity.

Please stand at the sounding of the shofar.

Processional Voluntary: “Fanfare”

Healey Willan

The Liturgy of the Palms

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

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider 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.**

Processional Gospel: Mark 11: 1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.



Blessing of the Palms

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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.**

The Procession

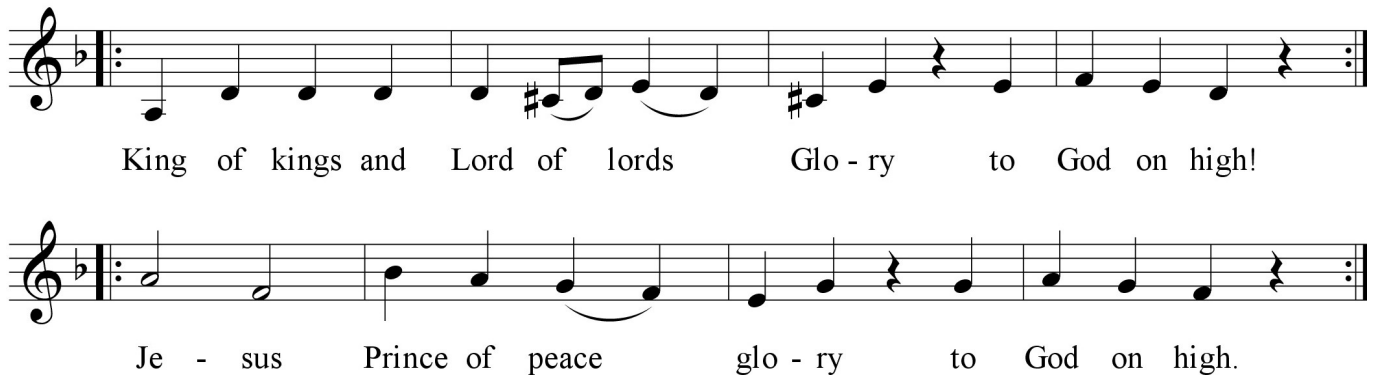
Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, please follow the donkey and the Liturgical Dancers down the center aisle to receive your palms at the front of the church, then return to your seats and join in singing the Gathering Hymns.

Please remain standing.

Gathering Hymn: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords"

Nomi Yah & Sophie Conty




King of kings and Lord of lords Glo - ry to God on high!

Je - sus Prince of peace glo - ry to God on high.



Gathering Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben




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.



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



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

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Moment

After the Children’s Moment, children in the third grade and under are invited to follow the cross and attend Children’s Chapel. The children will return after the Peace for Communion.

Children’s Sending Prayer

O loving God, we release our children to a time of Children’s Chapel as they explore their faith through sharing of Bible stories. Be with them in the sacred time of wonder and prayer. May they sense both your constant presence and your love. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

The Lesson: Philippians 2: 5-11

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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 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.**

Please be seated.

Homily

The Reverend Joseph Alsay

After the sermon we will observe a moment of “sacred silence” for meditation.

Moment of Silence

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Prayers of the People: Form VI

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Deacon For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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

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

Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

Deacon For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Deacon For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Deacon For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For those with medical issues and other needs or concerns: *Charlotte Cascio, Baby Jack, Leah Brashear, Martha Leary, Marina Jones, Julissa Estrada, Jaime Mizaal Fuentes, Rachel, Sean Acol, Damian Wiles, Melvin Jones, Luz Estrada, Sebastian Weaver, Priscilla, Jack Stephens, Patty, Patrick Hays, Jonathon and Alyse, Faith, Evelyn Wehr, Sharon and Don Bole, Neil Ray, Whitney Mayfield, Dobi, Rusty, Cathy, Lee, Pamela, Steve Gilman, Deyanira Gudino, Melissa Nelson, Lazaro Gudino, Antonia Dueñez, Susan, John, Edward, William, Matt, London Golson, Nelson Family, Pamela Riley, Jenny Westerhoff, Antonia Dueñez, Cason Montgomery, Sherry Ziska, Lazardo Gudino, Randy Birchall, Sara Cedillo Guerrero, Nancy Van Horn, Isabel Mora, Daniel & Charlene Spears, Lula Hernandez, Sergio Lopez, Naomi Gudiño, James Quinn, Dawn W. Cash, AimeeAnn Vanek, Josh Eliot, Turner Cash, Jason Eliot, Traci Eliot, Karen West, Iranice Tavares, Anil B., MaryAnn Rule, Courtney McNatty, Mark Ackerman, WB, Lois Muran, The Goforth Family, Fred Winters, Marsha Cayton, Mark, Coby Martinez, Antonia Dueñez, Felix Beltran, Stephanie Inselman, The Womack Family, Glenn Boyer*

For those in the military: *Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienidl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

Deacon Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Deacon We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Birthdays: *Dennis Shockley, George Lauffer, Darrian Broom, Brad Frensley, Joshua Pierce, Candace Barrios, Richard Wallingford*

Anniversaries: Dave Saul and Meg Deal-Saul

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

Deacon We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Deaths: *Jacob Lunsford Hall, Chris "Beto" Martinez, Bertha Cadena de Rodriguez, Opal Jane McDermitt*

Deacon Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Presider Into your hands O Merciful Savior we command all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

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



+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

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

Offering in Songs: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”


Lloyd Larson

“No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus” *Chandler Moore, Dante Brown, Jason Ingram & Steffany Gretzinger*


Please stand.

Presentation Hymn: “The Glory of These Forty Days”


Erhalt uns, Herr



The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



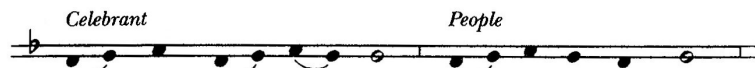
cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ through whom all
thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



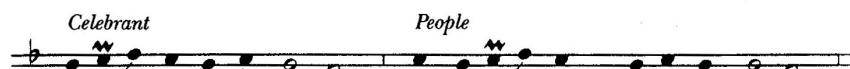
things were made him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
Name a - dored, from age to age the on - ly Lord.

Please remain standing.


Great Thanksgiving




Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.



Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sings this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Franz Schubert



Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

Hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 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,

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher. The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by the clergy, then placed on the napkin. After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to receive bread only or wine from the common cup, do not receive a napkin, but approach the priest with cupped hands. If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

To drink from the cup, please consume the bread and proceed to the chalice bearer standing behind the priest.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

Communion Meditation: "Meditation on Psalm 31"
Communion Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded"

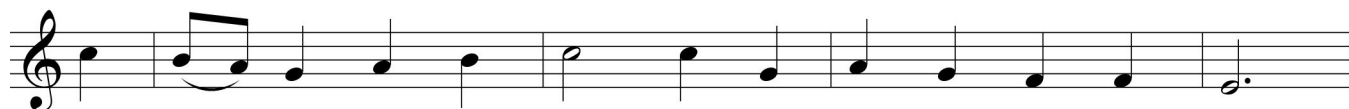
Scott Chard
Herzlich tut mich Verlangen



O sa - cred head sore wound - ed de - filed and put to scorn.
In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal pow'r,



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



what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



O coun - te - nance whose spen - dor the hosts of heav'n - a - dore!
to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand or kneel.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

Holy Gospel: Mark 15: 1-39

Deacon The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

Please stand.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Solemn Prayer over the People

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Sending Song: "Wondrous Love"

Southern Harmony



What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And



wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
Lamb who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know you.

+ THE LENTEN CROSS +

The Processional Cross used during the Lenten season was created by Bruce Scambler and took some 100 hours to make. The cross has a great deal of symbolism in its design. It is over seven feet tall and incorporates 12 different woods to represent the twelve disciples and the “various ethnicities represented at St. Augustine’s.”

The woods used in the vertical upright include: 110 year old Redwood from the family barn, Ebony, American Oak, Crepe Myrtle, Pine, Beech, Horse-chestnut, Walnut, Pecan, Cedar and Hickory. On one side of the upright are five carved hearts which represent the wounds of Christ. These “hearts” also represent our commitment to be an inclusive faith organization to those of the LGBTQ communities.

The horizontal crossbeam was made from 25-year-old driftwood excavated from the mud at Lake Texoma. If one looks closely at the crossbeam, you will notice the abstract design of the “Hands of Christ” in agony. Finally, at the top of the cross is a “secret compartment” where the names of congregation members are placed during the season of Lent.

+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem celebrated by the blessing and distribution of palms. In colder climates, native tree branches are often substituted. The palm branches are recollected prior to the following year’s Lent to be burnt ritually to produce Ash Wednesday’s ashes. Jesus rode a donkey, an animal of peace according to the Orthodox church, unlike the horse, an animal of war. Palm Sunday originated in Jerusalem in the 4th century with a procession from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. Participants shouted the antiphon from Psalm 118, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” In the 15th-17th centuries in England, Palm Sunday was frequently marked by the burning of straw Jack o’Lent figures which were stoned on Ash Wednesday and burnt on Palm Sunday as a kind of revenge on Judas. The 1549 *Book of Common Prayer* labeled the Sunday, “The Sunday next before Easter.” The 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* added the phrase, “commonly called Palm Sunday”. We label the day, “The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday”. Red is the liturgical color used for a martyred saint - in this case honoring Christ Himself.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday March 24, 2024, 10:45 A.M. – The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Dr. Dawn Enderwood

Deacon: The Reverend Mary Ann Coffman

Crucifer: Members of the Vestry

Acolytes: Zack Rosa-Berrios and Eric Rios-Estrada

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Moon, Claudia Rios-Estrada, and Cal Jones

Lector: Judy Moon

Passion Readers: Narrator-Marcy Taber; Jesus-Jay Kyte; Pilate-Scott Myers; Crowd-Gil Haas,
Dennis Shockley; Centurion:-Tom Norton

Oblation Bearers: The Olson Family

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Jason Eliot and Sarah Hunsucker

Organist and Pianist: Patrick Hayes

Trumpet: Randy Polk

Dancers: Aalim Dance Company

Donkey: Lady the Donkey **Donkey Owner:** Larisa Schwarz, Alpaca Fun Farm

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To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector

Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 PM

Father James Detrich, Part-Time Assisting Priest

Wednesday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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