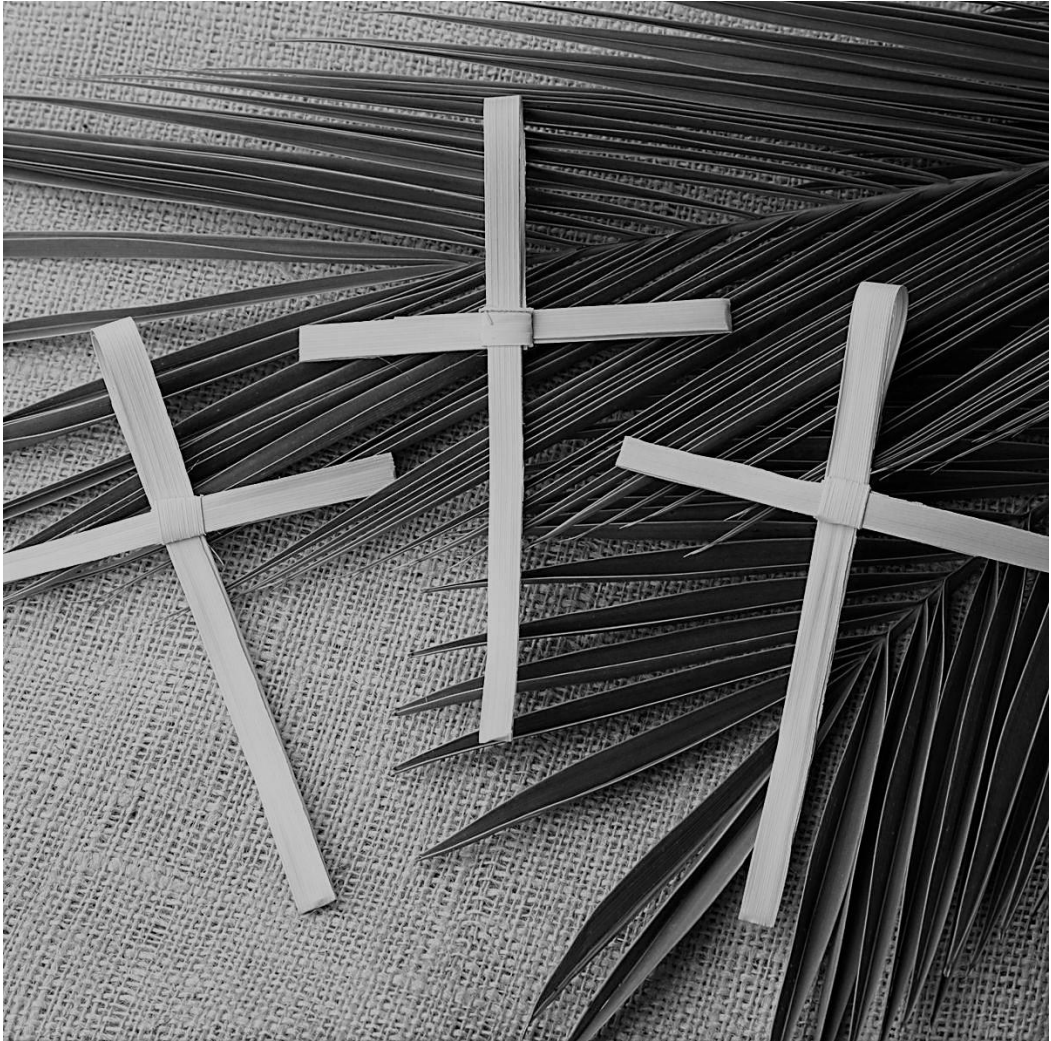


**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**April 2, 2023**



# **The Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

## **7:30am & 10:00am**

*Children are always welcome in the church.  
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

### **Prelude**

**The Liturgy of the Palms** *(at the rear of the church)*      Book of Common Prayer, page 270

### **Matthew 21:1-11**

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."

### **Blessing and Distribution of the Palms**

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**Entrance Hymn #154**    All Glory, Laud, and Honor      *Valet will ich dir geben*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **The Collect**

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**

## **The First Reading**

**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?

## **Psalm 31:9-16**

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup> For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

- <sup>14</sup> But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
 I have said, "You are my God.
- <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; \*  
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
 and from those who persecute me.
- <sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
 and in your loving-kindness save me."

## **The Second Reading**

## **Philippians 2:5-11**

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.

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

## **Passion Gospel** *(See Insert)*

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

## **Nicene Creed**

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## **Prayers of the People, Form IV**

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**Leader:** *Lord, in your mercy*

**Response:** *Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession and Absolution**

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## **The Peace**

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## **Announcements and Birthdays**

## Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Offertory

Offertory Hymn 380 (v.3)

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

The Great Thanksgiving Rite 1: Eucharistic Prayer I

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Holy, Holy, Holy (S114/ Insert 10:00 a.m. only)

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread – Fraction

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Agnus Dei (S158/ Insert 10:00 a.m. only)

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer

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Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #458

My song is love unknown

*Love Unknown*

*Silence for reflection. The congregation is asked to leave the church in silence.*

*Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 service.*

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Our Diocese requests that during the pandemic we no longer dip the wafer into the wine (intinct). Here are our choices:

- Receiving communion in “one kind”—bread only or wine only. In the Episcopal church, receiving in one kind is considered receiving in both.
- Drink from the common cup
- Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, “the blood of Christ” but will not distribute the wine.

Help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. Please do not intinct.

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## *Liturgical Ministers*

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass  
**Organist:** Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

### **7:30 a.m. Liturgy**

**Server:** Pam Bardon  
**Lay Readers:** Pam Bardon, Terry Mello  
**Prayers of the People:** Jan Lyle  
**Usher:** Carlos Mello

### **10:00 a.m. Liturgy**

**Server:** Dean Jackson  
**Acolytes:** Lola Black, Volly Watkins  
**Lay Readers:** Anna Black, Jacqueline Recht  
**Prayers of the People:** Gwen Prosser  
**Ushers:** Cheryl Reif, Cheryl White

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