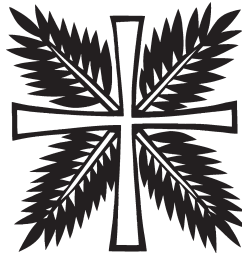




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# PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023

*Please silence all electronic devices during the service.*

*Your presence is a blessing to us!*

**Masks are encouraged**, especially during congregational singing.

The front section of pews near the lectern has pews taped off to allow for better social distancing.

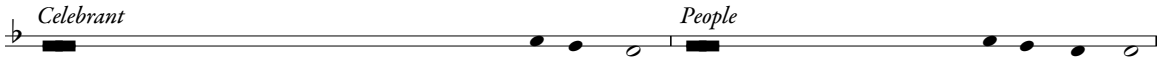
A carpeted area for children, with books and comfy seating, is located up front by the font.

**All who seek God may receive Communion:**

- Hold out your hands to receive the bread.
  - To receive the wine, you may sip from the large cup, or dip the wafer in the small cup.
  - To receive a blessing instead of the bread or the wine, cross your arms over your chest.
  - Children may receive Communion at the discretion of their parents.
  - Communion can be brought out to anyone not able to come forward: please mention to the greeter or to the clergy or altar servers.
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## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Please stand as you are able.*



A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The staff contains a series of notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. Above the staff, the word "Celebrant" is written above the first four notes, and "People" is written above the last four notes. There are black rectangular blocks under the first and fourth notes, and under the eighth and ninth notes.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord: Peace in heaven and glory in the high-est.

Blessed is the King 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 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.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

The Rev. Isaac Martinez

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

BLESSING OVER THE BRANCHES

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 271



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**And also with you.**


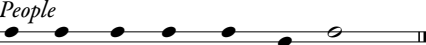
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God 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 forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*  *People* 

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant*  *People* 

Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A-men.

PROCESSION THROUGH FARLOW PARK

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 154

“All glory, laud, and honor”

*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,

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 - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

*Repeat Refrain*

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584–1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

## THE WORD OF GOD

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 219

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*

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Carol Kirtz

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?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9–16      *Please join in singing the Psalm responsively at the half verse*

ANTIPHON



In - cline your ear to me, O LORD; make haste to de - liv - er me. *Tone VIII.1*

- 9 *Häve* *mërcy* on me, O LORD, for **Í** am in **tróuble**; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my **thróat** and my **bélly**.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my **yéars** with **síghing**; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my **bónes** are **cónsumed**.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of **mý** **acquáintance**; \*  
when they see me in the **stréet** they **avóid** me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a **déad** man, **óut** of mind; \*  
I am as useless **ás** a **bróken** pot. [ANTIPHON]
- 13 *För* *Í* have heard the whispering of the crowd; **féar** is **áll** around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they **plót** to **táke** my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have **trústed** in **yóu**, O LORD. \*  
I have said, “**Yóu** are **mý** God.
- 15 My **tímes** are **ín** your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who **pérsecúte** me.
- 16 Make your face to shine **upón** your **sérvant**, \*  
and in your loving-**kíndness** **sáve** me.” [ANTIPHON]

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn

HYMN 458

“My song is love unknown”

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -  
4 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine: nev -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine. This

who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
“Cru - ci - fy!” is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624–1683), alt.

Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879–1962)



THE PASSION GOSPEL

Dramatic arrangement by John T. Townsend

*[The Congregation plays the part of the crowd, joining in at the line below.]*

PILATE: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus the Anointed One?

**ALL: Barabbas!**

PILATE: What shall I do then with Jesus Christ the Anointed One?

**ALL: Crucify him! Crucify him!**

PILATE: Are you certain of his guilt?

NARRATOR: The crowd took up the chant.

**ALL: Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!**

PILATE: Shall I crucify your king?

**ALL: We have no king but Caesar.**

NARRATOR: Then Pilate agreed to release Jesus Barabbas, but Jesus the Anointed King he handed over to his soldiers for scourging and crucifixion.

**(ALL STAND)**

HOMILY

The Rev. Isaac Martinez

*Please stand as you are able*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV, BCP p. 388

John Yannis

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: Lord, in your Mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We invite you to share the peace by sharing a bow, a wave, or a smile.*

*Please be seated for announcements.*

OFFERTORY

“Let thy blood in mercy poured”

Frank Pesci

*Please stand as you are able for the Offertory Hymn*

OFFERTORY HYMN 380

*Old 100th*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ all creatures here below.**

**Praise Holy Spirit, evermore. Praise triune God, whom we adore.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(presider continues)* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth...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

Pulkingham

*Leader*     *ALL*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*(presider continues)* ... 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.**

*(presider continues)* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...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 God, 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**grant us your peace.**

*All are invited to the altar to receive communion or a blessing.*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What won-drous love is this, O my  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing



soul! What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his  
 sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the  
 on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni -



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

Sources: American folk hymn, ca. 1835

Tune: Wondrous Love

*Please stand as you are able*

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Eternal God, 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.**

BLESSING

## HYMN 171

## "Go to dark Gethsemane"

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt - er's power;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 O the worm - wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854)

Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820–1901)

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



## THE PASSION GOSPEL: CAST

*Narrator:* Lisa Tieszen

*A Disciple:* Leslie Lockhart

*Jesus:* Jay Burke

*Judas Iscariot:* Brad Davenport

*Peter:* Owen Stearns

*First Witness:* Myra Ferree

*Second Witness:* Taylor Boas

*High Priest:* Chris Samuels

*Bystander 1:* Laura Johnson

*Bystander 2:* Margaret Crook

*Slave Girl:* Linnea Shannon

*A priest:* Paul Bicknell

*Pilate:* John Ficarelli

*Centurion:* Krishna Rao

\* \* \* \* \*

#### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preacher and Presider:** The Rev. Isaac Martinez

**Organist:** Chris Hossfeld

**Acolytes:** Flynn Kling, David and Emily Farwell and Richard Stearns

**Lectors:** Carol Kirtz and David Adams

**Intercessor:** John Yannis

**Passion Reading Coordinator:** John Heywood

**Altar Guild:** Martha Bauer, Nancy O'Brien and Jenny Rosser

**Greeters and Offertory:** Lisa Tieszen, Ellen Farwell and Mary Carpenter

**Counters/Closers:** Ellen Farwell and Mary Malagodi

**Coffee Hour:** The Heywood Family and The Crook Family

#### GRACE PARISH LEADERSHIP

**Bridge Priest:** The Rev. Isaac Martinez

**Director of Music:** Chris Hossfeld

**Christian Formation Minister:** Patrick Kangrga

**Senior Warden:** Ellen Farwell

**Junior Wardens:** Scott Aquilina and Karin Shannon

**Clerk:** Don Ferree

**Treasurer:** Diane Droste

**Vestry Members:** Mary Carpenter, Brad Davenport, Jennifer Lent, Leslie Lockhart, Mary Malagodi, Mary Swezy, Lisa Tieszen, George Whitehead

#### GRACE PARISH STAFF

**Parish Administrator:** Cathy Richmond Robinson

**Sexton:** Lou Fazio

**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday, 9:30am-2:30pm

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## TODAY AT GRACE

- **9:30am** Church School • Choir Rehearsal
- **10:30am** Holy Eucharist
- **11:30am** Coffee Hour

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE

- **Grace Discussion Group** will not meet on Easter Sunday.
- **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
**Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 6:00pm.** Service begins in the Large Hall.  
**Good Friday, April 7 at 7:30pm.**  
**Easter Sunday, April 9.** Breakfast at 9:00am • Holy Eucharist at 10:30am • Easter Egg Hunt after service.

## ONGOING EVENTS AT GRACE

- **Centering Prayer Group**, Wednesdays at 6:45 pm on Zoom. Please contact Mary Malagodi (marymalagodi@aol.com) for more information.

## THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

**Those celebrating birthdays:** Maya Masaquiza Acosta, Nathaniel Blanks, Megan Rasbold-Gabbard and Zoe Heywood

**In the parish cycle of thanksgiving:** Coffee Hour Hosts

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** *Parishes of the Charles River Deanery:* Grace Church, Newton; St. John's Church, Newtonville; St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls; Parish of St. Paul, Newton Highlands; Prison Ministries.

**Those in need of healing:** Cynthia Allen, Briana Bevins, Judy Borowicz, Betsy Catlin, Bethel Charkoudian, Ethan Chung, Marie Doval, Wanda Flores, Molly Goehring, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, Elizabeth Johnson, Dottie Jones, Don Kennedy, Jean Kennedy, Carol Leach, Bessie Lyman, Darnell Lyman, Tony Lyman, Keith McInnes, Elizabeth McKee, Douglas Miller, Sue Anne Morrow, Benjamin Nuttall, Meri Pantalena, Carol Robinson, Marilyn Ruston-Stearns, Nancy Spence, Carolyn Sprich, Donald Stock, Cindy Tuttle, Doug Umsen, Danica Walton, Wilson, Julie Youdovin, Barby Zeiner, Dan Zwillinger, Henry, Allan and family, May

**Those who have died:** Christopher DiPrima and Christine Thorne