

Entry of Christ into Jerusalem from San Baudelio de Berlanga

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

PALM SUNDAY March 28, 2021

## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

We ask everyone to abide by the following measures as recommended by the CDC and required by state regulations and our host facility:

STAY HOME IF SICK. Stay home if you or anyone in your home has been sick or had symptoms of illness in the last 24 hours.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING. Maintain physical distancing, six feet whenever possible, between yourself and everyone who does not live with you.

FACE COVERINGS. Everyone older than five is required to wear face covering.

WASH HANDS. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

#### Modifications to our Service:

CHILDREN. We love the presence of children in our worship! While we do not have childcare during this season, we will provide a Children's Liturgy and activity each week. Parents are welcome to get up and move around with their little ones as needed.

HOLY COMMUNION. The celebrant will drop a wafer in your hands without touching you. If you desire to also receive wine, you may bring a cup from home. The chalice bearer will pour a small amount of wine into your cup for you (and your family). Receiving only the bread is an acceptable way of receiving full communion.

## CONCERNING PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Lord.

Palm Sunday is unique in having two Gospel readings. Originally there were two distinct liturgies. The palms were blessed and the Triumphal Entry Gospel was read outside of the church building. The door of the church represented the gate through which Jesus entered the city.

The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service continues with the reading of the Passion Gospel in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. The emphasis of the liturgy turns to the days that lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail Jesus as King one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting, "Crucify him!"

## PALM SUNDAY

Congregational responses are indicated in boldface.

### THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

When circumstances permit, the Congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. Palms or other branches to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people as they arrive, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is said or sung.

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant then greets the people and gives a brief introduction, inviting them to participate in the celebration using these or other similar words

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

MARK 11:1-11A

All standing, the Priest reads the Triumphal Entry Gospel, first saying

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Celebrant then says

Let us pray.

We 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 hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. 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 with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The opening anthem may be repeated.

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.

In the Name of Christ. Amen.

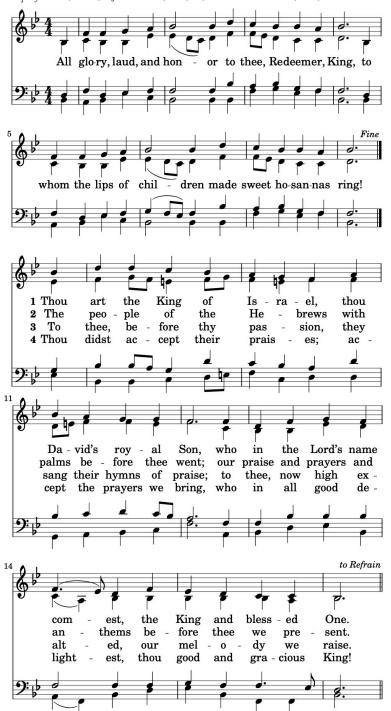
During the procession all hold palms or branches, and appropriate hymns or anthems are sung, such as "All glory, laud and honor" and Psalm 118:19-29.

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following, or some other appropriate Collect, is said.

Almighty 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, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851, alt.; Music: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William H. Monk, 1861



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself 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 come to 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 LESSONS

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

After the Lesson the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 22:1-11

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- 8 "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- <sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- <sup>10</sup> On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THE PASSION GOSPEL

MARK 15:1-39

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The Congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. All stand at the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Mark 15:22). All may kneel in silence after the verse that mentions Christ's death (Mark 15:37).

- <sup>1</sup> And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup> And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.
- <sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas.
- <sup>8</sup> And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup> And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup> For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup> And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup> And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.
- <sup>16</sup> And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup> And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him.
- <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.
- <sup>21</sup> And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

The Congregation stands.

<sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup> And it was the third

hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup> save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup> So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup> Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup> And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup> And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup> And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup> And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." *Silence is kept, during which those who are able kneel down*.

<sup>37</sup> And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

#### THE SERMON

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## THE PEACE

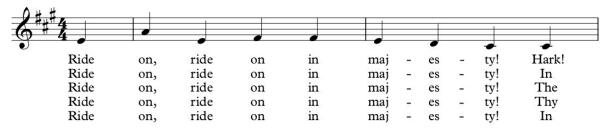
The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with your spirit.** 

## THE OFFERTORY

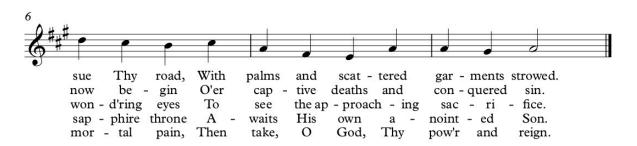
As a health precaution we are not passing an offering basket at this time. You may place an offering in the basket at the entrance, give online at holycrossva.org/give, text "Give" to 434-277-4975, or mail a check to PO Box 614, Crozet, VA 22932.

## Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (verses 1-3)

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The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

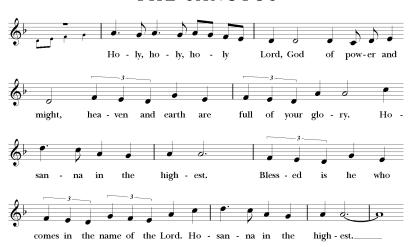
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.





## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Celebrant and the People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

## 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 forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE FRACTION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross. **Therefore let us keep the feast.** 

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

#### THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The celebrant will, as always, wash and sanitize his hands before the service and again right before communion.

To receive communion, come forward as directed by the usher. Extend both of your hands, crossed together, and the priest will drop the bread into your hands without contact. Please maintain physical distance in the communion line.

If you desire to receive wine, please bring a chalice or cup from home. The chalice bearer will pour a small amount of wine into your cup for you (and your family). After receiving the bread (and wine), return to your seats, and remove your face covering to consume the bread and wine.

If you do not desire to commune, you may come forward to receive a blessing or remain seated.

All baptized Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, and strive to walk in love and charity with their neighbors are welcome at this table.

#### PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR USE DURING COMMUNION

For those who Desire to Commit to the Christian Faith

Lord Jesus Christ, I am broken by sin and unable to save myself. I believe that you died for me, bearing my punishment on the cross, and that you offer me forgiveness and new life in you. I turn from my sins and trust in you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For those in Search of Truth

God, I am uncertain whether you exist and whether you are listening to me now. I want to know the truth, and I am willing to live according to it. If you are there, please reveal yourself to me and give me faith that leads to the abundant life promised by Jesus Christ. Amen.

For those who Desire a Deeper Faith

Almighty and eternal God, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me according to your will, for your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

## What Wondrous Love Is This

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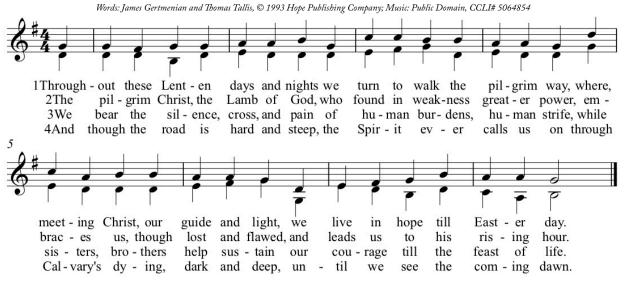
## My Song Is Love Unknown

Words: Samuel Crossman, ca. 1624-1683, alt. (2 Cor. 5:15-19; Heb. 5:7-10); Music: John Ireland, 1918



- 6. In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
  - What may I say? Heav'n was his home, but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 7. Here might I stay and sing,
  no story so divine;
  never was love, dear King,
  never was grief like thine.
  This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
  I all my days could gladly spend.

## Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights



5. So let us choose the path of one who wore, for us, the crown of thorn, and slept in death, that we might wake to life on Resurrection Morn!

6. Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing and shout hosannas! Raise the strain! For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings on Easter day will live again!

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

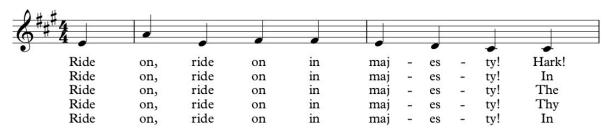
Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ: and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

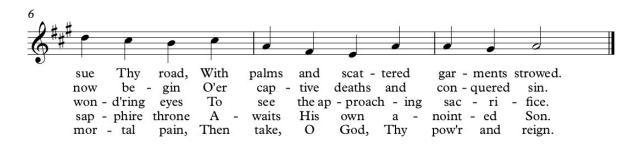
THE BLESSING

## Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (verses 4-5)

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## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Holy Cross Prayer Ministry** A team of parishioners is available to pray daily for needs within the parish. Send prayer requests to Tom Harrison at thar65@gmail.com, and he will forward them to team members. All requests are held in strict confidence.

**Special Holy Week Services** We are hosting the following services to remember the dear cost of the Savior's love and celebrate the resurrection. RSVPs will be required for each service except the outdoor Stations of the Cross service at Crozet Baptist.

- Maundy Thursday (APRIL 1), 6 PM at the Barn at Fidelis Farm
- Good Friday (APRIL 2)
  - Outdoor Stations of the Cross service, 3 PM at Crozet Baptist This will be a joint service with Crozet Baptist and Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Mission (outdoor and family-friendly).
  - Traditional Good Friday service, 6 PM at the Barn at Fidelis Farm
- Outdoor Easter Vigil (APRIL 3), 8 PM at the Barn at Fidelis Farm This event on Saturday evening will begin with an outdoor service at the barn and conclude with a party. Bring a chair and a blanket to keep warm. While older children are welcome, we ask parents to find childcare for their younger children given that this is a later and longer service.
- Easter Sunday (APRIL 4), 10 AM at Pro Re Nata

**Baptism** On Easter Sunday we'll celebrate Holy Baptism. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your children, please contact Blake (blake@holycrossva.org).

**Evening Prayer** Join us online via Zoom for Evening Prayer at 5 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays (holycrossva.org/morning-and-evening-prayer).

Men's Bible Study The Holy Cross Men's Bible Study is studying the Book of James on Wednesday mornings via Zoom. Informal chat at 6:30 AM, program at 6:45 AM, and done by 7:30 AM. Contact Mark House (mhouse@empoweringleaders.com) for questions/details.

**Crozet Raised** Volunteers are needed to support Crozet Raised, a new ministry formed to address food scarcity in our community. Each Saturday (12-2 PM), Legacieats, in partnership with Crozet Baptist Church and generous donors, prepare and distribute 200 hot, home-cooked meals. Kitchen help (packaging meals) and delivery help (to those who cannot pick up at the church) are needed. Questions? Visit Legacieats' Facebook page or contact Meg Clute at meg.clute@gmail.com.

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