

# Emmanuel Church

Sunday, March 28, 2021

**Palm Sunday**

10:00 AM

**Prelude**

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

J.S. Bach

## **The Liturgy of the Palms**

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.**

### **A Reading from Mark 11:1-11**

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.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hymn 154**

All glory, laud, and honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

All glory, laud, and honour

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 Blessèd One.

The company of Angels

is praising thee on high,

and we with all creation

in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews

With palms before thee went;

our praise and prayers and anthems

Before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion

they sang their hymns of praise;

to thee now high exalted

Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;

accept the praise we bring,

who in all good delightest,

thou good and gracious King.

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**

**Opening Acclamation**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**His mercy endures for ever.**

**The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

## **The Lessons**

### **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? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn 481

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Gopsal*

- 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.  
*Lift up your heart! lift up your voice!*  
*Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!*
- 2 The Lord the Savior reigns,  
the God of truth and love:  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.  
*Refrain*
- 3 His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
to Christ the Lord are given.  
*Refrain*
- 44 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.  
*Refrain*

## The Gospel

**Mark 15:1-47**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Hymn 172**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord

*Were You There*

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the  
tree?Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.Were you there when they nailed him to the  
tree?3 Were you there when they pierced him in the  
side?Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.Were you there when they pierced him in the  
side?4 Were you there when they laid him in the  
tomb?Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.Were you there when they laid him in the  
tomb?**Sermon****The Rev. Della Wager Wells****Prayers of the People, Form II**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Nicholas, our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for our community of Emmanuel; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for our President, Joseph, our Governor, Daniel, our Mayor, Jeanne Marie and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*I ask your prayers for Nellie, Maureen, Janet, Pam, LeEtta, Val, Bobby, Betty Lou, Diane (*pronounced Dee-On*), Mike, Rob, Liz, Sandy, Deb, Nora, Judy, Barbara, Donald, Thomas, Mandy, Gail, Ida, Jim, Jill, Roger, Dave, Marcia, Doris, Walker, Norma, Janet, Nick; Bonny and Bill, Bobby and Betty Lou, the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.  
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

Celebrant     The Lord be with you.

*People        And also 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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,

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.

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Hymn 516

Come down O love divine

*Down Ampney*

- 1 Come down, O Love divine,  
    seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
    O Comforter, draw near,  
    within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,  
    till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
    and let thy glorious light  
    shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path  
    illuminating.
- 3 And so the yearning strong,  
    with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
    for none can guess its grace,  
    till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## The Postcommunion Prayer

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.**

## Blessing

**Hymn 486**

Hosanna to the living Lord

*Hosanna*

1 Hosanna to the living Lord!

Hosanna to the incarnate Word!  
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,  
let earth, let heaven, hosanna sing!

*Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

2 Hosanna, Lord! thine angels cry;

Hosanna, Lord! thy saints reply;  
above, beneath us, and around,  
both dead and living swell the sound:

*Refrain*

3 O Savior, with protecting care

abide in this thy house of prayer,  
where we assembled in thy Name,  
in faith, thy parting promise claim.

*Refrain*

4 But, chiefest, in our cleansèd breast,

Eternal! bid thy Spirit rest;  
and make our secret soul to be  
a temple pure and worthy thee.

*Refrain*

5 So in the last and dreadful day,

when earth and heaven shall melt away,  
thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain,  
shall swell the sound of praise again.

*Refrain*

**Dismissal**

*Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*

***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

Choral Prelude on *Land of Rest*

L. Sowerby