

# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*a Christ-centered community of practice awakening to the abiding presence of God*

PALM SUNDAY

28 March 2021

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

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 BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

*Celebrant*  
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 hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reign in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Hosanna to the Son of David.

*People* **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

## PALM SUNDAY SLIDE SHOW

*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,

*Repeat Refrain*

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

*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the 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)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

## THE COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

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 LESSON

*Philippians 2: 5-11*

*From one of the earliest Christian hymns we hear how Christ Jesus accepted the condition of a servant, was obedient even to the point of death, and was then given the name above every name.*

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

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

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

12 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.

13 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

14 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.

15 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.

16 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

17 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

*Preceding the Gospel...*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the Gospel...*

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

*Adwoa Lewis-Wilson*

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven:  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
 who has spoken through the Prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor:* We acclaim you and say

*Congregation responds:* **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord**

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,  
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

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

#### BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **God of our Lenten journey,  
you have said that the gate of mercy  
will stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favor,  
that we who follow the path of the Cross,  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### LENTEN PRAYER

#### DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Participants Today

***Kate McGinn***, Reader and ***Kiersten McKenney***, Prayer Leader

## ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP ON LINE OR BY TELEPHONE

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday  
Evening Prayer, 5-5:30 pm, Monday-Friday  
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** *Tom Woodbury* and *Elizabeth Moore*, Today; *Craig Newbert*, Tuesday; *Jan Bennett*, Wednesday; *Becky Anderson*, Friday; *Callan McDowell*, Saturday.

**ADULT FORUM TODAY, PALM SUNDAY:** Spiritual, political and historical forces collide in the simple story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a colt. Exploring the larger context of this story holds up the challenges of what it means to be a Christian today. We look at this story not so much in terms of Jesus' "Passion," i.e. his death, as we do in terms of Jesus' passion and commitment to justice and the Kingdom of God. Led by *Phillip Wilson*.

To enter the Forum meeting on Sunday mornings, [click the link in the eNews or on the website](#).

Meeting ID: 932 0641 6516, Password: theology

OR

Call by phone: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 932 0641 6516 Password: 679508

### VIRTUAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Bulletins and Zoom Links will be provided on St. Michael's eNews and website,  
[www.stmichaelsvermont.org](http://www.stmichaelsvermont.org)

Day	Time	Description	What you need
<b>Palm Sunday,</b> March 28	8 am	Remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with Palm Sunday Slideshow	A palm or branch from your local surroundings.
<b>Palm Sunday</b> March 28	10:15 am	Remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with Palm Sunday Slideshow	A palm or branch from your local surroundings.
<b>Tenebrae</b> March 31	7 pm	Tenebrae or "Darkness" is a service of music and readings, in remembrance of Jesus' betrayal. This year, the service will involve St. Michael's youth!	Candles
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> April 1	6 pm	Jesus' Last Supper and New Commandment	A simple meal with bread and wine/grape juice, a basin or container to wash feet (if you would like to do the foot washing).
<b>Good Friday</b> April 2	12 pm	Traditional Good Friday Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer	A cross
<b>Good Friday</b> April 2	7 pm	A Stations of the Cross Service with music, images and prayer.	A cross
<b>Holy Saturday</b> April 3	9 am	Simple, brief service of waiting at the tomb of Jesus.	
<b>Sunrise Easter Vigil</b> April 4	5:30 am	We bless the new fire of Easter tell the ancient stories of God's people and witness the first Sunrise of the Easter Season! We hope to be zooming from outside and share "sunrises" from our different locations.	A candle and a bowl of water
<b>Easter Day</b> April 4	8 am	Celebrating Jesus' Resurrection	A bowl of water and a branch.
<b>Easter Day</b> April 4	10:15 am	Celebrating Jesus' Resurrection	A bowl of water and a branch.

Notes about the Holy Week Services:

- We included Palms, crosses, candles and Holy Communion in the Holy Week Bags which were delivered on March 27.
- The Tenebrae service, organized by Craig Hammond, will include participation from many of St. Michael's youth. See description in the announcement below.
- The Maundy Thursday service will involve sharing a meal together from our various homes, blessing the food as an Agape Meal, speaking together about the scripture for the day and having an opportunity to experience foot or hand washing from our own homes. This service will be in a Zoom Meeting format, so we can see each other as we eat and worship.
- The Stations of the Cross Service on Good Friday is a new offering for us. It will be akin to the Advent Lessons and Carols in that it will include music, images, prayers, readings and body prayer as we experience the stations.
- The early morning Easter Vigil service will begin in the dark and culminate in the first sunrise of Easter. This will be a Zoom Meeting format so we will be able to see one another (depending on if you have your camera on) and hope to share sunrises from our various locations. This service will include Holy Eucharist.

**TENEBRAE SERVICE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 7 PM ON ZOOM:** Our Tenebrae service will be quite unique and, we think, wonderful as well this Holy Week. It will as always be a solemn service of witness for our Lord as he faces his own grief in these his final moments, as he faces the cross, his own death and what lies beyond. But this year it will be led by St. Michael's youth from the ages of 13 to 20. They will all read from scripture and selected poetry and two will sing. They will help us reflect on this time through their eyes and maybe even learn anew with our own. They will include Asa Taggart, Callan MacDowell, Julia Fedoruk, Jayne Fritz, Jonah Johnson, Tian Ragle, Zadie Olmstead, Tori MacKay and Julian Siegel. Soprano Margery McCrum, cellist David Runnion, and guitarist and tenor Christopher Wesolowski will also share beautiful music, as they have for many years. Please join us by way of our Zoom link.