

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Christ-Centered Community of Practice Awakened to the Abiding Presence of God



April 13, 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

WELCOME

The members of the congregation gather in the church for the first part of the liturgy. Those who wish to join the Palm Sunday Parade will follow the crucifer out of the church and through the neighborhood. Those who remain in the church are invited to wait in silent prayer.

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.**

Here the Deacon reads the Palm Sunday story according to Luke

Leader: Here comes your King, riding on a donkey!

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Leader: Here enters your King into Jerusalem!

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: There lies your king, dying on a cross.

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Leader: There your king rests, in a tomb hewn out of rock.

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Your Messiah has fallen, how can you still go on?

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Leader: This path leads to death, and still you choose to follow him?

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Come, let us follow this Christ, who lives and dies for us, and lives again.

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

PROCESSION

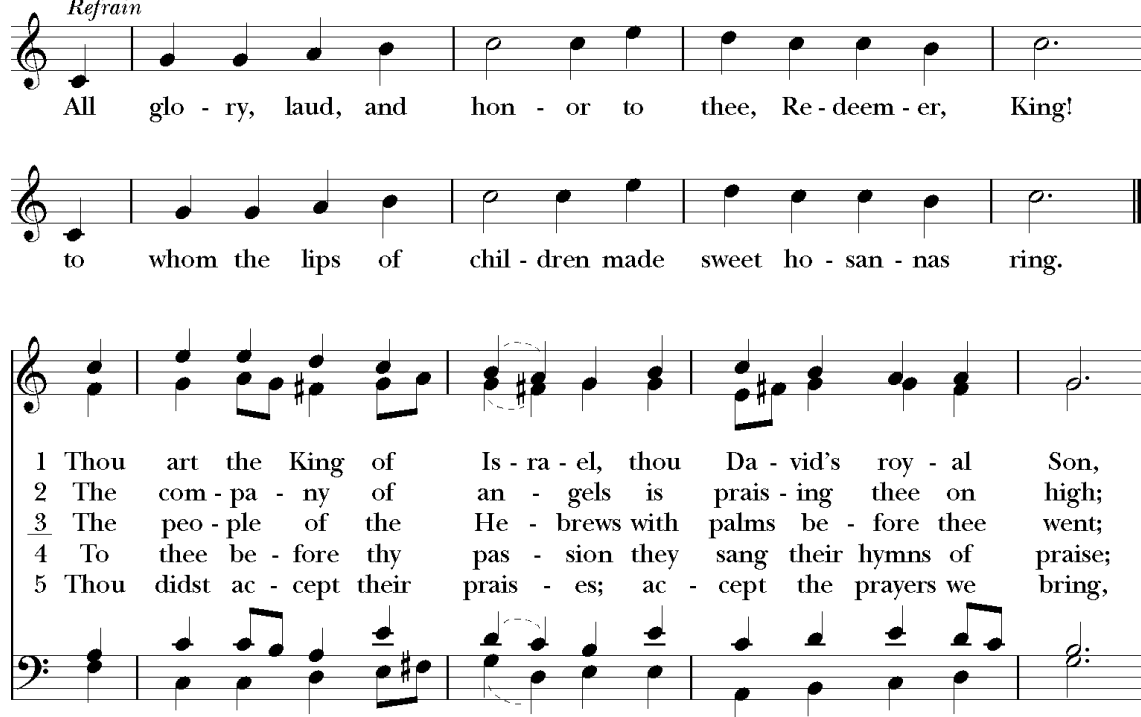
We walk through the neighborhood for our Palm Sunday parade!

As we come back into the church, we sing:

HYMN

The Hymnal, 154

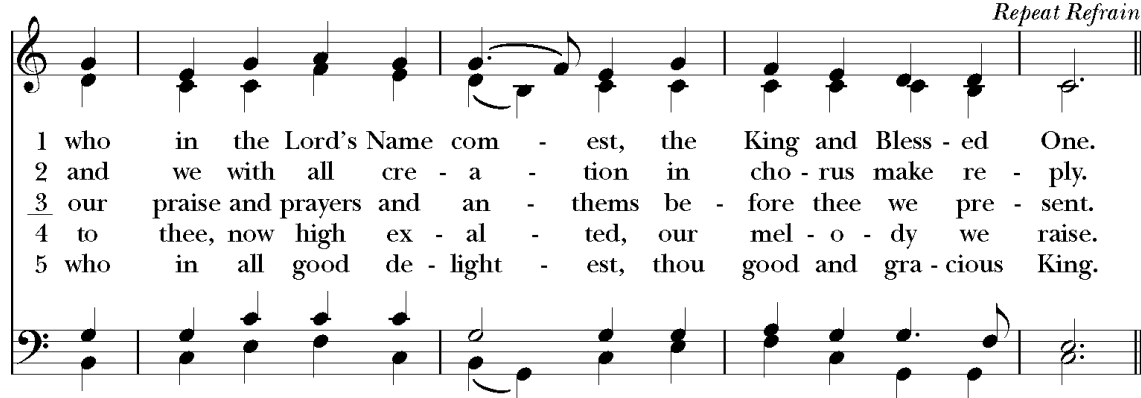
Refrain



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)

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 reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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.**

All sit for

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke 22:14-23:56

Preceding the Gospel...

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Between the scenes of the Passion, St. Michael's Choir will sing four versions of Ave Verum Corpus by different composers.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Liszt, Edward Elgar, Tim Knight

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis prægustatum
in mortis examine.

O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie
O Iesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.

Translation

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

Following the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Hymn is printed on next page.

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 - raigned;
 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)*Stand, if able, for*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,*Congregation responds:* **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All stand

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal 313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain
of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925) Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

THE OFFERING

During the hymn ushers pass the offering plates. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of food for the hungry, bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar. Donations also may be made on St. Michael's website under "giving" at www.stmichaelsvermont.org

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

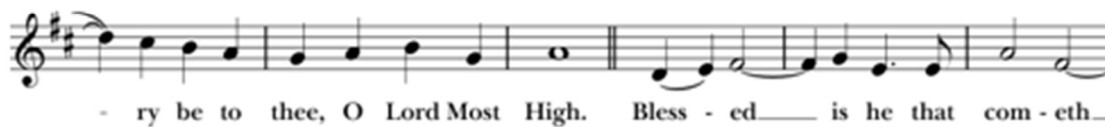
People: **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

The Presider praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together:

THE SANCTUS



Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Celebrant recalls (and makes present for all) Jesus' life and last supper.

Celebrant: And seeing that the power of sin is broken, and Christ is all in all,
we praise you and we bless you.

People: **We praise you,
we bless you,
we give thanks to you
and we pray to you,
O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant asks the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and the wine to be God's holy food.

Celebrant: By Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and forever

People: **Amen**

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as all sing

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: Come, all you who hunger or thirst, come and eat, come and drink.
People: **For we all share one bread, one cup.**

At St. Michael's, we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God. In our celebration of the Eucharist, there is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the table of a loving God set for all creation through the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome. (If you would prefer a gluten free wafer, please indicate that preference to the liturgical minister.)

THE POSTCOMMUNION 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.**

HYMN

The Hymnal 168, v. 1, 2, 3

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3 and 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.
 Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [*Passion Chorale*], Hans Leo Hessler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

LENTEN PRAYER

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

At 10:15: *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, Deacon; *Leo Storm* and *Abbie Hainswood*, torch bearers; *Liz Vick* and *Craig Hammond*, ushers; *Andy Burrows* and *Elise Burrows*, element bearers; *Craig Irvine* lay assistant and crucifer; *Laura Frey*, intercessor; *Alex O'Pray* and *Miranda Smith*, chalice bearers; *Sher Wilson*, healing minister; *Judy Walker* and *Carol Hesselbach*, Altar Guild; *Kate McGinn* and *Judith McBean*, coffee hour coordinators.

At St. Michael's we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

- **WELCOME TO VISITORS!** All are welcome at this table. If you have any questions about the liturgy, location of the bathrooms, or anything else, please ask one of the ushers or greeters. Thank you for joining us today.
- **TO RECEIVE THE RITE OF HEALING:** Prayers for healing are available at the chairs by the piano in the front of the sanctuary immediately after the 8 am service ends and during the Eucharist part of the 10:15 am service. A healing minister will say prayers, lay her or his hands upon you, and anoint you with consecrated oil. You can come for yourself, for another person, for a need or for a thanksgiving. Please ask ushers for assistance if you have questions.
- **GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AND GRAPE JUICE** are available for Communion at both 8:00am and 10:15 services. Please make yourselves known to the priest when you come up for Communion.
- **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!** Nursery care is available during the 10:15 service for infants through 3-year-olds. There are clipboards with paper and crayons, as well as activity bags with coloring books at the back of the Sanctuary for children who are interested in coloring or drawing during the service. Feel free to come in and out of the worship area as needed with your children! Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Diane Clouet*, *Ron Bell*, and *Lyndsay Hesselbach*, today; *Ian McBean* and *Ian Harrison*, Tuesday; *Katie-Beth Ryan*, Wednesday; *Douglas Switzer*, Friday.

CHOIR NOTES FOR TODAY: On **Palm Sunday**, St. Michael's choir will present a special offering singing multiple settings of the "Ave Verum Corpus," a Eucharistic chant from the 13th-century hailing Jesus's body on the cross, interspersed during the reading of the passion story. We'll sing four different musical settings from four different composers, from well-known ones by Mozart and Elgar to lesser-

performed ones by Liszt and Knight, spanning more than two hundred years that offer different views of and responses to this timeless text.

CELEBRATING 270 COMBINED YEARS OF WISDOM AT ST. MICHAEL'S!

TODAY, 9-10am in the Undercroft - Three of St. Michael's longtime parishioners are celebrating 90th birthdays this year: Doug Switzer (April 18), Diana Bingham (May 11) and Janet Cramer (October 10). Our coffee hour today is dedicated to these three remarkable humans. Join us in the Undercroft from 9-10am.

*****HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES*** PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

8 am Holy Eucharist; 10 am Gather outside for our Palm Sunday Parade
10:15 am Holy Eucharist & Procession with Palms

MONDAY-THURSDAY

12-12:30 pm Contemplative Eucharist in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

12 pm Holy Eucharist ; 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

7 pm Maundy Thursday Service; 8 pm Nightwatch

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

12 noon Proper liturgy for Good Friday
7:00 pm Proper liturgy for Good Friday with veneration of the cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

9-9:30 am Holy Saturday liturgy;
7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter, followed by a celebratory reception

SUNDAY, EASTER DAY, APRIL 20

8 am Holy Eucharist; 10:15 am Festival Holy Eucharist

For descriptions of services, please see the Holy Week page on our website: <https://www.stmichaels-vt.org/holy-week-page/>

RITE OF RECONCILIATION DURING HOLY WEEK

Mary and adwoa will both be available during Holy Week to offer the rite of reconciliation (confession) to those who are interested. This sacrament is a wonderful way to become aware of the grace of God in the presence of another human being who speaks grace into our places of brokenness and sin. Many people find this a useful way to prepare for the Easter Feast. The rite will be offered **open hours on Monday** (adwoa) **and Tuesday** (Mary), and with **by appointment on Wednesday** (Mary) **and Thursday** (adwoa), from **1pm-3pm every day**.

HOLY WEEK

What is Holy Week?

During the last week of the Lenten season we celebrate **Holy Week**, a sacred time of the year for Christians when the events of Christ's passion and death are remembered. In the remembering of the sacred stories, we hope not only to remember, but to experience the drama of these stories ourselves, that we may know Christ's love for us in

a new way. All are welcome at any or all of these services!

Palm Sunday, April 13, 8 & 10:15 am -- This special liturgy begins with a procession (led by a real donkey and some spirited music) of the congregation and the blessing of the palms, commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The service underlines the contrast between the crowd's joyous greeting of their king and then their condemnation of him—the contrast between shouts of “Alleluia” and “Crucify him!”

Monday- Thursday, 12-12:30 v pm, Contemplative Eucharist in the Chapel– Chanting, silence, reading parts of the Passion by Matthew and a simple Eucharist.

Wednesday, April 16, 7 pm -- Tenebrae, “The Service of Shadows,” offers us a time to be prayerful and reflective together in the midst of the darkness that is part of the Lenten season. This is a quiet and contemplative service of scripture and poetry readings, cello music, Taize chants and singing.

Maundy Thursday, April 17 pm, 7pm-- The word Maundy is derived from the Latin word *mandatum* (commandment) and refers to Jesus giving the “new commandment” to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34) to his disciples at the Last Supper. The Maundy Thursday service commemorates the Last Supper and often focuses on two things Jesus did at the Last Supper: washing of the disciples' feet and the institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion. We begin with the reading of scripture, a reflection and footwashing for those who wish, followed by Holy Communion, the stripping of the altar and the beginning of Night Watch for those who wish to stay and pray. The service ends in complete silence with the stripping of the altar in recognition of Jesus' prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane and the despair and death to come. **Special Instructions:** Please wear shoes that are easy to remove if you would like to participate in the footwashing.

Good Friday, April 18, 12pm & 7 pm commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus. During this solemn service, we mourn for the death of Jesus and for our own sins. No Eucharist is celebrated on this day.

The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 19, 7:30 pm: The Easter Vigil is called the “king of liturgies.” At 7:30 p.m., we light the new fire of Easter and move from darkness to light telling the ancient stories of God's people. We proclaim the Easter message, Christ is Risen! Bring your bells and other musical instruments.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 8 + 10:15 am, is the most important day of celebration in the Christian Year. On this day we celebrate how Christ overcame death to rise to new life, offering his redemption and love to all.

EASTER FLOWERS

Today is the final day to place an order for Easter flowers. Forms are available with in-person bulletins for those who wish to donate to the flowers for our parish's celebration of Easter. If want to offer a donation but will not be in church to get your hands on a form, please let Susie know in the church office

(parishadmin@stmichaelsvermont.org) Acknowledgement of your gifts will go in the Easter Sunday bulletin in these categories:

- A gift to the glory of God
- In thanksgiving for one or more people
- In memory of one or more people
- No notation, and anonymity about the donor

If you email Susie, please include your name, the amount you intend to give, and the notation you'd like in the bulletin.