



**Palm Sunday**  
**24 March 2024**  
**10:15 a.m.**

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Today's service begins in the Memorial Garden for the blessing of the palms.

## **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.**

### **The Reading**

Zephaniah 9:9-12

*Reader* A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Blessing of the Palms**

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.**

*The palms are then sprinkled with holy water. Then the presider says*

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

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

Valet will ich dir geben

*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 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 First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Reader* A reading from Isaiah.

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?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

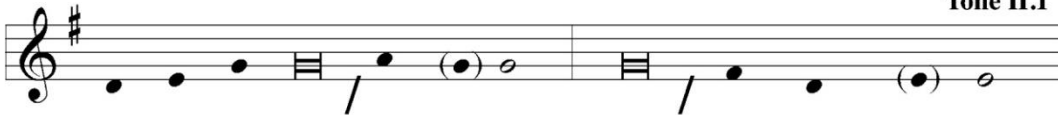
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 31:9-16

*In te, Domine, speravi*

*The Psalm is chanted by the congregation.*

**Tone II.1**



9. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in / trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat / and my belly.
10. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with / sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my / bones are consumed.
11. I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my a-/cquaintance;  
when they see me in the street / they avoid me.
12. I am forgotten like a dead man, out / of mind;  
I am as useless as a / broken pot.
13. For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all a-/round;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to / take my life.
14. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O / LORD.  
I have said, “You / are my God.
15. My times are in / your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who / persecute me.
16. Make your face to shine upon your / servant,  
and in your loving-/kindness save me.”

## The Second Reading

Philippians 2:5–11

*Reader* A reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Hymn 156

*The King’s Majesty*

## The Gospel

Mark 1:1-11

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

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

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

*A brief silence follows.*

## The Prayers of the People

*The presider introduces the prayers.*

Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding on a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray, saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

That Christians hear and share the word of God as true disciples, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all the ends of the earth experience the peace of Christ, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all leaders, of church and state, prefer humble service to empty power, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those who experience the cross in their own lives draw strength from the name that is above every name, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we who hope to see God's will done on earth as it is in heaven, may be ready to follow our Lord Jesus to whatever end, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The presider concludes the prayers saying*

God our creator, you show your sons and daughters the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Christ the Lord. **Amen.**



# Sanctus and Benedictus

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



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....

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....

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.**

## Agnus Dei

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Invitation & Communion of the People

*The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask when you come forward.*

## Music during Communion

Hymn 168

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*



## The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**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.**

## The Lenten Prayer

Hymn stanzas 1, 2, & 6

St. John I

Resolutely (♩ = 92)

1. Sing, my tongue, the glor - ious bat - tle, of the might - y con - flict sing;  
2. Thir - ty years a - mong us dwel - ling, his ap - point - ed time - ful - filled,  
3. He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar and spear - and reed;  
4. Faith - ful cross! A - bove all oth - er, one and on - ly no - ble tree!  
5. Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews bend;  
6. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the Son,

tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his cross thy tri - bute bring.  
born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the Sa - vior free - ly willed;  
from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and wa - ter forth - pro - ceed;  
None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in fruit thy peer - may be;  
for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy birth be - stowed - sus - pend;  
praise and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One:

Je - sus Christ the world's Re - deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.  
on the cross the Lamb is lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.  
earth and stars and sky and o - cean by that flood from stain are freed.  
sweet - est wood and sweet - est i - ron! Sweet - est weight is hung on thee.  
and the King of heaven - ly beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.  
one in might and one in glo - ry, while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

*This hymn, by Dr. Marc Loudon, was written for the Very Rev. Jack Potter (1936-2024), former Rector of St. John's.*

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

See insert

*Please be seated until the insert directs.*

## Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Following the Passion reading, all depart in silence.  
Our observance of Holy Week has begun.*

## Welcome

**May today's worship give you a sense of Christ's peace and inspire you to God's service.**

**We welcome the full participation of children in our worship. Activity bags** are located at the rear of the church and may help them during the liturgy. Please return the bags after the service. **We also offer nursery care during the service.** If you feel it is more comfortable for your child to be in childcare, an usher can direct you to the nursery.

**St. John's has a Hearing Loop system**, which allows those wearing appropriate hearing aids to receive the church's sound system directly. If you wear a hearing aid, you may need your audiologist to activate the T-coil in your device.

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## New To St. John's?

**We're glad you're here.**

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher, a member of the clergy, or by filling out a guest card. Please visit [stjohns-laf.org/guest](http://stjohns-laf.org/guest) or use the QR code.



## The Serving

<b>Presider</b>	Jason Fortner
<b>Preacher</b>	Bradley Pace
<b>MC</b>	Maggie McClure
<b>Acolyte</b>	Greg McClure
<b>Lectors</b>	Courtenay Murakowski, Lisa Zimmerman
<b>LEM</b>	Betty Tonsing, Kristine Holtvedt
<b>Ushers</b>	George Moore, Kyle Tribbett
<b>Counters</b>	Sally Byrn, Elizabeth Ladd
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jennifer Stein, Julie Peretin, Mitchell Finley, Sally Byrn
<b>Hospitality Hosts</b>	Dorinda Kueberth, Jack Kueberth



## Parish Announcements

### Holy Week & Easter Services

Holy Week and Easter form the foundation of our Christian life and worship. It is important that we join with our Christian family here at St. John's and throughout the world and attend the services that make up the Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

- **Maundy Thursday, March 28**—7 p.m.
- **Good Friday, March 29**—12 noon (Good Friday Liturgy) & 3 p.m. (Stations of the Cross)
- **The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 30**—8 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, March 31**—8 a.m., 9 a.m. (via Zoom), & 10:15 a.m.

The St. John's office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1.

### Easter Floral Decorations

Members of St. John's are invited to celebrate Easter by helping decorate the church windows for Easter. You can bring an arrangement of your favorite flowers, and feel free to be creative. Arrangements need to be brought in on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon. For more information, contact Sue Bracey at [braceys77@comcast.net](mailto:braceys77@comcast.net).

### Festive Receptions for the Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday

We will have festive receptions after the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services. Please bring a treat to share.

### Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter egg hunt will take place on Easter Sunday, March 31 after the 10:15 a.m. service. We will meet on the main floor in the Commons. All children and families are invited to participate. It will be a delightful time for children to search for colorful eggs while enjoying the company of their friends and family. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, and loved ones to join us for this memorable occasion. Let's come together as a community to celebrate the joy and hope of Easter! Contact Amanda Yauney at [amanda@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:amanda@stjohns-laf.org) for more information.

### Lost & Found

Have you misplaced your reading glasses? Did you leave your hat or gloves behind? Remember that favorite dish, tray or pan you brought to the potluck? We found it! Take a few minutes, look through the items on the tables outside the kitchen, and take what is yours. **Today is the last day items will be available. If you see something you like, please take it. Everything must go.**



## Parish Prayer List

**St. John's Cycle of Prayer**— David Riesbeck, Paul & Jo Roberts, Stuart & Bonnie Robertson, Jim & Carolyn Roth, David Ruiter

**Parish Prayer List**— John & Elizabeth Barrett, Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Pam Ogorzaly, Paul Roberts, Carol Helgerman, Ginny Hull, John Howland, Sue Eichhorn, Pequita Behrndt, Don Nead, Barbara Hess, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Janet Huber, Carolyn Speer, Kathie Basden, Bill McInerney, Alice Anderson, Ben, Judy, Sandra, Carole, Lynn, Jacob, Nancy, Kirsten, Scott, John, Bonnie, Johanna, Lowell, Roy, David, Rachel, and their families.

For the people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine; for hostages and all innocent civilians in harm's way; for peace in all places of conflict; for the victims of violence; and for repair, understanding, and healing across the world, in our nation, and within our communities.

**For those who have died**—For all who have died, including Linda, and those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden

**The leaders of our Communion**—Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop

**St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian**—The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

**Our Ministry Partners**—The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; The Church of the Province of West Africa, and Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis.

**This nation and all in authority**—Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and Erin, our mayors.



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