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Palm Sunday March 24, 2024

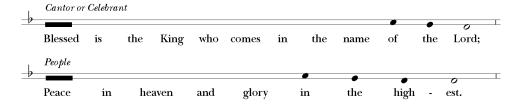
We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross* (O man bewail thy grievous fall)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Liturgy of the Palms

Opening Anthem



Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.

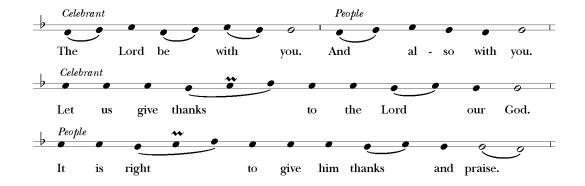
Amen.

Reading: 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!"

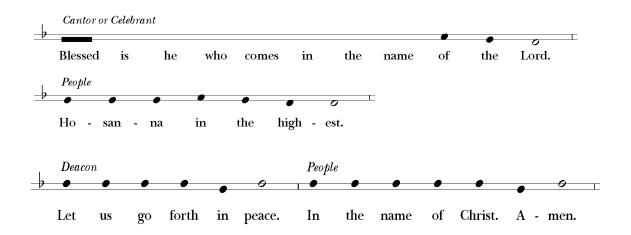
Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.



The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant

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*.



Processional Hymn 154 "All glory, laud, and honor"

Valet will ich dir geben

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People

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*.

First Lesson: 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

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?

hide my face from insult and spitting. The

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; * you have set my feet in an open place.
- 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.
- If have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my ac quaintance; *
 when they see me in the street they a void 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 head 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."

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

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 he 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.

Gradual Hymn 158 "Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended"

Herzliebster Jesu

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (see insert)

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy. The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem Ave verum corpus

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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

Doxology Hymn 380 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

S128 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S 160 (front section of hymnal)

Mason Martens

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem I heard the voice of Jesus say

Thomas Tallis (1505 -1585)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;

lay down, O weary one, lay down

your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;

I found him in a resting place,

and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Behold, I freely give

the living water, thirsty one;

stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;

my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,

and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;

look unto me, your morn shall rise,

and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;

and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Communion Hymn 458 "My song is love unknown"

Love Unknown

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 168 "O sacred head, sore wounded"

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Depart in silence.

Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour after the service, hosted today by David, Debbie, and Ryan Osborn



Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Kim Carlson, Blair Glennon, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson, Paige Manning, Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Thomas Palmer

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Tiffany Horter; Torch, Christina Lowe;
Torch, Jason Lowe; and Banner, Ben Mahoney
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Adams Carroll, Joe Hamilton,
Cam McCormick, and Keileigh McReynolds
Readers Karen Pekowitz and Michael Vanin
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Charles River Deanery
All Saints Parish, Brookline
Church of Our Saviour, Brookline
St. Paul's Church, Brookline
The Allston Abbey, Boston
Boston University Chaplain, Boston
The Church Home Society

If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome!

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* or check with a member of our membership committee in the narthex so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.





Assisted Listening We use the *Listen Everywhere* app for worshipers who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. Download the *Listen Everywhere* app from your app store. Instructions for how you connect your app to the church system are at the ushers table.



About the Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a This reading is the third of the four "servant songs" in Isaiah (the others are 42:1-4, 49:1-6 and 52:13–53:12). It is not certain whom the author intended the servant to represent: the people of Israel as the historical nation, as a faithful remnant or as an idealized body? an actual historical figure, such as the "prophet like Moses" (Deuteronomy 18:15)? a corporate personality, an individual who would recapitulate all the features of Israel's election and mission? Christians have always understood the suffering servant to be Jesus. Today's reading presents the servant as one who submits to God's purposes, whether in a personal response to God or in acceptance of suffering. The servant knows that he is called to be a misunderstood and ill-treated prophet to a sin-weary people. Nevertheless, he is confident that God will vindicate him. The servant songs helped Israel to interpret the suffering and humiliation of the exile. The early Church found in the songs a new significance: they helped the believers understand and proclaim the meaning of Jesus' suffering and resurrection.

Psalm 31:9-16 Psalm 31 is a lament by one surrounded by evil people. Trust in God encourages the psalmist to entrust himself to God's care. In anticipation of

God's deliverance, the psalmist prays with thanksgiving and joy.

Philippians 2:5-11 Today's passage is generally considered to be a hymn to Christ that Paul has adopted to make his own point. The hymn contains an outline of Christ's saving work: divine preexistence (v. 6), incarnation (v. 7), death (v. 8), celestial exaltation (v. 9), heavenly adoration (v. 10) and Jesus' new title (v. 11). The first stanza (2:6-8) recounts Jesus' own action. His "equality with God" is not a prize to be "exploited" for his own advantage but is a treasure to lay down. The second stanza (2:9-11) stresses God's action. The name God has bestowed on Jesus is "Lord," (Greek, Kyrios), the circumlocution used in Judaism to avoid speaking the Name of God, YHWH, and the usual Greek title for a god. This name is now given to Jesus, and the honor due to God is also due him.

Mark 14:1–15:47 In his account of the passion story, Mark is constantly working to shape the story so that all the major themes of his gospel emerge. Jesus the powerful teacher and miracle worker—the Christ—must suffer. He will be misunderstood and completely abandoned by his disciples as the hatred of the Temple

leaders triumphs. But in Jesus' own weakness, the power of God can be present to bring salvation. Mark's account is not an appeal to pity, sorrow or even repentance. He is concerned about its message of salvation. It witnesses to the presence of God and to the evidence of God's purpose at work in the midst of the passion. The response called forth is faith. Mark stresses Jesus' utter loneliness, deserted by his disciples—even Peter.

When formally confronted by the high priest, Jesus makes a clear proclamation of his status and destiny. The dark path of the passion is the way to God. Acclaimed as Son of God by the voice at his baptism and transfiguration and by the demons during his ministry, Mark insists that Jesus' true identity can only be recognized by gazing on the crucified Christ and affirming with the centurion that "this man was God's Son!" (15:39).



Icon of the Week

Crucifixion

The earliest Christians did not depict Christ's death, perhaps because execution on a cross was shameful, a punishment usually reserved for slaves and the lowest criminals. The earliest surviving depiction of the Crucifixion is from 420 CE, carved on a panel from an ivory casket. In our icon, at the top of the cross is placed the condemnatory inscription: King of the Jews. John 19:20 states that this inscription was written in three languages-Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. To the left and right of this inscription are the Greek letters IC X C which are the first and last letters in the Greek words for *Jesus* and *Christ*, respectively. On either side of the cross stand the Virgin Mary and the apostle John. Under Christ's right arm you will find the Greek letters M P Ø V. These are the first and last letters of the Greek words that translate Birth Giver of God or Mother of God. In 431, the Council of Ephesus made this declaration primarily to affirm the divinity of Christ. While the blue represents the Virgin's purity, and connotes her royal status, the red garment signifies traits connected with motherhood, including love, passion, and devotion. John's green garments imply beginnings, new growth, and other ideas connected with life, rebirth, and renewal. The English painter Graham Sutherland (1903-1980) wrote the following words about the crucifixion in the mid-twentieth century, after the Second World War.

[It] is the most tragic of all themes, and yet inherent in it is the promise of salvation. It is the symbol of the precarious balanced moment, the hair's-breadth between black and white. It is that moment when the sky seems superbly blue—and when one feels it is only blue in that superb way because at any moment it could be black—there is the other side of the mirror—and on that point of balance one may fall into the great gloom or rise to great happiness.



2024 Holy Week & Easter Services

** March 25, Monday 7pm Taizé-style Service March 26, Tuesday 7pm Stations of the Cross March 27, Wednesday 7pm Service of Tenebrae March 28, Maundy Thursday

5:30pm Family Maundy Thursday & Passover Celebration

** 7pm Maundy Thursday Service & Footwashing

9pm Maundy Thursday All-Night Vigil begins

March 29, Good Friday

** 12 noon Good Friday Liturgy

2pm Church School Intergenerational Good Friday Observance

7pm Good Friday Liturgy

March 30, Holy Saturday

9am Holy Saturday Service

7pm The Great Easter Vigil & Holy Eucharist

March 31, Easter Sunday

** 9am Easter Sunday Festival Holy Eucharist

10am Easter Egg Hunt

** 11am Easter Sunday Festival Holy Eucharist



Notices and Announcements

Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.

Community Learning Class

We will have a combined church school class today, March 24, in the parish hall at 9:45am. We will be learning about Palm Sunday. We will walk outside for a palm parade and then return to the children's chapel. Please make sure your child is prepared for the weather.

9am Christian Learning

Join us **today**, **March 24**, for the seventh word, *Father*, *into thy hands I commend my spirit* and the epilogue in Jon Meacham's book *Hope of Glory*. Pam Alexander will be our teacher. Come to class if you have read the book or if you haven't. We will not have a 9am class on Easter Day, Sunday, March 31. Join us **Sunday**, **April 7** for *Visio Divina: Images of Resurrection*; we will reflect on two different paintings of the resurrection. Everyone is welcome to attend anytime. There is childcare at 8:55am in Kids' Place so parents can join. Classes are hybrid and the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle. —<u>Rev. Margaret</u> Schwarzer

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet today, March 24, at 5:45pm, in Room 201.

Children's Holy Week Events

- Thursday, March 28, at 5:30pm
 Family Maundy Thursday Dinner & Passover Experience
- Friday, April 15, at 2pm
 Children's Way of the Cross
- Easter Sunday, March 31, at 10am Easter Egg Hunt

See our website for details.

Maundy Thursday Dinner

Join us for a Maundy Thursday dinner & Passover experience at 5:30pm in the parish hall, on Thursday,
March 28. Rabbi Dena



Bodian, campus rabbi of Wellesley College, will be joining us to teach us about the seder. She will be guiding us through hands-on activities, and a family-friendly exploration of the connections between Jesus' Last Supper and Jewish Passover Seder traditions. A simple meal will be offered, and we hope you will stay for the **7pm service**. Please bring a salad to share. Sign up on Realm or with the OR code.

No Morning Prayer

There will be no morning prayer during the week after Easter. Morning prayer will resume **Monday**, **April 8**, at 8:30am.

Maundy Thursday Vigil



It has long been a tradition at St. Andrew's for us to follow the ancient practice of maintaining an all-night vigil after the Maundy Thursday service

until the morning of Good Friday. This is in response to the call of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before his crucifixion when he said to his disciples, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray with me."

You are invited to participate in the vigil by sitting in person in the transept chapel with the presence of Christ in the reserved sacrament during the overnight hours. During your hour, you are free to pray, sit, or read. Please register with the QR code above or on the sign up signup sheet in the narthex. Thank you for participating in the vigil.

Invitation to Temple Beth Elohim

We have been invited, along with the other Christian churches of Wellesley, by Temple Beth Elohim to join them at 5:45pm on Friday, April 5, for Shabbat worship (6pm), a tour of the sanctuary (7:15pm) and dinner (7:30pm). This is an opportunity for us to deepen our bonds of affection and support for our local Jewish community. If you have questions or would like to attend, please contact Adrian.

Antisemitism from a Jewish Perspective

In response to so much antisemitism in North America in the past few years, we have been sponsoring a series lead by one of our friends at Temple Beth Elohim. Join Eric Rosen on Sunday, April 7, from 11:30am to 12:30pm in Room 2 for Antisemitism from a Jewish Perspective: Modern Antisemitism. This is Eric's third and final class with us this year. —Rev. Margaret **Schwarzer**

Bargain Haul—Volunteers Needed!

Join the fun and fellowship of our 90th annual rummage sale, Bargain Haul, as St. Andrew's comes together to benefit our out-



reach programs. We need volunteers during the hours below, from drop-off Sunday,

April 28, through Saturday, May 4, the public sale. Please pitch in, even if you have only a few hours to spare!

- Sunday, April 28 11:30am to 3pm (drop-off/sorting)
- Monday, April 29 9am to 2pm and 6pm to 8pm (drop-off/sorting)
- Tuesday, April 30 9am to 2pm (dropoff/sorting) and 6pm to 8pm (sorting)
- Wednesday, May 1 9am to 2pm (sorting/organizing)
- Thursday, May 2 9am to 11am (worker preview sale)
- Friday, May 3 6pm to 8pm (parish night sale)
- Saturday, May 4 8am to 12pm (public sale) and 12pm to 2pm (cleanup).

Scan the QR Code to learn more about volunteering and to sign up. Or contact Wendy Barry or Bob Ware via email.

Families with Youth

Please mark your calendars to help with Bargain Haul. We need youth to help on both **Sunday, April 28** drop-off day, and to staff layaway during Bargain Haul and clean-up afterwards on **Saturday, May 4.**

Spring Inquirer's Class

-Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

We will be offering a second **Inquirer's Class** this spring. Four classes will be held from **11:30am to 12:30pm in the Harvey Room** for *Episcopal 101*—a chance to reflect upon the core beliefs and practices of our Episcopal Church. Newcomers to the Episcopal Church and longstanding parish members are equally welcome. We will meet on **April 14**, **April 28**, **May 5**, **and May 19**. If you are interested in joining the class, please email me. We have room for 12 to 15 people.

Outreach Grant Nominations



Each year, as part of our outreach ministry, we provide grants of up to \$5,000 each to selected charitable organiza-

tions nominated by parishioners. Have a favorite charity? Nominate it! Selection details and grant applications are available on our website, under Serve: Outreach. **Applications for the next round are due by May 31**.

Nametags for Newcomers

Welcome newcomers! If you joined our church in the past year and don't have a nametag yet, <u>please email membership committee member Becky Hamlin</u> who can get a magnetic name tag for you.



Gratitude

Bishop's Visitation

Thank you to everyone in the parish for your welcome to Bishop Alan last Sunday; he was very appreciative of the warmth of the welcome. Thank you to the choir and everyone involved in the service. Thank you to the Eichelbergers who hosted coffee hour. Thank you to the vestry for the time to meet with the bishop for lunch and discussion.

From St. Stephen's Youth Programs, Dec. 27, 2023

"Dear Friends, Thank you for your generous gift of \$6,000 ... Your willingness to help young people ... from Boston's neighborhoods makes a big difference in their lives. ... Our work simply would not be possible without your strong support. ... Your support ... allows us to offer teens academic support and enrichment, job training, college and career preparation, and life and leadership skill training. We have seen from experience that this comprehensive support can help young people overcome obstacles to their success. Your support will allow us to provide academic and enrichment programs for young people in elementary and middle school year-round, creating long-term relationships and building community. Again, thank you for all you do for our young people, parents, and the entire community!" Signed by Chris Sumner, Executive Director

Vestry

• Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/

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Staff

- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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Weekly Calendar

• The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am (also online) and 5pm. Morning Prayer online is offered Monday through Thursday at 8:30am on our website, our YouTube Channel (use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel), and on Facebook.



- Senior Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm.
- Parish office hours are (generally) Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm, and
 Friday, 9am to 12pm, unless otherwise noted or announced. Tuesday at noon is the
 deadline for all materials to be included either in the bulletin or by email for the
 following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.

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* also to be broadcast