

# Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021



*We welcome you to our virtual service of worship  
and hope you'll share the good news proclaimed and lived here at Calvary, Columbia.*

*We look forward to seeing you when we can gather together again in person.  
Until that day, God bless and keep you.*

## **Calvary Episcopal Church**

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[www.calvaryonninth.org](http://www.calvaryonninth.org)

*Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, MO. We're so glad you've joined us to worship on this Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday.*

*This is a full-service bulletin. If you prefer to use your Book of Common Prayer, the page numbers are listed as well.*

Prelude: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Tom Birchwood

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. ***People: Amen.***

*Here a Deacon or other person appointed reads one of the following*

A reading from the Gospel of John:

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord -- the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. (12:12-16)

Deacon: Here ends the reading.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 forever. **People: Amen.**

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

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

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

*The palms will be available for drive-through pick-up after the service.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The Opening Acclamation: BCP, 355**

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be the God who is Trinity in unity.

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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. **People: Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

### **The First Reading**

Lector: A reading from the book of 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? (50:4-9a)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Response**

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 31:9-16. We will read it in unison.

**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 acquaintance; \*  
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 around; \*  
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." (31:9-16)**

### **The Second Reading**

Lector: A reading from the letter of Paul 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. (2:5-11)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:** H168 - *O sacred head, sore wounded* (verses 1 and 3)

1. O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendor  
the hosts of heaven adore!

3. In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved  
to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-beloved,  
yet thank thee for thy death.

**The Gospel**

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted*

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 Jesus saw where the body was laid.] (15:1-39, [40-47])

## **The Homily**

*--- A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.*

## **The Nicene Creed BCP, 358.**

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Deacon: Gracious God, who knit our inmost parts before we were born and who shelters us with a strong hand, in our gratitude receive the prayers we offer as we respond to each petition saying,

**“Kyrie eleison.”** *Kē-rē-ā ā -lay- ē -sōn (trans. Lord, have mercy)*

In thanksgiving for the unity we share through our faith and resurrection in Jesus Christ, that we who have been entrusted with the gift of new life, may bring life to the world and renewed hope to our church, for this we pray.

***People: Kyrie eleison.***

For the courage to hold fast to the high ideals of our calling, bringing the lamp of charity to those who live in despair and desperation, and through their cries receive the saving grace that enlightens our ministry; for this we pray.

***People: Kyrie eleison.***

For a renewed sense of the body of Christ, the Church, that together with our Presiding Bishop, our bishop, and all other ministers, we may rededicate ourselves in the unity of the Triune God; for this we pray.

***People: Kyrie eleison.***

For the urgency to seek peace before the battle breaks, for economic justice before the weight of poverty fractures the will of nations; for this we pray.

***People: Kyrie eleison.***

For the forgiveness of our sins, that the wounds we inflict on one another may be healed by the Divine Life that overcomes human frailty; for this we pray.

***People: Kyrie eleison.***

For those on our parish prayer list, that they may know we lift them into the presence of God by our prayers where they are filled with the power of God's healing love. We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation, especially \_\_\_\_\_; for these we pray.

***People: Kyrie eleison.***

For those whose lives are approaching death, and for those who have died, remembering especially \_\_Sharon Sessions\_\_, that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit; for this we pray.

***People: Kyrie eleison.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Celebrant: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Power, be our strength. Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you. Grant that with all our hearts, with all our minds, and with all our strength, we may evermore seek your presence, and by your infinite love, keep us in your holy presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.**

**The Peace.** BCP, 360

Celebrant: *La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements** offered by Calvary's vestry representative John Smith: *(see last page)*

*The Celebrant says the Offertory sentence.*

**Offertory Anthem:** *To mock your reign, O dearest Lord*  
Calvary Choir

H170

## 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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*Celebrant and People – chanted by the choir, S-130 in the hymnal*

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

People: **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP, 364

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*The Celebrant continues* 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.

*Communion will be available for drive-through pick-up after the service, and is also available to the members of the congregation through a home visit with Communion from Reserve Sacrament.*

**Communion Hymn:** *Ubi caritas* (repeat 3 times)  
Taize Community

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.  
Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

The blessing of God the Creator,  
the shalom of God, the Son,  
and the wildness and the warmth of God the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and among you now and always. *(source: Adapted, NZ Night Prayer)*

**Closing Hymn:** H435 - *At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow (verses 1 and 4)*

1 At the Name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

4 Name him, Christians, name him,  
with love strong as death,  
name with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath;  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshiped,  
trusted, and adored.

## **Dismissal**

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

**Postlude:** *Were You There?*

Timothy Matthews

### **Calvary's Prayer List**

*New names may be added to the prayer list by calling the church office.*

The Sessions family, Gerald, The Thayer family, Fr. Fred, Clara, Jeff, The Slagle and Bush Family, Chris, Frank, Dale, Heather, Dougie, Jessica, Delaney, John, Colleen, Paul, Sue, Carolyn, Phyllis, Stephanie, Recil, Gail, Jim, Dana, Bob, Julie, Joel, Ben, Dan, Kathy, Larisa, David, Bernadene, and Mary J.

For the repose of the soul of Sharon Ann Sessions.

**For Health of Body and Soul (BCP p. 460)** May God, the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

O Lord, rest eternal grant to Sharon Sessions, departed this life on March 23, 2021.

### **Calvary Episcopal Church Announcements**

March 28, 2021

**LOAVES AND FISHES** is one of Calvary's important Outreach Ministries that prepares a meal for up to 100 hungry and homeless folks on the first Sunday of every month and serves the meal at Wilkes Methodist Church. This year, our April First Sunday night dinner for the hungry and homeless falls on Easter Sunday! We need food contributions for the meal, **people to prepare the dinner boxes and PEOPLE TO SERVE FOOD.** To find out how you can help, see Calvary News. A very fitting way to celebrate Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus by helping to feed the hungry and homeless in our community!!

### **2021 HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT CALVARY**

For further information see the [Holy Week and Easter at Calvary page](#) on our website.

#### **PALM SUNDAY, March 28**

8:00 am	Rite I ante-communion on YouTube
9:15 am	Rite Place Holy Eucharist on Zoom
11:15 am	Rite II Holy Eucharist live streamed on YouTube



**1 to 2 pm Drive-through distribution of the palms and communion**

After an adapted ecumenical blessing of the palms with representatives from local churches in Columbia, we will return to our own churches for the Palm Sunday service followed by drive-through distribution of palms from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**, April 1, 6:30 pm on YouTube. A service of Holy Eucharist followed by the Stripping of the Altar.

**GOOD FRIDAY**, April 2: 12 noon on YouTube. A service of prayer using the Solemn Collects to pray for the world, as Jesus did from his cross. The Passion Gospel is read again, bringing us with Jesus onto the Via Dolorosa (Road of Sadness) and to his crucifixion, where by his exultation on the cross, he lifted us out of the grip of sin and death.

**HOLY SATURDAY**, April 3, 10:30 am on YouTube. A short service of prayer and Scripture from the Book of Common Prayer marking the time of waiting while Jesus lay dead in the tomb.

## **CELEBRATING EASTER**

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**, April 3, 7:30 pm with the [Diocese of Missouri](#)

In the Diocese of Missouri, we are one church in many locations. This year we will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter as a diocesan family. This will be broadcast on the Diocese of Missouri website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. For information click [HERE](#).

**EASTER SUNDAY**, April 4 - with Bishop Deon Johnson as our presider!

**9:15 am** Rite Place Holy Eucharist on Zoom  
**11:15 am** Rite II Holy Eucharist live streamed on YouTube  
**1 to 2 pm** Drive-through distribution of communion

Join us for Holy Conversation at our Rite Place service or celebrate with us at the Rite II service in prayer and hymns of praise as we welcome the new life given to us by Jesus this happy morning. Alleluia!

For further information see the [Holy Week and Easter at Calvary page](#) on our website.

## **The 2020 Vestry Stewardship Covenant**

Your vestry developed this Stewardship Covenant using a process of spiritual discernment and seeking divine guidance through Scripture and prayer. This covenant reflects where we feel God is leading us as a Vestry in our ministry of stewardship. We make this covenant among ourselves as a vestry and with God

as we serve the parish. It is not meant to be a Stewardship Covenant for Calvary Episcopal Church parish as a whole. We pray that all members will prayerfully reflect on our invitation to you within this covenant.

**WE BELIEVE** that God will provide us with what we need. We have faith that God will show us how to use and share our resources with others.

**WE COMMIT** to reflect prayerfully as individuals and as a community to listen to what God is saying to us, trusting in divine guidance. We realize that God values us and knows our needs as individuals and as the church.

**WE INVITE** all to join us in trusting in the promises of God to nourish, protect, and love us, meeting all our needs. God will provide us with the resources to serve our community and all creation; we invite all to join in stewarding these resources for the well-being of our community and the world.

To make your pledge online, fill in the 2021 Pledge Card on the [Stewardship](#) page on our website.



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