

# *The Liturgy of the Palms*

April 13, 2025

The Episcopal Church Of The Holy Comforter, Montgomery, Alabama

Hymnal

Prayer Book

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

*Celebrant* 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.

*Palms are presented to Celebrant who, holding them, 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 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 forever. Amen.

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

*The ushers distribute palms to the congregation*

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in peace.

*People:* In the name of Christ

*Beginning at the great step, the altar party and choir process through the nave. During the procession, the congregation is invited to stand and wave as the congregation sings.*

**Processional Hymn 154**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Valet will Ich Dir Geben

## **The Word of God**

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 Reading: Isaiah 45:21-25**

**Psalm 22:19-29**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the LORD.

“This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD’S doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! \*  
LORD, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

“You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

**Sequence Hymn 337**

“And now, O Father”

*Unde et memores*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
*Congregation* Glory be to thee, Lord Christ

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

### **The Sermon**

*Rev. Rosa Lindahl*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Jesus, Light of the World, how quickly the joy and exuberance of the people on this day was turned hostile and angry by political manipulation, and even Your friends betrayed You. Let us walk with You through this coming Holy Week, remain in Your presence, and never deny that You are our Savior. Hosanna to our Messiah!

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

Jesus, Light of the World, help us to engage the hearts and minds of the leaders of this world, our country, and our community, that we may eliminate the fear-mongering, posturing, and oppression that leads to a death like Yours. We pray especially for Steven, our Mayor, Kay, our Governor, and Donald our President. Hosanna to our Messiah!

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

Jesus, Light of the World, enfold with Your loving arms, those who are ill, desperate, or hopeless, and those who worry and care for them. Hosanna to our Messiah!

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

Jesus, Light of the World, as You came to lead us all into the glory of eternal life, turn our grief into joy and comfort knowing those we mourn are with you now in everlasting peace. We pray especially for: Diane, Randy, and Don, good and faithful staff members of our church, and for

Charlie and Joe. Hosanna to our Messiah!  
*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*The Celebrant adds:* God of Mercy, as we re-experience the events of this day and of the week to come, help us to see the time in our lives when we, too, have deserted Jesus and given in to the ways of the world instead. Grant us the willingness to confess through our words and actions that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of You, our God. We ask this through Christ, Your Sacrificial Son, and Your Most Holy Spirit, who live and reign with You, One God, now and forever. Amen.

**The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

**The Peace**

**Offertory Anthem**

“God So Loved the World”

Sir John Stainer

*Until the Sunday of the Resurrection, we will continue to omit the sung Doxology*

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord

*Congregation:* And of thine own have we given thee.

**Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**BCP 361**

**Sanctus S114**

“Holy, holy, holy”

Healey Willan

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 364**

**The Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn 168**

“O sacred head, sore wounded”

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

**The Dismissal**

**BCP 366**

*Join us in the chapel this Monday (14th), Tuesday (15th) and Wednesday (16th) for Morning Prayer, 9:30 AM*



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