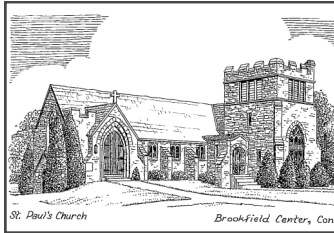


Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

*Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018*



"Celebrating 233 years in the Spirit"

*Preacher & Celebrant
The Reverend Joseph Shepley
Rector*

8:00 A.M. Worship Service

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We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship this morning. We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ as we worship together! We invite you to join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in Crocker Hall, followed by the Rector's Forum, in the Guild Room at 9:30 A.M. Please join us!

(Weather permitting, parishioners gather in the Memorial Garden)

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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.*

Gospel Lesson: 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 Celebrant then says the following blessing:

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 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.*

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

People: *Hosanna in the highest.*

(If outside, process to church)

Collect of the Day (Celebrant and People)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty and ever living 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.

Solemn Procession

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Hymnal, 154

Refrain:

All Glory, Laud and Honor

To thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the king of Israel,

Thou David’s royal Son,

Who in the Lord’s Name comest,

The King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels

Are praising thee on high;

And we with all creation

In chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews

With palms before thee went;

Our praise and prayer and anthems

Before thee we present. *Refrain*

To thee before thy passion

They sang their hymns of praise;

To thee, now high exalted,

Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises;

Accept the prayers we bring,

Who in all good delightest,

Thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Words: Theoduoph of Orleans (d. 821); Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*; melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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 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

- 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."

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, because 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.*

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 15:1-39

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

Narrator: As soon as it was morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him,

Reader: Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator: And he answered him,

Jesus: You have said so.

Narrator: And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him,

Reader: Have you no further answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.

Narrator: But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate wondered. Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barab'bas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he was wont to do for them. And he answered them,

Reader: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Narrator: For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barab'bas instead. And Pilate again said to them,

Reader: Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?

Narrator: And they cried out again,

Crowd: *Crucify him.*

Narrator: And Pilate said to them,

Reader : Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: *Crucify him.*

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barab'bas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the praetorium); and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. And they began to salute him,

Reader(s): Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator: And they struck him head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. And they compelled a passer-by, Simone of Cyre'ne, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

All Stand

Narrator: And they brought him to the place called Gol'gotha (which means the place of the skull). And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour, when they crucified him.

And the inscription of the charge against him read “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And

Those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying,

Reader(s): Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Narrator: So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes, saying,

Reader(s): He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down from the cross, that we may see and believe.

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying,

Jesus: E’lo-i, E’lo-i, la’ma, sabach-tha’ni?

Narrator: Which means,

Jesus: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Narrator: And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

Reader(s): Behold, he is calling Eli’jah.

Narrator: And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Reader: Wait, let us see whether Eli’jah will come to take him down.

Narrator: And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last.

Silence may be kept.

Narrator: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that he thus breathed his last, he said,

Reader: Truly this man was the Son of God!

Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Shepley

Nicene Creed (Please Stand As Able)

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 (You May Stand, Sit, or Kneel)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our Bishops, and all bishops and other ministers.
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We remember the faithful departed this day in whose memory the altar flowers are given:
The altar flowers today are given to the greater glory of God.
The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Officiant adds a concluding prayer.

Confession of Sin (Please Kneel)

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Priest and People.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace (Please Stand As Able)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory (Please Stand As Able) “To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord”

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;	They did not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame
Set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns.	You will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.
They did not know, as we do now, that glorious is your crown;	A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand,
That thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.	And acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.
In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak,	They did not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,
Your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier’s joke.	Your Kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000); Music: *KINGSFOLD*, English folk melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Presentation

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above Ye heav’nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand As Able)

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.

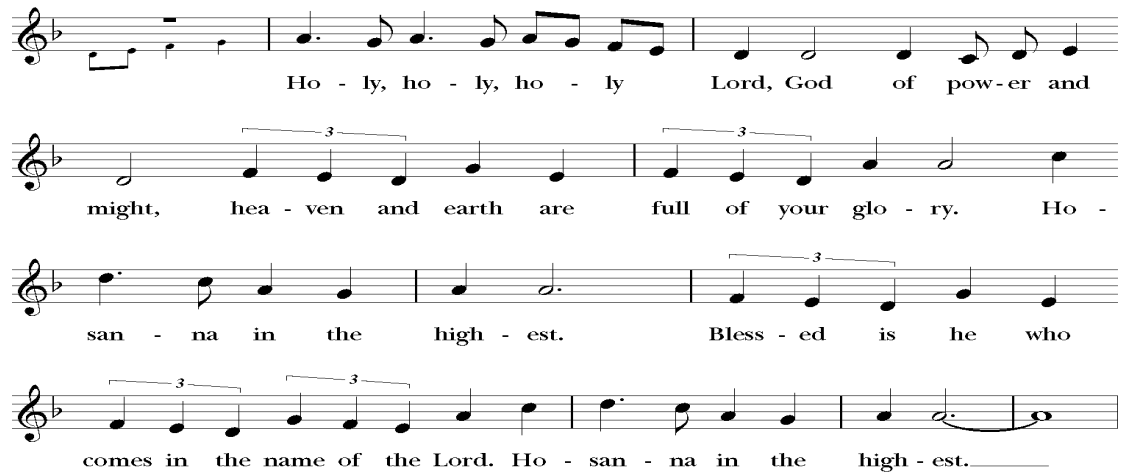
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Hymnal, S129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The Celebrant continues (You may stand, sit or kneel)

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:

Celebrant and People

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. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei

John Merbecke, 1549



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.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive in one kind is considered full communion. If you choose to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you kneel at the altar rail. For those who wish to intinct the Bread, by dipping it in the Wine rather than drinking directly from the Chalice, you may signify this choice by holding the consecrated Bread between your fingers. Please intinct the Bread in the small Chalice which will come before the larger Chalice. After you leave the altar rail, please know that we have prayer teams in the hallway available to pray with you.

Communion Song

“And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love”

Hymnal, 337

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hymnal, 474

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scatter'd garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquer'd sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky;
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Words by Henry Hart Milman; Tune: *Winchester New*

Dismissal

Lay Reader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

J. G. Walther

We would like to extend a special thank you to Chuck Connors for providing bagpipe music for our processional this morning.

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Upon entering the church, please turn off your cell phone or switch it to a worship respectful setting. Please be sure to dispose of all food and drinks before entering the church. Thank You!

Synthesis CE Study Guide

You may pick up a copy of the week's Synthesis CE Study Guide, as well as the following week's, for your personal use. They are located at the back of the church. Thank You!

Easter Memorials Due Today

There are envelopes on the back table for anyone wishing to have memorial flowers for their loved ones and friends in the church for Easter Sunday. All names will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please submit any requests by **Today**, Palm Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Winkley at 203-775-3343 or gailwinkley@yahoo.com.

Calendar for the Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

Sun., Mar. 25	-	8:00 AM	-	Traditional Eucharist
		9:30 AM	-	Rector's Forum
		10:30 AM	-	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	-	Contemporary Eucharist
Tue., Mar. 27	-	9:15 AM	-	Ladies Bible Study
		7:30 PM	-	Tenebrae
Wed., Mar. 28	-	10:00 AM	-	Holy Eucharist and Healing
		7:30 PM	-	Music Night
Thu., Mar. 29	-			Maundy Thursday
		7:30 PM	-	Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar and Holy Communion
Fri., Mar. 30	-			Good Friday
		12:00 PM	-	Good Friday Liturgy and Ante-Communion
		6:30 PM	-	Stations of the Cross
		7:30 PM	-	Good Friday Liturgy and Ante-Communion
Sat., Mar. 31	-			Holy Saturday
		7:30 AM	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		9:00 AM	-	Vestry Retreat
		10:00 AM	-	Children's Easter Celebration
		10:00 AM	-	PraiseMoves
		7:30 PM	-	The Great Vigil of Easter

Next Sunday — Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 AM, 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

Readings

Acts 10:34-43 ; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

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