



THE *Episcopal* CHURCH of
St John the Baptist
The Church that Serves

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
April 9, 2017—8 & 10 a.m.

THE PALM SUNDAY LITURGY

The Congregation gathers on the north patio to begin the service

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.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 21:1-11**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on

the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 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.**

Palm crosses are distributed to the people.

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn *All glory, laud and honor*
(10 a.m. service only)

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
The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our prayer and praise and anthems
Before Thee we present
To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise
Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King

COLLECT

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.**

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

FIRST READING **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?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *

I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND READING**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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Were you there

Hymnal No. 172

THE PASSION GOSPEL**Matthew 27:11-54**

The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I

do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

Congregation

Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Then the people as a whole answered,

Congregation

His blood be on us and on our children!"

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

All stand.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God

deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence is observed.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Those who are able remain standing for

The Prayers of the People [p. 385]

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Kirk ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially Blessed John the Baptist.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Anthem

When Jesus Died for Me . . . arr. Billings

The Great Thanksgiving [p. 361]

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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

[Hymnal S-130]

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. Then 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:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Then is sung

[Hymnal S-164]

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace,
give us your peace.**

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Hymn

Hymnal No. 335

I am the bread of life

After Communion, the Celebrant and People say

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

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.**

Hymn

Hymnal No. 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

People

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON EASTER AT THE 10 AM SERVICE, OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN will take out the Alleluias they “buried” in the special box that has been on the altar during Lent. The children will also participate in our tradition of putting flowers on the Easter cross — please have your child bring a flower for the cross. And don’t forget about our **EASTER EGG HUNT** after the 10:00 am service for children toddler age through 6th grade.

Youth Event: Dinner & Tenebrae Service this Tuesday. We will meet in the SJB youth room for dinner at 5:30 pm, then carpool to St. Peter's Episcopal Church for a special Holy Week service led by their youth group. Please see Pastor Joel for more information.

OUR THIRD PLACE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROVIDE A WELCOMING PLACE TO SHARE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP. There is a sign up sheet on the Vestry Table in the Parish Hall. Contact Rose Hartley for more information.

REFUGEE MINISTRY Thank you all for your donations from the needs list distributed a few weeks ago. We still have some needs for them:

- * DVD Player
 - * Good pair of scissors or set for sewing—the dad is a tailor
 - * Toys—The children have no toys! The daughter is 4 years old, and there are two boys, aged 9 and 11.
 - * Clothes— please see Rose Hartley for more detail.
- We are beginning engage with our family. If you want to hear more about them, please contact Rose.

SAVE THE DATE!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, June 26—30, 5:30-7:30PM, for ages 4 yrs - 12 yrs. A child friendly meal will be served. The children will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, music, and games! If you have questions or would like to volunteer for this week of fun, please see Peggy Diaz after each service. You can also call the church or email her peggy@stjohnsaz.org. Registration will begin in April.

CHILDREN’S SUMMER CAMP Parents, if you are interested in sending your 1st-6th grade child to Children’s Camp at our Diocese’s Chapel Rock Summer Camp in Prescott, please see Peggy Diaz after today’s service for more information (or email her: peggy@stjohnsaz.org). Camperships are available if there is a financial need. Also, there will be a family camp at Chapel Rock camp July 6-9. Family camp is an opportunity to use your family vacation time to unplug from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with your children and with God! Please talk to Peggy or email her for more information. You can also go to www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm for additional information and to register for both camps.

MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK IN ACHIEVING ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL POWWOW! We had 42 wonderful volunteers, provided food to 321 supporters and our very first After Hours Agency. A GREAT job done by all!

HOLY WEEK OFFERTORY DESIGNATIONS

Maundy Thursday

CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL—A MINISTRY THROUGH WHICH THE POOR AND HOMELESS ARE SERVED.

Good Friday

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE SOUTHWEST
REFUGEE FOCUS PROGRAM



**We remember before God
all those throughout the world whose lives
have been disrupted by violence or war.**

**We pray for those who work for peace
and for new beginnings.**

We pray for Tony; Donna; Mark; Karin & her mom; Shirley; Sarah; Marge; Roger; Bruce; Randall; Joe; Rebecca; Gary; Janie; Sarah & her unborn baby girl; Vicki; Jeannie; Virginia & her family; Marian & Shari; Dean; Presley Lynn & her family; Graham; Phylliss; Paul; Roberta; Dean; Steve; June; Lori; Val; Hollis & Denise; Pierce; Jim; Helen; Santosh; Nat; Keira .

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

AFTER THE 10 A.M. SERVICE

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, your neighbors' children! Children as young as toddlers are invited to participate as they will have a separate safe hunt area. Bags will be provided or you can bring your own Easter baskets.!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR EASTER LILY SIGN UP We appreciate your free will offering. Please clearly PRINT your name and the dedication you would like included in the Easter bulletin.

IF YOU HAVE NEED OF PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE, a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry will be in our Library to pray with you during Communion at both services, for 10 minutes before & after the first service, and for 10 minutes after the second service.

PARISH PICNIC ON MAY 7—11AM UNTIL 2PM The church provides fresh grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish Hall for all sides, chips and desserts. This year YOU WILL HAVE TO HAVE A TICKET TO GET IN THE FOOD LINE. Tickets will be given out as you sign up. Sign up order will be line-up order.

WE WILL HAVE ONE HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE AT 9:30 AM ON THE DAY OF THE PICNIC.

FOOD PANTRY

cereal; sugar; Jiffy mixes
Raman noodles;
Shampoo and conditioner
Bottled water

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Pop tarts; pretzels
wrapped cookies; packets of peanuts
small bags of Goldfish crackers

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM
Good Friday Liturgy 6:30 PM
Holy Saturday/Great Vigil 7 PM
Easter Sunday 6, 8, & 10 AM

Today **PALM SUNDAY**
Nursery care 7:45–11:15 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite I 8 AM
Soul Food Sunday (CH3) 9:10 AM
Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) 9:45 AM
Sunday Youth Program (CH 6) 9:45 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10 AM
Tue. Faith Through the Arts (L) 4:30 PM
Old Testament in Review/Bible Study 6 PM
Wed. **Holy Eucharist Rite II 6:30 PM**
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM
Vestry meeting (CH 3) 7:15 PM
Thu. Maundy Thursday Eucharist 6:30 PM
Fri. Good Friday Liturgy 6:30 PM
Sat. Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study 8 AM
Women Unlimited (CH 4 & 5) 9 AM
The Great Vigil of Easter 7 p.m.
Sun. **EASTER SUNDAY**
Holy Eucharist 6, 8, and 10 a.m.
Nursery care 7:45 - 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 a.m. service

OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 17.

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