Christ Episcopal Church





April 2, 2023 8 &10 a.m.



Christ Episcopal Church 1521 N. Patterson St. Valdosta. GA



April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday Rite I Welcome to Christ Church! Mobile text number simply text your gift amount to 844-928-4938

The parish gathers outside the building for the liturgy of the Palms Liturgy of the Palms

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

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 Gospel

Matthew

21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"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." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is

this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

PeopleThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt 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.*

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

The Procession

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

[8 am] Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Unison) **BCP** 760 Confitemini Domino ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. ² Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them: I will offer thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter." ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eves. ²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! LORD, send us now success. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ "You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you." ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

[10am] - Processional Hymn – All Glory, Laud and Honor



The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Liturgy of the Palms Collect

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 non other than the way of life and peace; throught Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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*.

[8AM] Kyrie

Kyrie eleison **Christe eleison** Kyrie eleison



Lesson Isajah 50.4

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷The Lord Godhelps 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

- Psalm 31:9-16 (Unison) BCP 623 In te, Domine, speravi
- 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

People

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and 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.**

[10AM] Gospel Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymn 474



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

The Sermon - The Rev. Hal Weidman

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, our Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Frank, our Bishop; Scott, our retired bishop, for Hal, our priest, Walter and Marćia, our assisting priests, Peter, our retired priest, Nancy, our deacon; Stella and Patricia, our retired deacons; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we prayer for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our congregation in Douglas, St. Andrew's and for our ecumenical partners in Douglas, especially St. Paul's Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for The Ascension (La Ascensión) in El Seibo.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of Government in this and every land, especially Joe our president, the Congress and the Courts; Brian our Governor; Scott our mayor; Bill our County Commission Chairman; and for those serving in the Armed Forces that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Ann Burnette, Caty Carter, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Terry Fontham, Melanie Ford, Louise Harden, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Laurie McCall, Monty Miller, Gnann Moser, Laura Paine, Della Richards, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Benita Sandbach, Paul Stevenson, Burt Tillman, Leslie, Andrew, the Daughtrey family, the Hill family, the Tudor family_and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life, in thy faith and fear; especially *Jake Daughtrey*, *Melanie Tudor* beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator & Advocate. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

BCP 332

The Peace

PeopleThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Announcements – Please be seated

[10AM] **Offertory** – Beyond the Palms Choir Joseph Martin & David Angerman



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

[8AM] Sanctus Celebrant and People Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

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

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 the following may be said

[8 AM] - Fraction Anthem Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Hymnal S164



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*

The Celebrant may say the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God.

[LS] Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And, since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen*.

[10 AM] Communion Hymns



My Song is Love Unknown Hymn 458 Unison or harmony Mv Sa - vior's love to 1 song is love un known, my me, love 2 He came from his blest throne sal va - tion to be - stow, but *3 Some times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re makes this rage and spite? He *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; а 0 00. 0 love - less shown that they might to the love lv be. 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ But would know. <u>3</u> sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet 1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die? 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at mv need his life did spend. <u>3</u> "Cru-ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry. 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst him rise. 5 stead-fast he to suf-fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free. 0. *6 In life no house, no home 7 Here might I stay and sing, my Lord on earth might have; no story so divine: in death no friendly tomb never was love, dear King, but what a stranger gave. never was grief like thine, What may I say? This is my friend, Heaven was his home: in whose sweet praise but mine the tomb I all my days wherein he lay. could gladly spend.

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

Blessing

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Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – At the Name of Jesus

David N. Johnson

Holy Week Schedule

April 2 – 8 & 10a – **Palm Sunday** begins outside weather permitting

April 5 - Noon - Stations of the Cross - Sanctuary

April 6 – 6:00p - Maundy Thursday – Sanctuary 8:00 p – Friday at 8:00 a - Night Watch

Night Watch With Jesus – We will be setting up a pray station beginning at 8:00 pm Thursday night (April 6th) in the Sanctuary. You are invited to sign up for one hour during that night to pray and watch with Jesus. We want to keep company with Jesus rather than sleep through the night as his followers did that last night in the Garden. Jesus lamented, "Can you not watch with me one hour!" when he found them sleeping. Our answer: "Yes, we can watch with you one hour." Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall, or you can sign up by emailing Frances Guice: frances@guice.net

April 7 – Noon & 6:00p - Good Friday – Sanctuary

April 8 – 10:00a - Holy Saturday – Sanctuary 11:00a – Decorate Church for Easter 11:00a - Lunch Bunch - Parish Hall

April 9 – 8 & 10:00a – Easter Sunday begins outside weather permitting 11:15 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt and Reception Front Lawn/Parish Hall





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OUR VISION

To receive God's grace in Jesus Christ, and share this grace with one another and the world.

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