

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 11am

Livestreamed worship available at [facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos).

St. Paul's on the Green | 60 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851

### Gathering Music *sung by the choirs of St. Paul's and St. John's, West Hartford*

Heilig, heilig, heilig, ist Gott, der Herr Zebaoth!

Alle Lande sind seiner Ehre voll.

Hosianna in der Höh'!

Gelobt sei, der da kommt im Namen des Herrn!

Hosianna in der Höh'!

*Holy, holy, holy is God, the Lord Sabaoth!*

*Ev'ry nation proclaims his glorious praise.*

*Sing Hosanna in the highest.*

*O blest is he that comes in God's holy name.*

*Sing Hosanna in the highest.*

words: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
music: from *Deutsche Liturgie*, BWV B 57

### The Liturgy of the Palms

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord:

**Glory to God; hosanna in the highest.**

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of these mighty acts, in which you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Blessing of the Palms

*The Celebrant invites the People to raise their branches for the blessing*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant blesses the palms on the altar.*

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. Who on this day 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 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.**

The ministers process to the Communion Table. All participate in whatever distanced way they are able.

## Hymn in Procession

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The image shows musical notation for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music. The first system is a single melodic line in treble clef with the lyrics 'All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!'. The second system is also a single melodic line in treble clef with the lyrics 'to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.'. The third system is a two-part setting in treble and bass clefs with the lyrics '1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,'. The fourth system is also a two-part setting in treble and bass clefs with the lyrics '1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One. 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.'. The word 'Repeat Refrain' is written above the fourth system.

words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.  
music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584–1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God of eternal glory, when your Son rode into Jerusalem the people waved palms with shouts of acclamation. As he was acclaimed a king and crucified as a criminal, teach us to accept our sufferings and triumphs for your glory alone and follow where he leads the way; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson**    *Zechariah 9:9-10; 16*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. On that day the Lord their God will save them, for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:19, 22-23, 25-29**    *chanted by the cantors*

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to God.

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

This is God's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Hosanna, O God, hosanna! \*  
O Holy One, send us now success.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of God; \*  
we bless you from the house of God.

God is the Holy One who 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 God who is good; \*  
God's mercy endures for ever.

setting: plainsong

## **The Gospel**    *Mark 11:1-11*

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

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

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 Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**    *The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## The Prayers of the People *based on Philippians 2:5-11*

*You may also add your own petitions in a Facebook comment.*

*The intercessor says*

Christ, as we pray in your name, instill in us the same mind that is in you, that we might be vessels of your humility and grace.

You emptied yourself, taking on the form of a servant; we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers. Form us into a Church that offers itself for others, and for you.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You were born in human likeness, and found in human form; we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, and for all who live in the midst of disaster, famine, or terror.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In love for the world, you humbled yourself even to the point of death; we pray for our nation, our leaders, and all the people who live within these borders. Bless us with your humility, freedom, and peace.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Your humility and your love for us was so broad and deep, it cost you your life; we pray for those we love who have died; as you were exalted to God's right hand, may they rest with you in glory.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In your exaltation, O Christ, you were given the name that is above every name; we pray in your name for those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are hurting in any way. Give them your grace.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We also pray, in your name, for those who are sick and for all who suffer; give them the gift of healing, strength, and life. We pray also for those who have died.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers and concerns of the People offered online are read.*

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying*

You humbled yourself in being born among us, and you humbled yourself on the cross; to you O Christ we bend our knee, with those above and those below, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace wherever you are: with a comment posted on Facebook, a bow to those nearby, or some other distanced gesture of peace.*

**Announcements** available at [stpaulsnorwalk.org/sundaymorning](http://stpaulsnorwalk.org/sundaymorning)

### GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

Now more than ever, the work and mission of St. Paul's depend on the generous support of its friends and members.

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For other means of giving, visit [stpaulsnorwalk.org/support](http://stpaulsnorwalk.org/support).

**Thank you** for your generous support!



## The Offertory

*The Altar-Table is prepared with gifts of bread and wine for Communion. During this time, give thanks for all the ways God blesses you, and consider ways you can extend that blessing to others. Learn more ways to give in the "Giving to St. Paul's" box above.*

**Anthem at the Offertory** sung by the soloist

A stable lamp is lighted  
whose glow shall wake the sky  
the stars shall bend their voices  
and every stone shall cry.

And every stone shall cry  
and straw like gold will shine  
a barn shall harbor heaven  
a stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city  
will ride in triumph by  
the palm shall strew its branches  
and every stone shall cry.

And every stone shall cry  
though heavy, dull and dumb  
and lie within the roadway  
to pave the Kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken  
and yielded up to die  
the sky shall groan and darken  
and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry  
for stony hearts of men  
God's blood upon the spearhead  
God's love refused again.

But now as at the ending  
the low is lifted high  
the stars shall bend their voices  
and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry  
in praises of the child  
by whose descent among us  
the worlds are reconciled.

words: Richard Wilbur (1921-2017)  
music: *Andujar*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

# The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God 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, who for our sins 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:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

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 musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a half note G4, then a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The second staff features a triplet of quarter notes (G4, A4, Bb4) followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note A4. The third staff starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4, followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note A4. The fourth staff begins with a triplet of quarter notes (G4, A4, Bb4), followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note A4, ending with a whole note G4.

setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)  
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*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 in glory.**

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.**

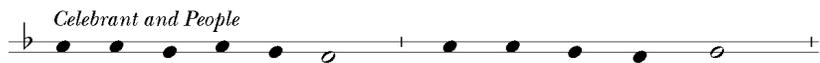
## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

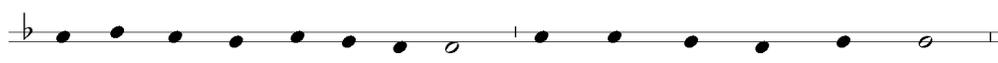


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*



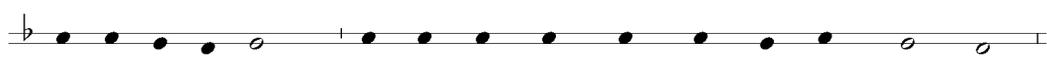
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



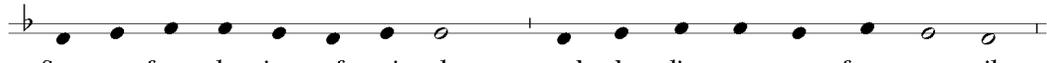
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: *Ambrosian Chant*, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)  
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## The Communion

Jesus said: "When I am lifted up from the earth,  
**I will draw the whole world to myself.**"

The gifts of God for the People of God; draw near in faith.

*While the Celebrant communicates those in the church, the whole assembly shares in a time of reflection and prayer, contemplating the Presence of Christ in the gifts of bread and wine, along with the larger reality that we ourselves, along with all creation, are the Body of Christ. (Colossians 3:11)*

## Music at the Communion

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen* by Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

All kneel as able.

## Final Hymn

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
\*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
\*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930);  
music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612);  
adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## The Solemn Prayer over the People

*The Celebrant stands alone and prays over the People*

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.**

*The Celebrant, ministers, and People depart in silence, or remain for meditative prayer.*

*Beginning tomorrow through Saturday, please worship at St. Paul's at 7:30pm each evening online, culminating in a joyful Easter morning liturgy next Sunday. Visit [stpaulsnorwalk.org/traveltogether](http://stpaulsnorwalk.org/traveltogether) for more information.*

Monday, 7:30pm	Tenebrae I*
Tuesday, 7:30pm	Tenebrae II*
Wednesday, 7:30pm	Tenebrae III*
Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm	Footwashing, Eucharist, & Vigil
Good Friday, noon	Stations of the Cross
Good Friday, 7:30pm	Solemn Liturgy
Saturday, 7:30pm	Great Vigil of Easter
Easter Sunday, 11am	Festival Eucharist

\* attend in person with prior registration: contact [admin@stpaulsnorwalk.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsnorwalk.org).

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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