

# ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
MARCH 28, 2021



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*Presider:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Assembly:* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Presider:* Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help ... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assembly:* Amen.

### THE GOSPEL

Mark 15:1-39

*The Gospeller announces:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*The Assembly responds:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

*The Gospeller says:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*The Assembly Responds:*

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*The Presider then says the following blessing:*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Assembly:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Presider:* It is right to praise you, Almighty God ... with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*Assembly:* Amen.

*Remain standing while the Presider blesses the palms*

## THE COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Assembly:* Amen.

*The assembly is seated for the readings*

## THE 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?

*The Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord.

*The Assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 31:9-16

9 **H**ave 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."

# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

*The assembly is seated for the dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel*

*When the readers return to their seats, the assembly sits*

## THE HOMILY

The Reverend David L. Jones

## THE PEACE

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Assembly:* And also with you.

## WORDS OF WELCOME

*Brief announcements are made*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## AT THE OFFERTORY

*Presider:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer I

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* And with thy spirit.

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*Assembly:* It is meet and right so to do.

## THE SANCTUS

**H**oly, 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 LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*All:* **O**ur 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

*A period of silence is kept*

*Presider:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Assembly:* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Presider:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Assembly:* have mercy upon us.

*Presider:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Assembly:* have mercy upon us.

*Presider:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Assembly:* grant us thy peace.

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Said by all*

*Presider:* We do not presume to come to this thy Table,

*Assembly:* **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 Presider shows the Holy Things to the assembly and says:*

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Every member of the assembly is welcomed and encouraged to approach the Lord's Table*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A**lmighty 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.

## THE BLESSING

The Presider invokes God's blessing upon the assembly, to which they respond "Amen."

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Assembly:* Thanks be to God.



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## St. John on the Mountain Weekly Calendar

### March 28; Palm Sunday

livestream & in-person

8:00 am: Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 am: Photos with the donkey in Larocque Field  
(adjacent to the church parking lot)

10am: Procession and Holy Eucharist Rite II Parish Hall  
Yard

11:15 am Coffee Hour, Parking Lot

### March 30; Tuesday

livestream & in-person

10:00 am Morning Prayer, Chapel

### March 31; Wednesday

livestream

5:00 pm Evening Prayer in a time of Pandemic

### April 1; Maundy Thursday

livestream & in-person

10:00 am Morning Prayer, Chapel

5:00 pm Sung Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:00 pm Nightwatch in the Garden of Repose (outside),  
until 8:00 am Friday

### April 2; The Liturgy for Good Friday

YouTube and Facebook only

available all day

The Passion and Solemn Collects

### April 3; Holy Saturday

YouTube and Facebook only

Audio Playlist available all day. Offered by our Choir -  
YouTube & Facebook

7:00 pm: *Holy Fire and Salvation Stories: The Easter Vigil*  
Outdoors - St Marks, Basking Ridge

### April 4; Easter Sunday

livestream & in-person

8:00 am: Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am: Sung Holy Eucharist Rite II Parish Hall Yard  
You are invited to maintain social distancing and gather  
around the open north windows of the Sanctuary to  
hear Christopher play the closing Voluntary.

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt, Front courtyard

## Remember in Prayer

Dorota Anderson, Karen Argent-Belcher, Phil Barbee, Charley, Kathy Connolly, Diane, Luz Feireira, Frank, Eddie Franz, Jack Fritts, Nathaniel Gilmartin, Jake, Jude, Lisa Litschi, Margaret, Cynthia Potter, Frank Pratt, Scott, John Summers, Pat Warlick, Peter Warlick, Sheila Wise, Bill Young, Margaret

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Kathy Christie, Peter Clarke,  
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##### Class of 2022

Stephanie Haueis, Michael Mitchell,  
Heather McBride Leef, Peter Tober

##### Class of 2023

Joy Baird, Mary Courtemanche,  
Bill Young

#### Treasurer

Joe Ray

### MARCH 28, 2021

8 AM

#### Eucharistic Minister

Sue Kennedy

#### Lector

Peter Mercer

#### Passion Readers

Sue Kennedy  
Peter Mercer  
Peter Clarke  
Chris Daggett

10 AM

#### Lay Minister

Jody Flegal  
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#### Passion Readers

Hilary Thomas Dorer  
Rich McGlynn  
Mary Courtemanche  
Mike Ewing