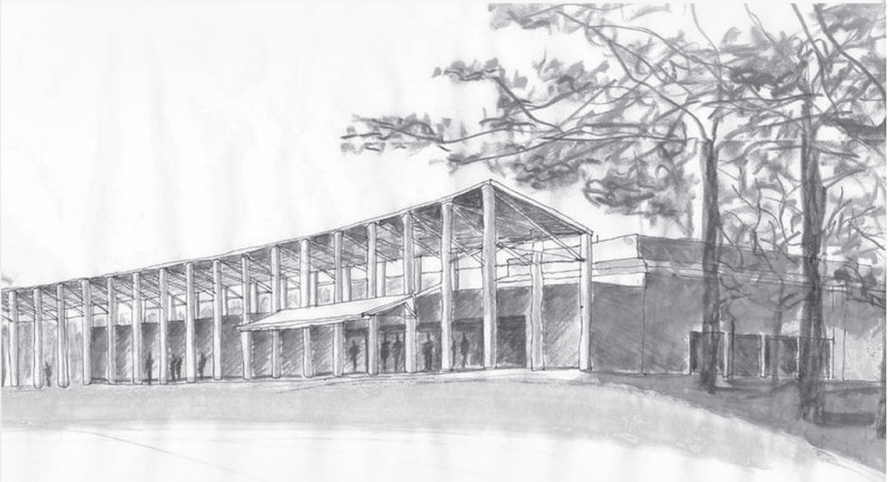


✠ St. Nicholas Church

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Welcome

*The Love of Christ
Changing Lives*

April 5, 2020

*Palm/Passion Sunday
with Holy Communion*

PALM SUNDAY/PASSION SUNDAY

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday is the epitome of Lent: a day of great celebration, and a day of deep mourning. On this day, Jesus entered Jerusalem as its king while thousands rejoiced. Within a week, he would be dead, and his followers would be confused and scattered.

We begin standing with those who welcome Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with loud "Hosannas" and cheers and rejoicing. The Messiah, the King who will restore the land to its rightful people, has come! He is the one who will settle accounts, restore good fortune, put to right injustices and bring people into line with the sword. "Hosanna!" we cry, connecting with the joy they felt, believing that the day of the Lord they had always envisioned was coming to pass, that the Kingdom they assumed God would establish was being called into being. We lay palm fronds at the feet of the one who comes, of the Messiah we've been waiting for.

But then, something happens, and the liturgy forces us to confront a sad reality about the great throngs that greeted Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem. We transition, with the crowd, from shouts of praise and Hosanna, to the Passion Gospel where we cry out, "Crucify him!" We learn, through participation, that the people who cheered so mightily at Jesus' entry into Jerusalem cheered just as mightily for his crucifixion. They realized that this was not the Messiah that they had wanted or expected.

Today and throughout Holy Week, we're called to examine our relationship with God, to examine what exactly it is we're hoping for, why exactly it is we claim to follow this carpenter from Nazareth. We're called to seek within ourselves any evidence that we have, like the crowd, decided to shout "Hosanna" because we have created a Messiah, a God, in our own image. We're here today, as well, to be reminded of the times when we have said, "Crucify him," by our actions and of the times we have rejected the truth and message of the Gospel by rejecting what it means for us and for all people.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday is observed during Holy Week on the Thursday before Easter. Also referred to as "Holy Thursday" or "Great Thursday," it commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. Three important biblical events are the primary focus of Maundy Thursday solemnizations:

1. Before the Passover meal, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. By performing this lowly act of service, Jesus "showed them the full extent of his love." (John 13:1). By his example, Jesus demonstrated how Christians are to love one another through humble service. For this reason, the practice of foot-washing is a part of the Maundy Thursday service.
2. During the Passover meal, Jesus took bread and wine and asked his Father to bless it. He broke the bread into pieces, giving it to his disciples and said, "This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup of wine, shared it with his disciples and said, "This wine is the token of God's new covenant to save you--an agreement sealed with the blood I will pour out for you." These events recorded in Luke 22:19-20 describe the Last Supper and form the biblical basis for the practice of Communion. For this reason, Holy Communion is always celebrated on Maundy Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday of Holy Week has traditionally been called Good Friday or Holy Friday. On this day, the church commemorates Jesus' arrest (since by Jewish custom of counting days from sundown to sundown it was already Friday), his trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial. Since services on this day are to observe Jesus' death, and since Eucharist is a celebration, there is traditionally no Communion observed on Good Friday. Much is covered in mourning black, and altar candles are extinguished. They are left this way through Saturday, but are always replaced with white before sunrise on Easter.

EASTER

In our secularized culture, non-Christians have reinterpreted the "true meaning of Easter" to be "eggs, bunnies, the coming of spring, a time for families to gather..." It is a season of good feelings and the love of family and the enjoyment of springtime.

Not to appreciate the human longing for love and happiness would be dreadful indeed. Human beings, Christians and non-Christians alike, have a tremendous capacity for feeling, and Easter brings that capacity to open expression with great intensity. Rather than condemning these expressions of human emotion, Christians ought to acknowledge them and feel free even to enjoy and participate in them.

But Christians should also recognize, and help non-Christians to see as well, that the true meaning of Easter lies elsewhere. The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all.

However, Easter did not always symbolize Christ's resurrection from the dead, and the meaning of Easter was quite different than what Christians celebrate today. The feast day of Easter was originally a pagan celebration of renewal and rebirth. Celebrated in the early spring, it honored the pagan Saxon goddess Easter. When the early missionaries converted the Saxons to Christianity, the holiday, since it fell around the same time as the traditional memorial of Christ's resurrection from the dead, was merged with the pagan celebration and became known as Easter. The meaning of Easter was also changed to reflect its new Christian orientation.

Today, the meaning of Easter, for millions of Christians, is that of honoring and recognizing Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promise of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP)

St. Nicholas is a liturgical church. We use the Anglican Book of Common Prayer in our gatherings of worship. The Anglican Book of Common Prayer is a collection of ancient and modern prayers and worship services for occasions when the church community gathers. The use of a printed liturgy gives opportunity for all members to participate in worship. Scripture is the foundation of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer. Two-thirds of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer comes directly from the Old and New Testaments. The Anglican Book of Common Prayer is not meant to eliminate spontaneity or personal prayers. Every service in the book has opportunities for personal prayers and thanksgivings. The Anglican book of Common Prayer is also a great guide for personal devotions.

Bold Type indicates words people are encouraged to speak or sing.

✠ PRELUDE

Mark Cozart, piano

✠ LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), Pg. 270

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.

✠ Matthew 21:1-11

Page 826 in Pew Bible

✠ *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!**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen!**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

✠ THE LESSONS

sit

Isaiah 50:4-9

Page 611 in Pew Bible

Layreader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16 (Read responsively by half verse)

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."

Layreader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

After the reading and song, a period of silence is kept to meditate on Christ's death for us.

✠ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

*The usual responses are omitted on this day. The congregation remains seated for the first part of the Passion. When the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha is read, **all stand**.*

“WERE YOU THERE”

STACEY SCHRIEVER, SOLO

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

stand

After the silence people are encouraged to offer prayers.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our bishop George; for our priest Mark, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

(Silence then audible prayers) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

(Silence then audible prayers) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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, especially those we now name.

(Silence then audible prayers) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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 then audible prayers) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(People add their own petitions and thanksgivings)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially our brother Nicholas. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Let us pray.

(Prayer at the formation of St. Nicholas Church 1998)

Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with all of us who seek to extend the work of Your kingdom through St. Nicholas Church in Flower Mound. Teach us in all things to seek first Your honor and glory. Knowing that we work for You, Lord, we ask you to grant us the grace to let go of what we want in a church. Instead, Lord, give us the humility to ask what You want Your Church to be, and fill us with both the courage to pursue Your will and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ CONFESSON OF SIN

stand or kneel

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

✠ THE PEACE

stand

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ BIRTHDAY & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Heavenly Father, bless your children that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, and lead them to know you, to love you, and to serve you all the days of their lives. Amen.

✠ OFFERTORY MUSIC

SPECIAL MUSIC

✠ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

stand

DOXOLOGY (Said)

Celebrant: "All things come of thee, oh Lord

People: And of thine own have we given thee."

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER C

BCP pg. 369

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: (Said)

Said

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

Celebrant continues

stand or kneel

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.** (OMIT Alleluia!)

✠ PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

✠ MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(The Congregation is invited to sing the words in **BOLD TYPE** during communion)

NO LONGER SLAVES

**1. You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone**

(Chorus) **I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God**

**2. From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins (Repeat Chorus)**

✠ AT THE CLOSE OF COMMUNION

stand

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

**1. Thank You for the cross Lord
Thank You for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came and gave amazing grace**

**2. Thank You for this love Lord
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace**

**(Chorus) Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up Jesus Son of God
The Darling of heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb**

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✠ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 FINAL BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

✠ CLOSING SONG

stand

IN CHRIST ALONE

**1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**2 In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

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✠ THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

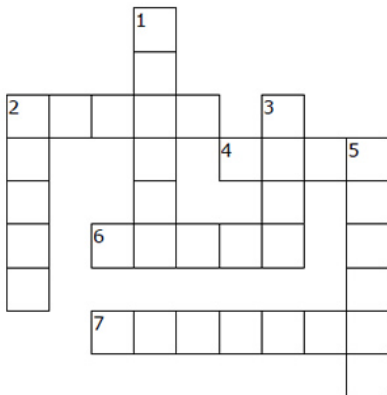
People Thanks be to God. (OMIT Alleluia! Alleluia!)

NOTES:

The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears



BRANCH	COLT	ROAD	CLOAK
SHOUT	VILLAGE	DONKEY	CROWD

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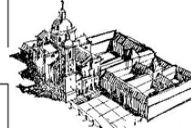
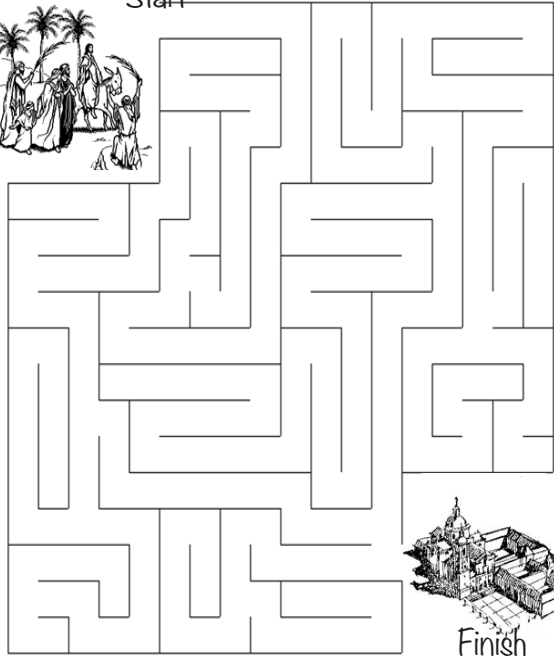
**PALM
SUNDAY**



RIDING	SPOKEN	JESUS	PROPHET	MOUNT
BRANCHES	BLESSED	JERUSALEM	HOSANNA	KING
CLOAKS	LORD	FULFILL	DONKEY	FOAL
VILLAGE	DISCIPLES	OLIVES	GENTLE	COLT

Follow Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem.

Start



Finish

Today we celebrate the entry of King Jesus into Jerusalem. It was a day that marked the beginning of an incredible week. A week that would see Jesus cheered, then arrested, and crucified.

Dear Jesus, our voices join with the voices of the people in Jerusalem some two thousand years ago. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Find and shade in the letters in the word HOSANNA hidden in the picture.



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