

Sunday, April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday



ABOUT WORSHIP ON PALM SUNDAY

This is a day of many emotions. We begin our worship outside with the joy of the crowds waving palms, proclaiming Jesus as the unique revelation of God, the Messiah. Our music and readings reflect the joy of the crowds. But during the Eucharistic Prayer, we begin to make a turn toward the Passion of Jesus. We follow communion with silence and the reading of the Passion. We depart in silence.

Colors

We replace the purple and burlap of Lent with red. Red is the color of excitement, energy, power, and all things intense and passionate. As such, red is the color of the Holy Spirit . . . It is used on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week, recalling the work of the Holy Spirit at Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and His Passion. (Attribution: https://doers.org/liturgical-colors-of-the-church/)

Seating

Our chairs are turned to face one another. This is a stark contrast from our usual forward facing chair arrangement. Just as the crowds lining the streets faced one another as Jesus passed and shouted, "Hosanna in the highest!" so, too, do we sing our "hosannas" facing one another.

Baptismal Font

The baptismal bowl is removed and Christ's cross replaces it. This serves as a reminder that "the spiritual grace of our baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection" (Book of Common Prayer, Catechism, p. 858). We add palms to the cross today to reflect the dual emotions of the day: beginning in joy and moving toward sorrow.

There are no mistakes in worship

At St. Francis we say, "there are no mistakes in worship." If you sit or stand at a different time than others or sing off key, it is all pleasing to the God we worship. All we do and all we are is brought before God as an offering in our Eucharist.

The Way of Love in Lent:

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. Each week in our Lenten liturgy, we have focused on one of the seven ancient practices for a Jesus-centered life: Turn, Pray, Learn, Bless, Rest, Go and Worship. Throughout Lent we have focused on the same practices and their intersection with the readings from the Easter Vigil Service in our Lenten Christian Formation.

Bulletin Front Photo

Parishioner Ann Widner provides the photo images for our bulletins. About this Palm Sunday image, Ann writes, "I photographed the palm plant at the Webster Groves Garden Cafe, on the outside patio, during the first summer of the pandemic. This image popped into my mind when I read the quote by Henri Nouwen: 'Prayer is not a pious decoration of life but the breath of human existence.' The palm fronds are like whispers, which is the way I think of prayer. God speaks to us in the quiet space inside ourselves. It's where I hear Him most. It can be hard to sit in silence. God's words blend in with all the noise of the world, but the gentleness, subtle hues, and purity of the green invite me to a place of peace."

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider Blessed is the Ruler who comes in the name of the Lord:

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent 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.

People Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Presider God is with you.

Presider And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us

through 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.

Please raise palms for blessing.

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.

People Amen.

Presider Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Hosanna in the highest!

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

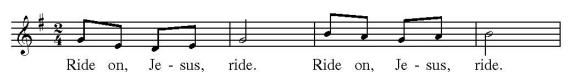
HYMN IN PROCESSION

RIDE ON, JESUS

The People process to the church as they sing, play instruments and wave branches. They repeat the chorus below during procession. After all have entered the sanctuary, verses are sung.

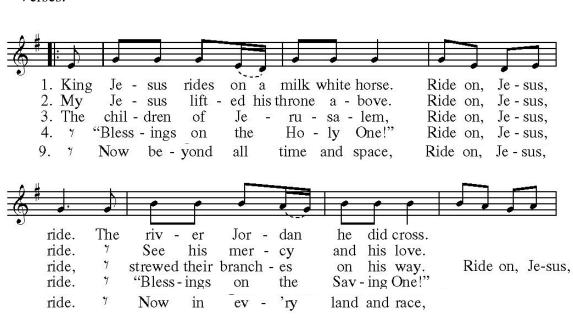
At 8 am only the chorus is sung.







Verses:





THE GREETING AND COLLECT

Presider Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.

People Hosanna in the highest!

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept for a time.

Holy and immortal God, as we enter into this holy week turn our hearts to Jerusalem, so that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may enter the city not made with hands, your promised realm of justice and peace, eternal from age to age.

People Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD Sit

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from 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.

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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?

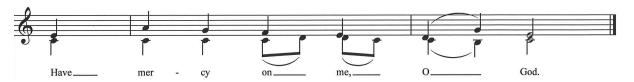
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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At 8 am the antiphon is spoken.



- 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.
- For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. ANTIPHON
- 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. ANTIPHON
- 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. ANTIPHON
- My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- and in your loving-kindness save me." **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the letter to the 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,

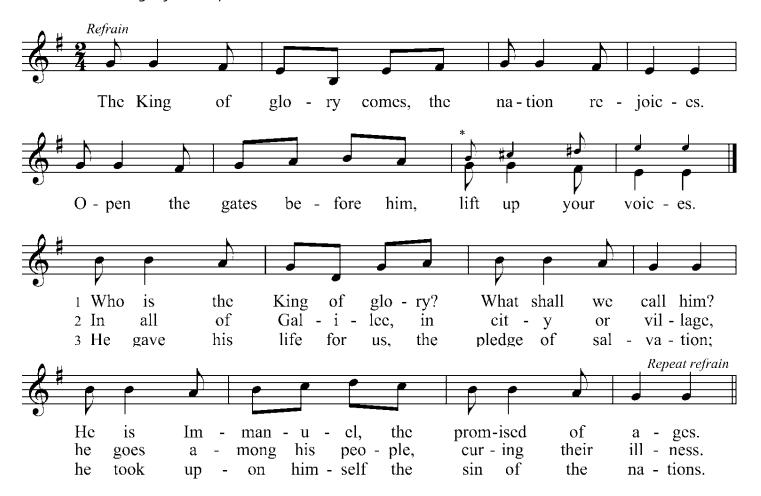
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Verse 1 and 2 sung before Gospel.



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THE GOSPEL

Presider T

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

21:1-11

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now they had come near Jerusalem and reached Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village before you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; release them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Human One needs them." And they will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,

'Look, your sovereign is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed 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 were going before him and the one following were shouting, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy One!

Hosanna in the highest!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shook, 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.

GOSPEL HYMN Stand

THE KING OF GLORY

MHSO 90

Verse 3 sung after Gospel reading. Music on previous page.

SERMON Sit

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess

your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in

the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that

we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all the reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources

rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in

them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for all ministers of your Holy Church, especially for the interns and ministry of Deaconess Anne House, and Michaelene, their

director. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, especially those on our

prayer list: David, Alyssa, Rhonda, Lucille, Peg, Ervin, Scott, Kert, the Curtis Family,

Naseer, Jeff, Dennis, Martha, Melanie, and Joachim. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Dottie and the students and

staff who died at Covenant School in Nashville, TN. Give to them eternal rest and peace. May we, following the examples of Francis and Clare and all the saints, come to the joy of

your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Lord, hear the prayers of your family and fulfill our desires and petitions as may be best for

us through your child Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on the bulletin, for biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed at StFrancisEureka.com or on paper at the back of the church.

THE CONFESSION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME Sit

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

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At 8am, verses 1-3 only.



Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

EUCHARIST

At 8 am, music parts are spoken.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

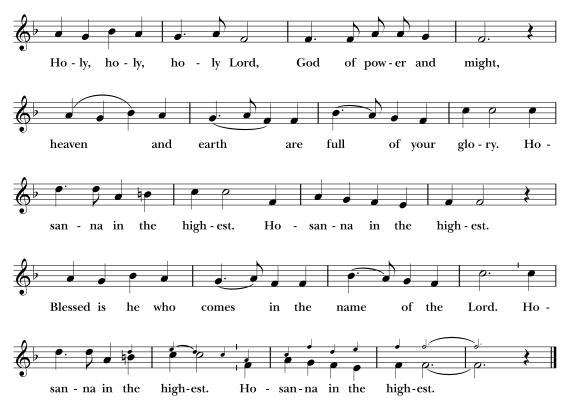
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You bid your 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 your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



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Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled + with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN



A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People 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.

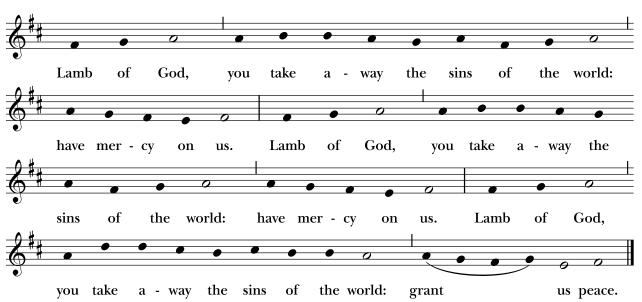
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 161



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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

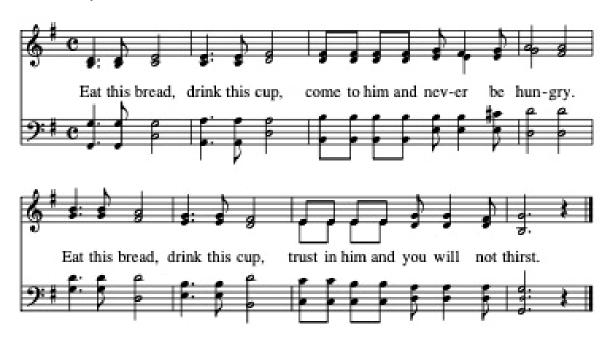
Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

EATTHIS BREAD

10:30 am only

Presider



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THE GREAT SILENCE

Once all have received communion and the Holy Table has been cleared the community observes a moment of silent reflection and prayer. (The silence begins and ends with the sound of a bell.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

> Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as

Sovereign, to the glory of God.

People Faithful God, may we who share this banquet glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus

Christ, our salvation, life and hope, who reigns now and for ever. Amen.

THE PASSION

Lector

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

27:11-54

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, "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, "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. 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."

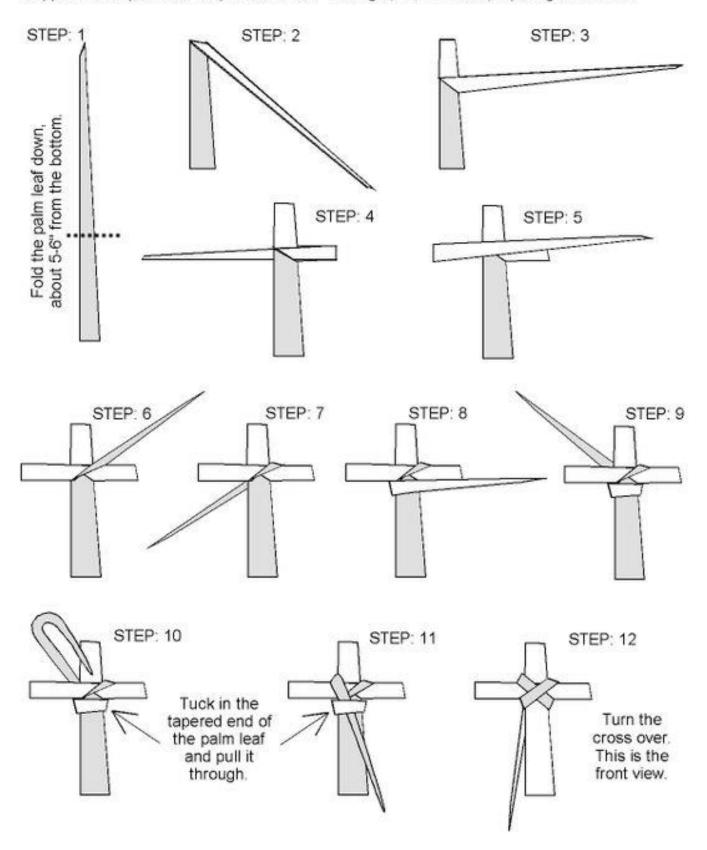
Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief 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. 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!"

Our Palm Sunday service ends in silence. There is no blessing, sending hymn, or dismissal because our liturgy continues on throughout this Holy Week. Join in prayer with the St. Francis' community every day this week. See the Holy Week schedule on the back page.

Palm Leaf Cross Directions

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Morning Prayer at 8:30am on Facebook Live and Zoom

Spoken morning prayer from the Book of Common Prayer includes reading, psalms and prayers; about 25 minutes long

Compline at 8pm on Zoom

Service of evening prayers with meditative music. The sweetest of the daily office ("office" is the routine of daily prayers) traditionally said before retiring for the night; about 20 minutes long

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Compline at 8pm on Zoom

Service of evening prayers with meditative music. The sweetest of the daily office ("office" is the routine of daily prayers) traditionally said before retiring for the night; about 20 minutes long

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Community Meal at 5:30 pm. Share a meal with friends as Jesus did.

Worship at 7pm in person and on YouTube

Service commemorating the new "mandatum" or commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Worship at noon in person; worship at 7pm in person and on YouTube Commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus with veneration of the cross

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8am Worship in person

10:30am Worship in person and on YouTube

11:30am Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Picnic Brunch