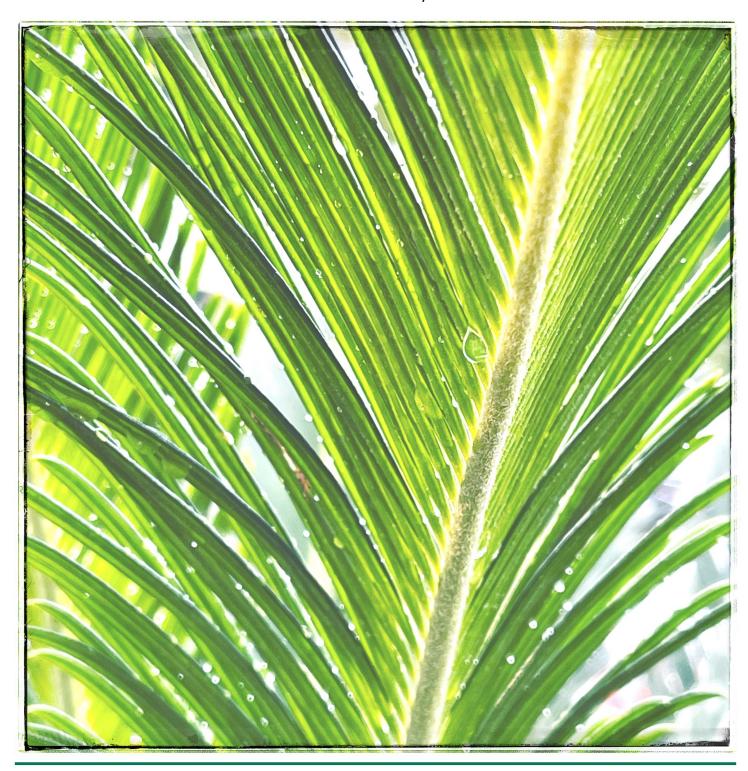


Sunday, April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday



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.

Lectionary

This Lenten season, with the encouragement of the Bishop and the full endorsement of St. Francis' Worship Committee, our readings come from A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church by the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gaffney. A Women's Lectionary is the source of our liturgical readings; however, at the Passion Narrative, we turn back to the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). We will use RCL readings for the duration of Holy Week and the Easter season.

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.

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 St. Francis used this Lent: '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

The People process to the church as they sing, play instruments and wave branches.

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.

49:5-16

And now say the Author of Life,

who formed me in the womb to be God's slave

to return Jacob back to God,

and that Israel might be gathered to God;

I am honored in the sight of the Holy One of Old,

and my God is my strength.

God says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my slave

to raise up the tribes of Jacob [the line of Rebekah],

and to restore the survivors of Israel [born of Rachel and Leah, and Bilhah and Zilpah].

I will give you as a light to the nations,

for it will be that my salvation reaches to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Faithful One,

the Redeemer of Israel, God's holy one,

to one despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Queens and kings shall see and arise, princes and princesses, and they too shall prostrate themselves, on account of the Fire of Sinai, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." Thus says the Mighty God In a favorable time have I answered you, on a day of salvation have I helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish a land, to apportion the desolate portions; saying to the prisoners, "Go free!" to those who are in darkness, "Let yourselves be seen." Along the paths they shall pasture, and on all the bare heights shall be their pasture. They shall not hunger nor shall they thirst, neither shall heat nor sun strike them down, for the one who mother-loves them shall lead them, and by springs of water shall guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a pathway, and my highways shall be raised up. Look! These shall come from far away, and see! These from the north and from the sea to the west, and these from the southland of Syene. Sing for joy, you heavens, and exult O earth; let mountains break forth into singing! For the Tender Loving One has comforted God's people, and will mother-love God's suffering ones. But Zion said, "The Everlasting God has forsaken me, my Sovereign has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, or mother-love for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I, no, I will not forget you. See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- My God, my God, why have you forsaken / me?
 Why are you so far from my deliverance, from the / words of my groaning?
- 2 My God, I cry by day, and you do not / answer; and by night, and there is found / no rest for me.
- 3 Yet you are / holy, enthroned on the prai/ses of Israel.
- 4 In you our mothers and fathers / trusted; they trusted, and / you rescued them.
- 5 To you they cried, and were / freed; in you they trusted, and they were / not put to shame.
- 6 But I am a worm, and not / human; scorned by humankind, and des/pised by people.
- 7 All who see me mock / me; they flap their lips at me, / they shake their heads:
- 11 Be not far from / me, for trouble is near and there / is none to help.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the letter to the Galatians.

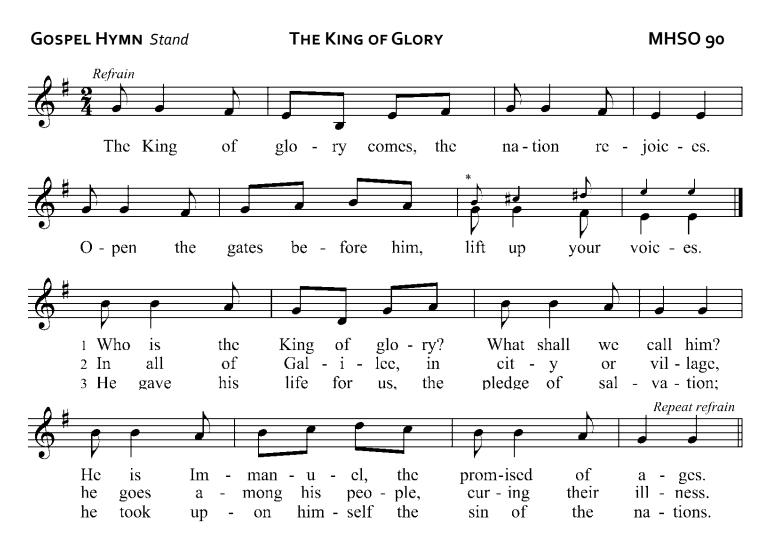
3:23-4:7

Now before faith came, we were garrisoned and guarded under the law until the faith that was coming should be revealed. Therefore the law was our instructor until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to an instructor, for in Christ Jesus you are all daughters and sons of God through faith. So, as many of you as were baptized into Christ are clothed in Christ. There is no Jew or Greek, there is no slave or free, there is no male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's [and Sarah's] offspring, heirs according to the promise.

I say that as long as heirs are minors, they are no better than slaves, though they are the masters of all; but they remain under quardians and trustees until the time set by the father. So also for us; while we were minors, we were enslaved by the constitutive elements of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent God's own Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption like children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of God's own Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People



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THE GOSPEL

Presider 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 Son of Woman 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.

SERMON Sit MEGAN OAKES

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. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, giving 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.

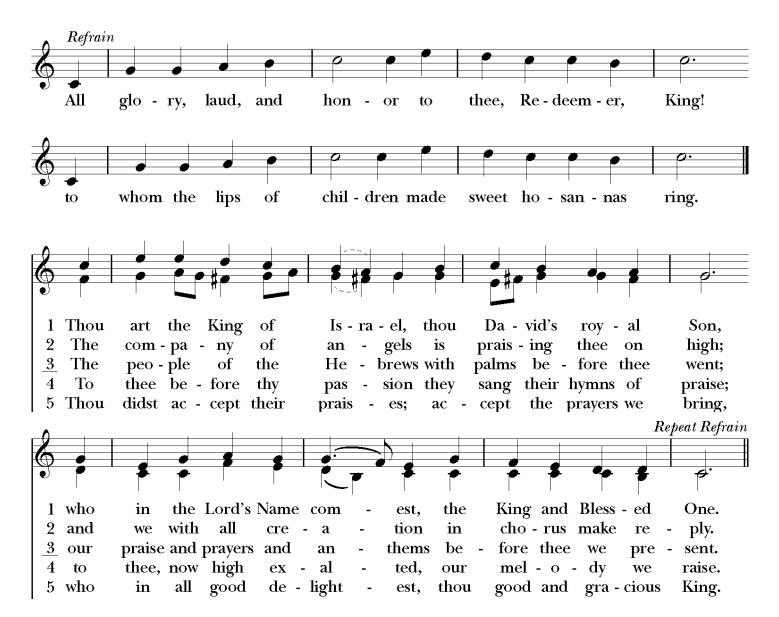
THE PEACE

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



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

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 say:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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, 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.

People

Amen.

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.

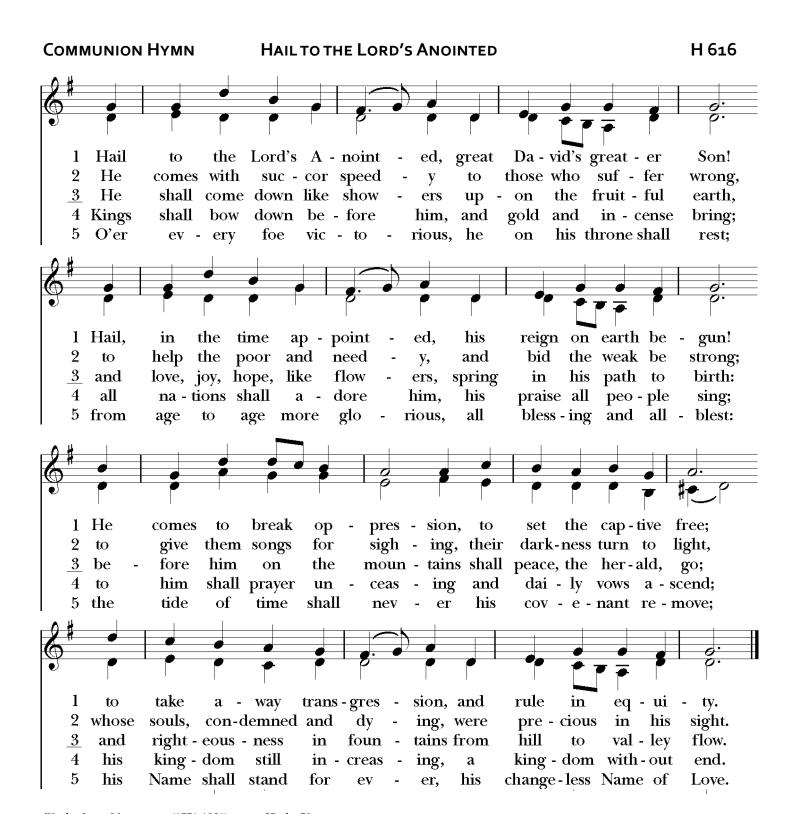
Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider 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.



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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

After all have received communion the Presider says

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 Luke.

23:1-49

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This

was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

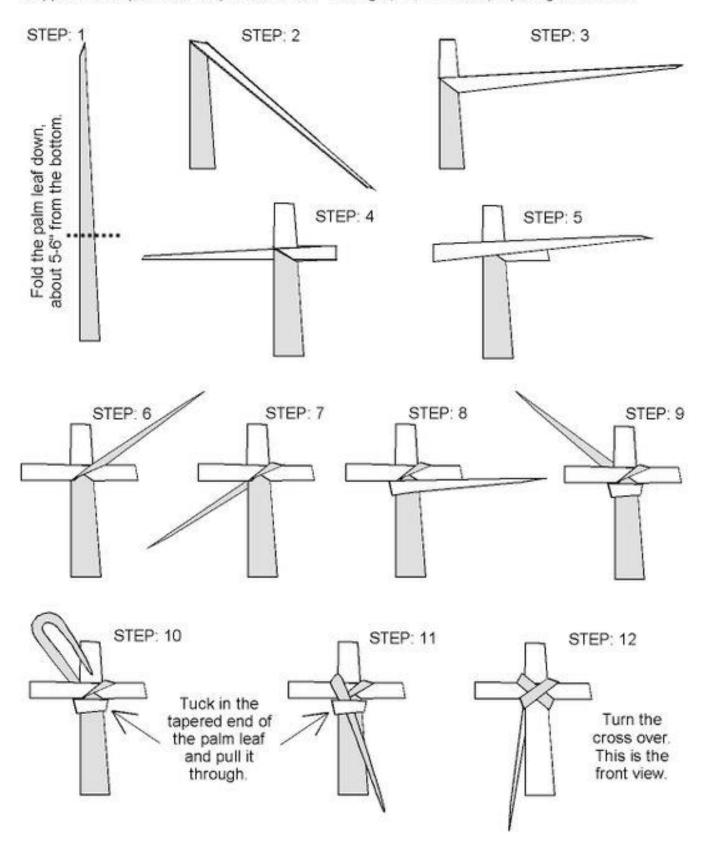
One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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.

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 11

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 12 AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

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 14

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 15

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 17

8am Worship in person

10:30am Worship in person and on YouTube

11:30am Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Picnic Brunch