

# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ST. PETERSBURG, FL



**The Sunday of the Passion**

**Palm Sunday**

*Sunday, April 13, 2025*

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Rite II





## During the Procession

*At this time, the crucifer and choir lead the clergy and congregation into the Sanctuary. The procession goes out the main gate, goes out along the walkway and into the main entrance to the church. The procession stops three times to say "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!"*

Celebrant            Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
People                **Hosanna in the highest.**

## \*Hymn 154

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

*Valet will ich dir geben*

## Station at the Altar

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

## The Collect of the Day

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Lord tells us in scripture and preaching the stories of His saving acts in human history, of which we have become a part through baptism. We respond in hope, proclaiming our belief, praying for the world and ourselves and greeting one another in his name.*

## A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

**Isaiah 50: 4-9**

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?

Lector        The Word of the Lord.  
People        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31: 9-16** *In te, Domine, speravi*

*Tone II.1*



*Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in tróuble, \**  
and mine eye is consumèd for very heaviness (\*) yea, my soul / and 'my body.  
For my life is waxen old with héaviness, \*  
and my / years wíth mourning.  
My strength faileth me because of mine iníquity, \*  
and my bones / are cónsumèd.  
I became a reproof among all mine enemies but especially among my néighbours; \*  
and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me (\*)  
and they that did see me without, conveyed them/selves fróm me.  
I am clean forgotten as a dead man óut of mind; \*  
I am become like a / brokén vessel.  
For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude and fear is on every síde; \*  
while they conspire together against me (\*)  
and take their counsel to take a/way 'my life.  
But my hope hath been in thee, O LÓRD; \*  
I have said (\*) / Thou árt my God.  
My time is in thy hand (\*) deliver me from the hand of mine énemies, \*  
and from them that per/secúte me.  
Show thy servant the light of thy cóuntenance, \*  
and save me for thy / mer'cy's sake.

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

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.

Lector        The Word of the Lord.  
People        **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn

"Ride on, King Jesus"

Negro Spiritual

Ride on, King\_ Je - sus, No man can - a hin - der me.

Je - sus, ride on, no man — can - a 1.  
Ride on, King\_ Je - sus, ride on, no man can - a hin - der me.

2. Fine  
hin - der me. 1. King Je - sus rides a milk - white horse, No man works like  
2. I know that my re - deem - er lives,

D.C.  
Him, 1. De riv - er Jor - d'n He did cross no man works like Him. Oh  
2. And of His bless - ing free - ly gives,

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## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

Luke 22: 14-23: 56

*The Customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

- Narrator** Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,
- Jesus** “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”
- Narrator** Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,
- Jesus** “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”
- Narrator** Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,
- Jesus** “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”
- Narrator** While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,
- Jesus** “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”
- Narrator** When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,
- Reader** “Lord, should we strike with the sword?”
- Narrator** Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,
- Jesus** “No more of this!”
- Narrator** And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,
- Jesus** “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”
- Narrator** Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,
- Reader** “This man also was with him.”
- Narrator** But he denied it, saying,
- Reader** “Woman, I do not know him.”

*Narrator* A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

*Reader* "You also are one of them."

*Narrator* But Peter said,

*Reader* "Man, I am not!"

*Narrator* Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

*Reader* "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

*Narrator* But Peter said,

*Reader* "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

*Narrator* At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

*Reader* "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

*Narrator* They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

*Reader* "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

*Narrator* He replied,

*Jesus* "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

*Narrator* All of them asked,

*Reader* "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

*Narrator* He said to them,

*Jesus* "You say that I am."

*Narrator* Then they said,

*Reader* "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

*Narrator* Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,



*Reader* "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."

*Narrator* Then Pilate asked him,

*Reader* "Are you the king of the Jews?"

*Narrator* He answered,

*Jesus* "You say so."

*Narrator* Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

*Reader* "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

*Narrator* But they were insistent and said,

*Reader* "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

*Narrator* 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,

*Reader* "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."

*Narrator* Then they all shouted out together,

*Reader* "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

*Narrator* (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,

**All** "Crucify, crucify him!"

*Narrator* A third time he said to them,

*Reader* "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."

*Narrator* 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,

*Jesus* "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?"

*Narrator* Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

### *ALL STAND*

*Narrator* 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,

*Jesus* "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

*Narrator* And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

*Reader* "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

*Narrator* The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

*Reader* "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

*Narrator* 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,

*Reader* "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

*Narrator* But the other rebuked him, saying,

*Reader* "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."

*Narrator* Then he said,

*Reader* "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

*Narrator* He replied,

*Jesus* "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*Narrator* 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,

*Jesus* "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

*Narrator* Having said this, he breathed his last.

*Silence may be kept*

*Narrator* When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

*Reader* Certainly this man was innocent."

*Narrator* 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.

*Narrator* Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## **The Silence**

*Following the Gospel, a time of extended silence is observed.*

**Prayers of the People** *Please stand or kneel.*

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, especially we pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Maria, our Assisting Bishop in Residence; Ryan, our Priest; David, our Canterbury Chaplain; and Martha, our Deacon; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, we pray especially for those in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: the Church of England;

and for those of our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Alban's, St. Pete Beach; Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; and St. Bartholomew's, St. Petersburg, and for Benison Farm.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, we pray for Donald our President, Ron our Governor, Ken our Mayor, and all those in civic authority that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, and for those that are sick, especially, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, Barbara, Carrie, Yvonne, Jo, Terry, Julia, John Kevin, Freddy, Nancy, Rosalie, Anje, Linda, Rick, Carol Chris, Beverly, Pam, Larry, Connie, David, Jack, and those we now name: \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those expecting a child, especially Clara and Rebecca, and those we now name: \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are to be baptized on Easter Sunday; Luke, James, and William, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Peace

Celebrant Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Our Lord comes to us in His sacrificial banquet,  
and He strengthens us to persevere in our spiritual discipline.*

**\*Offertory Anthem** "The Way to Jerusalem" *Harold Friedell (1905-58)*  
*Soloist: Peter Barlow*

### † The Great Thanksgiving †

**Eucharistic Prayer A** **BCP 361**

**Sanctus and Benedictus** **\*S-117**

**The Lord's Prayer** **BCP 364**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept. Then all join in and sing,*

**Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God** "Agnus Dei" **\*S-157**

**\*Hymn 435** "At the Name of Jesus" *King's Weston*

**The Post Communion Prayer** **BCP 366**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Blessing

Celebrant May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to this eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

### \*Hymn 156

"Ride on! ride on in majesty!"

*The King's Majesty*

### Voluntary

"The King's Majesty"

*arr. Matthew H. Corl (b. 1965)*

### The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Thanks to those serving today:*

**Acolytes:** Joni James. **Altar Guild:** Susan McMullen, Courtney Bermudez, Jean Irwin. **Camera Operator/Digital Commentary:** Joy Howerton/Russ Martin. **Coffee Host:** Charlotte Higgins. **Flower Guild:** Pam Holley, Marilyn Lanctot, Tom and Elizabeth Alison, Sue Humphrey. **Greeters 10am:** Edy Nicolas, Cathy Zambaka, Valery Hendry. **Healing:** Kay Mahoney. **Lay Eucharistic Minister 10am:** Dudley Savage. **Lector 8am:** Michael Labbee. **Lectors 10am:** Elise Whitley, Nancy Day. **Oblation Bearers:** Steve and Susan McMullen. **Passion Readers (8am):** Fr. Ryan, Fr. David, Deacon Martha. **Passion Readers (10am):** Michael Mahoney (Narrator), Jack Day (Jesus), Peggy Lewis (Reader). **Prayers of the People 8am:** Michael Labbee. **Prayers of the People 10am:** Mary Melstrom. **Ushers (8am):** Usher Core Ministers. **Ushers(10am):** Tom Shevlin, Bill Hendry, Bill Thomas, Henry Woodroffe.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Monday, April 14th at 7:00pm

A meditative service lasting about thirty minutes in which we contemplate the events of and surrounding Jesus' death through traditional prayers and devotional readings.

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm

Choral service featuring the Foot-washing, sermon, the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, the Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, and the Stripping of the Altar.

### **The Watch**

Spend time in the outdoor chapel from 9:00 pm following the Maundy-Thursday service until 7am on Good Friday.

### **Good Friday**

Good Friday Service, April 18th at 7:00 pm

Choral service featuring the chanted Passion of St. John, sermon, the Veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the Reserve Sacrament.

### **The Day of Resurrection: Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 20th at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

A joyous and triumphant choral service of the Resurrection, featuring a small chamber ensemble, sermon, and Holy Eucharist.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 8:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 A.M.

## OTHER WORSHIP TIMES

Monday - Thursday, Morning Prayer, Rite II - Church Chancel, 9:00 A.M.

Wednesdays - Holy Eucharist, Rite I - Church Chancel, 5:15 P.M.

Wednesdays - Compline - Guild Room, 6:45 P.M.

## OUR MISSION

Making a difference for others, because God is making a difference for us.

## OUR VISION

To create a safe, loving, and accepting place for all people to grow in their faith and spread love out into the beloved community.

**GR  OWING TO  GETHER IN  LOVE**

