



**St. Vincent's Episcopal Church
Palm Sunday – April 13, 2025**

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

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

Celebrant: 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.**

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (19:28-40)

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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.*

Celebrant: 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.*

The Procession

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace

People: *In the name of Christ.*

Processional Hymn #154 *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring*

1. *Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest
The King and Blessed One*

Refrain

2. *The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply*

Refrain

3. *The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present*

Refrain

4. *To Thee, before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee, now high exalted
Our melody we raise*

Refrain

5. *Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King*

Refrain

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Trisagion – #S-102

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

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Holy Immortal One,
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Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Celebrant: 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.**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Let us read responsively by whole verse, Psalm 31

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."

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:* As it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Hymn #168

"O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded"

*O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn;
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor
the hosts of heaven adore!*

*Thy beauty, long desired,
hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expired
and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
hide not so far thy grace:*

*show me, O Love most highest,
the brightness of thy face.*

*In thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well beloved,
yet thank thee for thy death.*

**A READING OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE**

(Please see tri-fold bulletin insert)

Gospel Response

***Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God. Have mercy on me a sinner.
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Celebrant: We will now observe five minutes of silence, to meditate on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: That we might become the story we tell, trusting in God's steadfast love, and guiding home to God's side those who have wandered, let us pray to the Lord as we say, "Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love."

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For all followers of Christ, praying this day with the Body of Christ throughout the world, That in our words, worship, and work we will honour the covenant made with God in baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Douglas our Diocesan Bishop, Richard, and Gerardo, our Priests, and for all clergy; That they may be faithful pastors during this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For the nations and peoples of the earth, especially Donald our President, Ronald our governor and all those who govern; And that we may be led by the Spirit to serve as a sign and instrument of the Kingdom that has come near, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For all who will commit and recommit their lives to Christ this Easter in the sacraments of Baptism, and Confirmation, and for those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal. That may become living proclamations of the good news, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For all who have no choice but to fast every day, for homeless children, refugees, and victims of war and natural disasters. For the sick and suffering known to the members of this congregation and to God alone. That our Lenten fasting may make our thoughts more aware of them, our hearts and hands more generous toward them, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: Let us remember the dead, *especially Michelle Panayotti Johnson*, and that God's Spirit will bear up all who mourn, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We pray for peace throughout the world, and for our Public Safety and Military personnel and all those who serve our nation around the globe. We pray especially for those in service who are members of our congregation, and their families: Trent Polinsky, Skyler Ellis, Danny Taylor, Ryan Cesa, Zack Pierce, Matt Jacoby, Joanne Frioli, Caden Watson, Daniel Watson, Courtney

Austin, Christopher Austin, James Dunlap, Luke Gibson, Kelley Fairchild, and Shaye Dunlap.

We pray for all Doctors, Nurses, and healthcare workers.

We pray for Christians everywhere who face persecution.

We pray for our parish, the body of Christ throughout the world, united in worship here in our sanctuary and at home.

We pray for the members of our parish in need of your healing: the Mata Family, Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Ken Von der Heiden, Emily Matthews, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine, Susan Burnett, Susan Austin, Dante Balzano, and Pat Goodin.

We pray for our friends and family in need of your healing.

Are there others for whom we need to pray?

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister & 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.*

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People:** And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Song**“The Old Rugged Cross”**

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
Such a wonderful beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

Presentation Hymn #149, v.1**“Eternal Lord of Love”**

*Eternal Lord of love,
behold your Church
walking once more the
pilgrim way of Lent,*

*led by your cloud by day,
by night your fire,
moved by your love and
toward your presence bent:
far off yet here – the goal of all desire.*

Celebrant: All things come from thee, O Lord.

All: *And of thy own have we given thee.*

Presentation of the Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist – Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus - #S-129

*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: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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

All together Say: 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 Fraction

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

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People: *Have mercy on us.*

Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Grant us your peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Choir Anthem ***“Part of the Plan”***

An Act of Spiritual Communion

People: I believe, Lord, that you are truly in Heaven and in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I very much want to receive you into my soul, but not being able to do so sacramentally now, come spiritually into my heart. And as if I had already received you, I embrace you and I fully join You. Lord, do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

Celebrant and People: 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 Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn #435 ***“At the Name of Jesus”***

*At the Name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty word.*

*Humbled for a season,
to receive a Name
From the lips of sinners,
unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,*

*Brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed;*

*Bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
Through the ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

