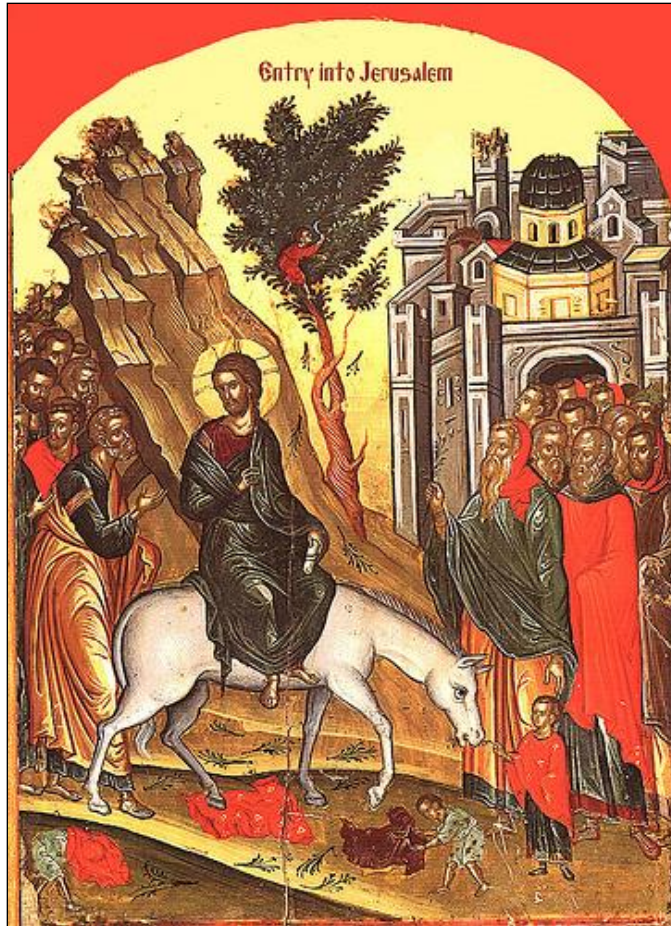


*The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*



*March 24, 2024 10:00 AM*

## *About Palm Sunday*

The liturgy today recalls both the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the apparent defeat of his crucifixion. Following the blessing of the palms, the congregation processes to the church proclaiming the Lord in song. When we reach the church, the focus shifts to Our Lord's Passion—his betrayal, condemnation, mocking, and shameful death. As we come to recognize that, like the Judeans of Jesus' day, we too are inconstant in our loyalties to God, we realize that Jesus' sacrifice of love is made for us as well, and for the whole world.

## *The Triduum at Grace Church*

The Mass we celebrate today begins the celebration of Holy Week, the most sacred time of the Christian Year, which commemorates the final week of Jesus' earthly life and ministry. Holy Week culminates in the *Triduum Sacrum*, the "Three Sacred Days" of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday's Great Vigil of Easter. Our full participation in these liturgies makes us witnesses, by faith, of "those mighty acts by which the God of our salvation gave us life and immortality." The schedule for that three-day liturgy, and for The Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Day) can be found at the back of this leaflet.

# The Liturgy of the Palms

*The congregation gathers in a place appointed away from the church. The following anthem is said.*

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;  
*People* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Here the account of the Lord's entrance John 12:12-16 is proclaimed by the Deacon, first saying*

*People* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
Glory be to you, O Lord.

The Palm Gospel: John 12:12-16..... *(see readings insert)*

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to you, O Christ.

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing.*

*People* The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

*The Celebrant sprinkles the branches with holy water and the palms are distributed.*

## **The Procession**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*During the procession to the church all hold branches in their hands, and sing the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor".*

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

*At the church door the procession halts while the following Collect is said*

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.*

After the Collect members of the congregation find their places in the pews and remain standing as they sing "Ride on, ride on in majesty."

1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -  
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride  
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies

san - na cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road  
on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin  
of the sky Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes

With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.  
O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.  
To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Expects his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

# The Word of God

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

• *All may be seated for the readings and Psalm* •

The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a ..... *(see readings insert)*

Psalm 31:9-16 ..... *(see readings insert)*

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 ..... *(see readings insert)*

*The congregation is seated. The Passion Gospel (see insert) is announced in the following manner.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

• *All may be seated. A period of silence will follow* •

• *All stand as are able* •

The Prayers of the People.....BCP Page 387

The Peace .....BCP Page 360

• *After the Peace, all may be seated for announcements.* •

## The Holy Communion

• *All stand as are able* •

Hymn 458.....*Love Unknown*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Sursum Corda*..... BCP Page 367, Hymnal S-120

*Sanctus & Benedictus*..... BCP Page 367, Hymnal S-130

• *All stand or kneel as are able.* •

The Eucharistic Prayer continues .....BCP Page 368

*The Lord's Prayer*..... BCP Page 364, Hymnal S-119

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Agnus Dei*..... Hymnal S-164

The Invitation .....BCP Page 364



## Reception of Holy Communion

*All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive Christ's Body and Blood at this altar. If for any reason you are unable or do not wish to receive communion, you are still welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing and indicate this preference by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are physically unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.*

Hymn 164..... *Bangor*  
Post Communion Prayer..... BCP Page 365

• *All stand as are able* •

### *The Solemn Prayer over the People*

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. *Amen.*

• *All stand as are able* •

Hymn 168 (vss. 1-3)..... *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

The Dismissal..... BCP Page 366, Hymnal S-174

Postlude *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*..... Johannes Brahms







# Holy Week 2024 at GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev'd Anthony Puca, Jr., Celebrant  
The Rev'd Deacon Leonard Roberts  
Mrs. Kathryn MacCourt, Organist and Choirmaster

March 24

**The Sunday of the Passion:**

**Palm Sunday**

**10:00 am**

The Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of the Palms, Procession, and the Proclamation of the Passion Narrative

March 28

**Maundy Thursday**

**7:00 pm**

The Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar, and Reservation of the Sacrament on the Altar of Repose

March 29

**Good Friday**

**7:00 pm**

Proper Liturgy of Good Friday with Veneration of the Cross and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

March 30

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

**8:00 pm**

Lighting of the Great Fire and the First Holy Eucharist of Easter

March 31

**Easter Sunday**

**10:00 am**

The Holy Eucharist with Choir and Hymns

**GRACE CHURCH**

Kinderkamack Road at Harrington Ave. (5 Corners), Westwood, NJ

[www.gracewestwood.org](http://www.gracewestwood.org) 201-664-0407

*Grace Episcopal Church*

9 Harrington Ave, Westwood, NJ

201 664-0407

[www.gracewestwood.org](http://www.gracewestwood.org)  
[gecparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:gecparishoffice@gmail.com)

