



10:00 a.m. The Sunday of the Passion:  
Palm Sunday  
March 28, 2021

## The Word of God

### Prelude

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber (1910-1981) arr. William Strickland

## The Liturgy of the Palms

### Opening Anthem

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

*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

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.*

### Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### **Blessing Of The Palms**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
                  *And also with you.*

*Officiant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
                  *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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.*

### **Second Anthem**

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

# Hymn

Hymnal, #154

*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.

*Repeat Refrain*

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,

*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*

## The Collect Of The Day

Officiant      The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Officiant      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.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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?

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm



Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for / I am ' in / trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat / and ' my / belly.

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my / years ' with / sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my / bones are ' con-/sumed.

<sup>11</sup>I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of / my ' ac-/quaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street / they ' a-/void me.

<sup>12</sup>I am forgotten like a dead man, / out ' of / mind; \*  
I am as useless as a / brok'en / pot.

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is / all ' a-/round; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to / take ' my / life.

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in / you, ' O / LORD. \*  
I have said, / "You are ' my / God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are / in ' your / hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from / those ' who / persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine up-/on ' your / servant, \*  
and in your loving-/kind'ness / save me."

## **Second Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal, #158

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

## The Passion According To Mark

## The Prayers Of The People

Ever loving God, we pray that you will hear our prayers, and, like your son, we will become vessels of humility and grace.

Your son emptied himself, trading in his form as God for that of a human; we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers. Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you.

*Bless us with resolve.*

Your son, by his incarnation, humbled himself in obedience even to the point of death; we pray for our country, our leaders, and its people.

*Bless us with humility.*

Your son was born in human likeness, we pray for the whole human family, for the nations, tribes and territories of the earth, and for all who live in the midst of the ravages of pandemic, famine, or terror. We pray especially for (N.).

*Bless us with compassion.*

You gave your son the name that is above every name; we pray in your name for those who are suffering and hurting in any way. Give them the gift of healing, strength and life. We pray especially for (N.)

*Bless us with mercy.*

Your son's humility and love for us was so broad and deep, it cost his human life. We pray for those we have loved and who have died and now rest in glory. We pray especially for (N.)

*Bless us with comforting grace.*

You blessed us with the gift of your son. We give thanks for all the blessings of our lives, especially for (N.)

*Bless us with a joyful heart.*

Merciful God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of your son: accept our petitions, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve, but as you know and love us in your son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,

    hallowed be your Name,  
    your kingdom come,  
    your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

    as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

    and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

    and the glory are yours,  
    now and forever. Amen.

## Hymn

Hymnal, #172

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 \*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you  
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_  
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_  
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_  
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_

Some-times it caus - es me to tremble, tremble,  
 Some-times it caus - es me to tremble, tremble,  
 Some-times it caus - es me to tremble, tremble,  
 Some-times it caus - es me to tremble, tremble,

trem - ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 trem - ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 trem - ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 trem - ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

## **Greeting And Announcements**

### **Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for assuring us through your Word  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Closing Prayer**

Bow your head before God.

Almighty God, we pray to you to graciously behold this your human 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.*

### **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Postlude**

Herzlich tut mich verlangen  
*O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

Hans Leo Hassler (harm. J.S. Bach)

# Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

## Welcome Visitors And Guests

March 28, 2021

Thank you for worshipping with us. The community of St. Mary's is gathering online in many days and ways throughout the week while we are sheltering-in-place. Strengthening our community and serving our neighbors is more important than ever in these challenging times. To learn more about the variety of our offerings, please email [office@smvsf.org](mailto:office@smvsf.org) and we will stay in touch with you!

Please enjoy our online offerings from children, youth, and adults.

We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you

### 9 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE ON ZOOM

St. Mary's warmly welcomes you to our weekly virtual family worship service at 9 a.m. Look for our Sunday morning e-blast to access the service!

Please join using the link found in Highlights or email The Rev. Marguerite Judson at [marguerite@smvsf.org](mailto:marguerite@smvsf.org), or Ashley Ryan at [ashley@smvsf.org](mailto:ashley@smvsf.org) for access.

We have a [new songbook](#) for the 9:00 zoom service. If you find it helpful, please print the booklet so that you can join us in song during our worship.

### UPDATE OF WORSHIP GUIDINES AND BISHOP'S LETTER

Greetings St. Mary's Community,

This week the city and county of San Francisco and the Diocese of California updated what is now possible for common worship as well as confirmed some current restrictions as we enter into the state's orange tier for counties with moderate COVID transmission levels.

Here is what we will be able to engage in

immediately:

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP

- People may shout, cheer, recite, etc. as long as they wear a face covering and remain six feet away.
- Multiple masked voices (vocalists) may sing at the same time.

There other aspects allowed, with some restrictions, like the use of wind instruments and congregational singing, that we will need to discern how to incorporate in a feasible, safe, and sustainable way. We will update you on those aspects in the future.

### INDOOR WORSHIP

- At this time, while the San Francisco County will allow indoor worship with requirements and restrictions, the Diocese of California has chosen to wait to allow indoor worship until the level of COVID-19 infections and transmissions have decreased further and the number of people who have

been vaccinated has increased as well.

- The **Bishop's letter addressing these issues** may be found [HERE](#).

As we continue to offer our current virtual family service, our “traditional” virtual service, and our two in person gatherings weekly, we will also begin exploring how our overall needs and capacities for worship have changed and are changing. One first experiment in this direction are our mini Easter celebrations in the courtyard. Please click [HERE](#) to register for the 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. service. I hope you will join us on Sunday, April 4th, to celebrate in this special way.

Should you have any questions please let me know. I am excited that our opportunities are widening, and at the same time want to continue to honor the fullness of our community by moving forward in safe, sustainable, and theologically sound ways.

Grace and peace,

Rev. David Erickson  
Rector

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

### Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday begins The Great Three Days reminding us to serve one another in love. This interactive service includes scripture readings, communal reflection and the blessing of food for your Maundy Thursday evening meal. Please have the Candlemas tealight near your viewing screen. The Rev. David Erickson leads the worship.

**Thursday, April 1**

**6:00 p.m. Virtual Service Link [HERE](#)**

### Good Friday

The solemnity of the crucifixion and laying in the tomb reminds us that the life of Jesus draws from the entire experience of being human. A virtual service of meditation, prayer and reflection commemorating this day will be officiated by The Rev. Marguerite Judson.

Walk with Jesus on the way of the cross, station by station, in St. Mary’s courtyard at your own pacing for contemplative, reflective prayer.

**Friday, April 2**

**12:10 p.m. Virtual Service Link [HERE](#)**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Open Air Stations of the Cross in the courtyard**

### Holy Saturday

Listen to The Exsultet, the Easter proclamation and one of the most beautiful pieces in liturgical music, sung by St.

Mary's section leader Jess Perry. This virtual musical offering marks the start of celebrating the hope and joy that we share communally on Easter morning.

**Saturday, April 3**  
**Link will be emailed at sundown, and then available on Facebook**

### **Easter Day**

Celebrate Christ's resurrection and the most joyful day in the Christian year, either virtually or in the courtyard at one of our four morning Outdoor Easter Celebrations. Each courtyard services will be about 30 mins. in length with vocal solos, scripture, prayer, brief homily, and the jubilant ringing of bells!

**Sunday, April 4**  
**8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Easter Celebration (Pre-registration required Link [HERE](#))**  
**6:00 a.m. Festive Easter Day Virtual Sunrise Service will stream live on our website, Facebook and Youtube and then be available at any time**

### **FLOWERS FOR OUR EASTER SERVICES (DUE MARCH 31)**

Please help contribute toward decorating our outdoor Easter services in honor of Christ's resurrection. Your donation made toward the cost of our Easter flowers may be made in honor or in memory of someone dear to you. Please complete the form [HERE](#) and list who the flowers are in honor or memory of in the note section.

Mail your check to St. Mary's, or donate on our website [HERE](#). Please make checks payable to St. Mary the Virgin *with a note in the memo section indicating it is for Easter Flowers*. Contributions received after **March 31** will be accepted, but unfortunately will not appear in the Easter Sunday program.

### **ST. MARY'S SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER THURSDAYS, 3-5PM**

St. Mary's Sanctuary has opened for private individual prayer on Thursdays from 3-5 p.m.. We ask all individuals to wear a mask and keep 6 feet of distance between other people. We suggest only one individual or household per pew. Pews will be spaced out six feet apart.

Rev. David Erickson will also be on site should you wish to set up a time and meet with him in either courtyard. Or feel free to drop on by!

### **GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19**

If you are eligible (see below for criteria), sign up for an appointment to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Please keep in mind that the supply of vaccine remains limited.

### **Eligibility**

San Francisco is vaccinating:

- Frontline healthcare workers
- 65 years and older
- Educators, Child care workers, emergency services & agricultural workers.

## **Supply remains limited**

Even if you are eligible, there may not be a dose available right now. Keep checking for available appointments.

## **What to do**

The City is partnering with healthcare providers to establish high volume vaccine sites. Supply is limited, and you may not be able to book an appointment, even if you are eligible.

For more information regarding getting vaccinated please click [HERE](#).

## **HOPE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT: ST. MARY'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021**

Even in the midst of these unprecedented times, The Holy Spirit is present sustaining us and inspiring us to be witnesses of Christ's hope for the world. Now, St. Mary's needs your partnership in continuing to be an Instrument of God's grace in the world. We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider making a meaningful pledge towards the 2021 annual campaign. If you have any questions about pledging, please contact Rev. David at [david@smvsf.org](mailto:david@smvsf.org). Pledge cards may be returned to the church via the mail or you may make a pledge at <https://smvsf.org/donation>.

## **ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK**

Please click [HERE](#) for our in-person gatherings registration.

To see the full extent of our weekly opportunities, check out the schedule listed on our [website](#)!

## **YOUTH GROUP UPDATE**

All youth ages 12-18 are invited to attend a **Youth Anti-racism training** with youth from around the Diocese. The trainings, entitled "Dismantling Racism", will take place over four Sundays (1-3pm) on Zoom, starting on April 11. [All participants must register using this link](#), and you can reach out to Mike with questions.

All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend Zoom Youth Group from 5-6pm! [Follow this link](#) to hang out with your friends, have some fun conversation, and play some games. See you there!

# We Pray For...

## ***PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS***

Donna K. Stadtfeld  
Gail Berry  
Larissa  
Ann Knight  
Susan Crown  
David  
Rob Noeller  
O.M. Griffith  
The Family of Dr. Lindley Spaht Dodson  
Bob Bledsoe

## ***CONTINUING PRAYERS***

*Prayers are offered for ongoing concerns during  
the Wed. 12:10 service.*

André Diedrichs  
June  
Pat Okimoto  
Dorris Howard  
Kevin Teeney  
The Community at the Heritage  
The Community of St. Francis  
San Francisco Night Ministry  
Jane  
Pete  
Quinn Charles Fay  
Erich  
Tim Eland  
Forester Davis  
Simon  
Phyllis Shepherd

## ***RECENTLY DECEASED***

Sid Garrison  
Michael Jordin  
Anne Halsted

## ***GLOBAL CONCERNS***

For those who died and those who mourn  
as the senseless pandemic of gun violence  
and hate crimes in the United States  
continue to plague our nation.

For those who suffer from the exploitative  
social structures that breed poverty, keep  
health care and health insurance  
unattainable that further render bodies  
susceptible to disease.

## ***THANKSGIVINGS***

For St. Mary's array of virtual Lenten  
spiritual enrichment offerings, growing us  
in Christ together.

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