

San Jose Episcopal Church

Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II March 24, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.



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All are welcome at San Jose Episcopal Church

We welcome you to San Jose Episcopal Church, a traditional parish focused on the Holy Eucharist and the best of the Anglican tradition, which welcomes all people and embraces many points of view. Our commitment is to work, worship, and minister in the service of our Lord; and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we intend to live prayerfully and joyfully in each other's company. We welcome everyone who wants to join us on any part of this holy pilgrimage. Above all, know that we are blessed to have you worship with us.

About Worship in the Episcopal Church

If our liturgy (worship) is unfamiliar to you, we hope the information below will be helpful. If you require help, please inform one of our ushers or simply turn to one of your neighbors in the pews, let them know you are a visitor, and they will gladly help.

Our liturgy is rooted in the practices of ancient Christianity. Everything you see and hear today, including the prayers, music, architecture, physical postures, and responses, hold deep meaning about our beliefs, and are intentional and outward expressions of our faith.

Families with children of all ages are welcome at our worship services. There are many postures of prayer observed in the Episcopal church, usually standing or kneeling, but please do what you find most comfortable. Restrooms are located outside of the main church entrance to your right as you exit.

We now have assisted listening devices available for use during livestreamed services. Please contact an usher to request one. Users will need to supply their own headphones or earbuds. Instruction cards are available when you request a device.

About Receiving the Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at San Jose. If you are unable to receive at the altar rail, notify an usher and the clergy will come to your pew. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of bread, cross your arms over your chest. Please notify the clergy if you require a gluten-free wafer.

The Liturgy of the Palms

The service begins in the courtyard. **Prelude**

Prelude on Hyfrydol

Chris de Silva

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.**

The Gospel: 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.

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. Amen.

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands. The People follow the cross into the church while singing,

Psalm 118:19-29



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Choir:	Hosanna in the highest.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Choir:	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	Open for me the gates of righteousness.
	I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	'This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.'
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
	we bless you from the house of the Lord.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;
	form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	'You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.'
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Cantor:	Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
Choir:	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
-	Music: Ancient gallican chant; adapt. Howard E Galley

Hymn



The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain. Words: Theodulph of Orleans; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.

Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner, alt.; harm. William Henry Monk

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.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from 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?

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: A reading from 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.

Gradual The people stand.



The Holy Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen C. Britt

The Nicene Creed All stand and speak in unison.

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

Leader:	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People:	That we all may be one.
Leader:	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People:	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Leader:	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People:	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Leader:	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People:	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Leader:	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People:	That our works may find favor in your sight.
Leader:	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People:	That they may be delivered from their distress.
Leader:	Give to the departed eternal rest.
People:	Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Leader:	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People:	May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Leader:	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin The people may stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

- *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 The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads

Peter Neidmann

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of Glory waits! The King of Kings is drawing near, the Savior of the World is here.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of Triumph comes!

Flight wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer come! I opened wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin thy Holy Spirit guides us on, until the glorious crown be won.

Presentation Hymn The people stand as able.

My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow; be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.

The Great Thanksgiving

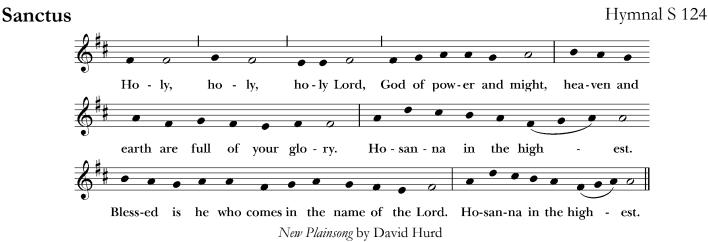
Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 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:



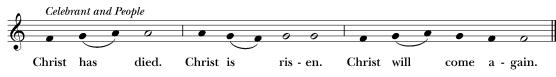
The people stand or kneel.

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:



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.

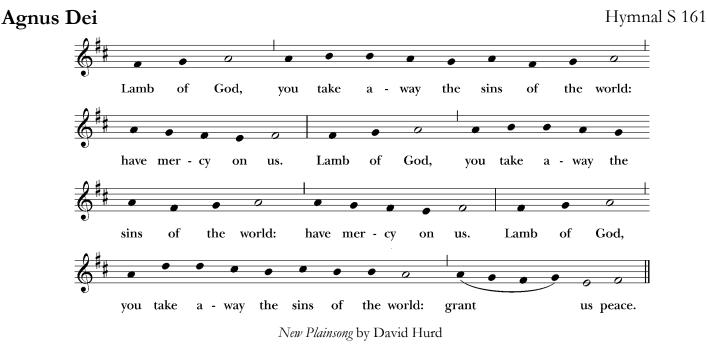
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



Communion Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 469

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

Closing Hymn

My song is love unknown

Hymnal 458

Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 7 only

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these, or other appropriate words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

There will be no postlude.

