

**St. Christopher by the Sea
Gibson Island, Maryland**

March 29, 2026

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Liturgy of the Palms

The people gather in the parking lot.

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.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

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.

The Distribution of Palms

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

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

After processing part way to the church we halt and say,

Celebrant We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
People **his mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant Let Israel now proclaim, *
People **his mercy endures forever.**

We continue the procession into the church halting for the following Collect

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*

Processional Hymn 154, *All glory, laud, and honor* Vs. 1, 4-5

The Salutation BCP page 357

The Collect of the Day Insert

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a Insert

Psalm 31:9-16 Insert

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 Insert

Hymn 156 *words only*, Ride on!, Ride on in majesty *Tune: Winchester New*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 27:11-54 Insert

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted

Please remain seated until the the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha

Prayers of the People — Form III BCP page 387

The Peace BCP page 360

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry of the Sacrament

Offertory sentence and Hymn 474, *When I survey the wondrous cross*

Offertory Collection & Hymn 380 v4

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Breaking of the Bread BCP page 364

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world **Have mercy on us.**

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We receive Communion. *All are invited to receive.*

Post Communion Prayer

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A Prayer over the People

Recessional Hymn 441, *In the cross of Christ I glory*

Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. — **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Choral (Our Father – Vater unser) and Fuga from Sonata VI Felix Mendelssohn*