

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *[Kneel as able.]*

Prayer Book 365

**The Solemn Prayer over the People** *(kneeling)*

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.**

**Closing Hymn**

“Ah, holy Jesus”

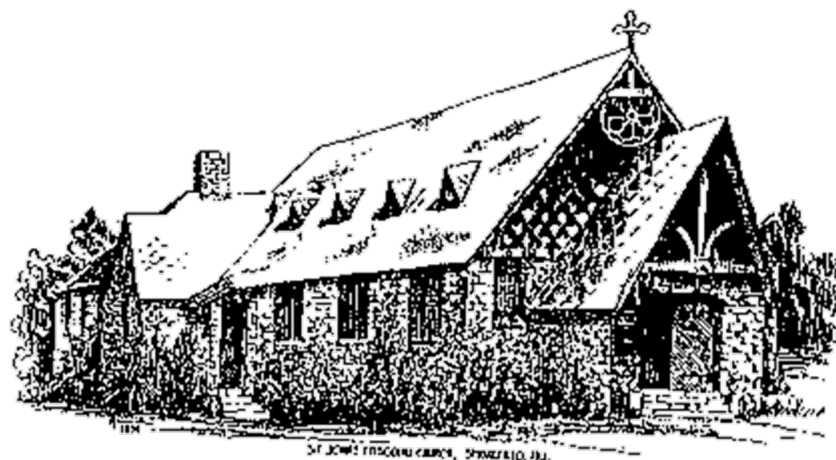
Hymnal 158

**Dismissal**

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Scripture readings are from [www.lectionarypage.net/YearC\\_RCL/HolyDays/CPalmSun\\_RCL](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/HolyDays/CPalmSun_RCL)

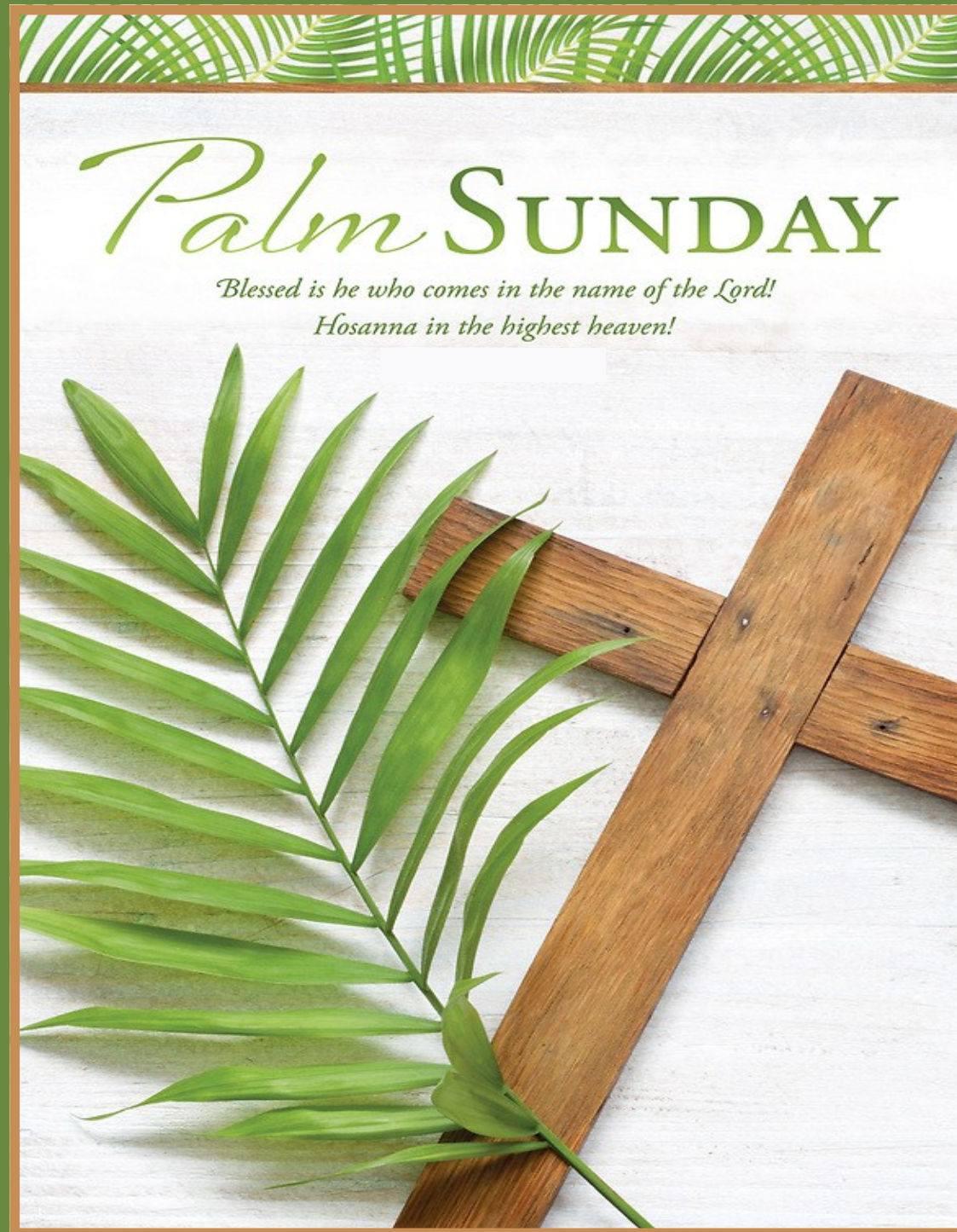


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# The Sunday of the Passion ~ Palm Sunday

Mass ~ Rite II ~ Year A

May 28, 2026: 4:00 p.m. & May 29, 2026: 10:30 a.m.

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*The people congregate in the parish hall.*

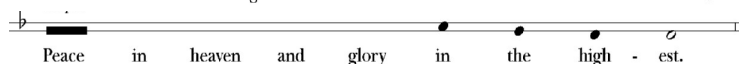
### The Blessing of the Palms

[Standing]

Celebrant:



People:



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.**

### At the Liturgy of the Palms

✠ **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 21:1-11**

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*Then the Celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord’s Prayer** [Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music is in the pews.]

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant:

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) [Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pews.]

Prayer Book 337

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

### Communion Hymn

“Drop, Drop Slow Tears”

*Not fast*

1 Drop, drop, slow tears, And bathe those beau-teous feet,  
2 Cease not, for wet eyes, His mer-cies to en-treat;  
3 In your deep floods Drown all my faults and fears;

Which brought from heav'n The news and Prince of Peace.  
To cry for venge-ance Sin doth nev-er cease.  
Nor let his eye See sin, but through my tears. A-men.



## 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.

8 You have not shut me up in the pówer of the ény; \*  
you have set my féet in an ópen place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for Í am in tróuble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throát and my bélly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my yéars with síghing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bónes are cónsumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquáintance; \*  
when they see me in the stréet they avóid me.

12 I am forgotten like a déad man, óut of mind; \*  
I am as useless ás a bróken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
féar is áll around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
They plót to táke my life.

14 But as for me, I have trústed in yóu, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "Yóu are my God.

15 My tímes are ín your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who pérsecúte me.

16 Make your face to shine upón your sérvant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness sáve me."

### The Epistle 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--

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Lesson 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.*

### The Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

(Said at 4:00 p.m., Congregation sings the Antiphon at 10:30 a.m.)



## Opening Hymn

“Ride on! ride on in majesty!”

Second Tune  
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Adapted from  
*Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

*With solemnity*

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. A - men.

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. Amen.

## 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