Palm Sunday

Sunday, the Fifth of April,
Two Thousand Twenty
THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

as found in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 1.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020
Grant, O God, that as on this day the disciples of Jesus Christ blessed his coming and welcomed him with joy, we may be ready to receive him unto our hearts; and, having followed the example of his patience, may also be made partakers of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Palm Sunday

Prayerbook, p. 194
Hymn

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty; Hark! all the tribes 'Ho-san-na' cry;
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty; In lowly pomp ride on to die;

Thine humble beast pursues his road, With palms and scattered garments strewn.
O Christ! thy triumphs now begin, O'er captive death and conquered sin. Amen.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty:
   The winged squadrons of the sky
   Look down with sad and wondering eyes
   To see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty:
   In lowly pomp ride on to die;
   Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
   Then take, O Christ! thy power, and reign.

* All are invited to stand as willing or able; please feel free to stay seated if this is your preference.
* **WELCOME**

* **SIGN OF PEACE**

  All are invited to greet one another with a sign of God’s peace, mindful that in this time of increased health risks, a simple smile or bow, accompanied by the phrase, “Peace be with you!” is most appropriate.

* **OPENING SENTENCES**  
  *Prayerbook, p. 1*

* **EXHORTATION**  
  *Prayerbook, p. 3*

**GENERAL CONFESSION**  
  *Prayerbook, p. 4*

  All shall sit.

  Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
  *Prayerbook, p. 5*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
  *Prayerbook, pp. 5-6*

  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.
* Versicles

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips;

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All shall stand.

Minister Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God;

People Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister Praise ye the Lord.

People The Lord's name be praised.

* Canticle | Cantate Domino

Psalm 98

Minister O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things.

People With his own right hand and with his holy arm, hath he gotten himself the victory.

Minister The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

People He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Minister Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord all ye lands; sing, rejoice and give thanks.

People Praise the Lord upon the harp; sing to the harp with a psalm of thanks giving.

Minister With trumpets also and shawms, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

People Let the sea make a noise and all that there is; the round world and they that dwell there in.

Minister Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth.

People With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

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O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good;
    his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say,
    “His mercy endureth for ever.”
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
    that I may go into them,
    and praise the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
    the righteous shall enter through it.
I will praise thee, for thou hast heard me,
    and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused
    is become the head stone of the corner.
This is the Lord’s doing;
    it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made;
    we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech thee, O Lord!
    O Lord, we beseech thee, send now prosperity!

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord!
    We bless you out of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, who hath given us light.
    Bind the festal procession with branches,
    up to the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee;
    thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good;
    For his mercy endureth for ever!

*DOXOLOGY*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God;
Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.
FIRST LESSON  
Isaiah 50:4-9a

MOTET  
Ride On, King Jesus  
Traditional

SECOND LESSON  
Matthew 21: 1-11

SERMON  
Rev. Joy Fallon

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All Glory Laud And Honor

1 All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Re-deem-er, King,
2 Thou art the King of Is-rael, Thou Da-vid’s roy-al son,
3 Thou didst ac-cept their prai-ses; Ac-cept the prayers we bring,

To whom the lips of chil-dren Made sweet ho-san-nas ring!
Who in the Lord’s name com-est, The King and bless-ed One;
Who in all good de-light-est, Thou good and gra-cious King.

The peo-ple of the He-brews With palms be-fore thee went;
To thee, be-fore thy pas-sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Re-deem-er, King,

Our praise and prayer and an-thems Be-fore thee we pre-sent.
To thee, now high ex-alt-ed, Our mel-o-dy we raise.
To whom the lips of chil-dren Made sweet ho-san-nas ring! A-men.

PASSION AND CROSS
*VERSICLES

Minister The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Minister Let us pray.

All shall sit.

Minister O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People And grant us thy salvation.
Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS

Collect for the Day Prayer for All Sorts and Conditions

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name we ascribe unto thee all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*All are invited to stand as willing or able; please feel free to stay seated if this is your preference.
* Benediction

Please be seated for the playing of the Postlude.

Postlude

All For Jesus
John Stainer (1840-1901)

Service Participants
The Rev. Joy Fallon, Senior Minister
David Waters, Minister for Education and Membership
Heinrich Christensen, Music Director
Jamie and Brian Church, Soloists
ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE MINISTER

My Dear Friends-

Life is full.

Sometimes, at the end of a long meeting, or perhaps a long day, or even just a brief encounter in the hall, Joy will pause, reflecting a moment, and then pronounce, often with a wry smile, "Life is full." At first I thought it was just "minister-speak" for "Life is hard." Or "What a day!" Or even, "Ugh!" And, if we're being honest, there might be a bit of that too—at least sometimes. But later I came to understand that there's something more to this little turn of phrase. Life can be hard. The days can be long. And sometimes? We don't have the words to express our frustration or exasperation or weariness. Ugh!

Haven't these last few weeks put us intimately in touch with these truths?

But to pause, in the midst of uncertainty, anxiety, difficulty... to pause and recall ourselves to the fullness of life... this is to abide in another truth: that life, like we ourselves, is never one thing only. The lives we live, the people we are (and are becoming), the faith we practice, the stories we share to make sense of it all... these are all so full: of nuance and complexity and richness and beauty.

We are approaching Palm Sunday and nearing the end of our Lenten journey. Our prayerbook tells us that "Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's entry into Jerusalem and anticipates his crucifixion. It has been our custom to observe the themes of acclaim and rejection in alternate years." Thus, this year, even in the midst of sickness and isolation, we observe the theme of acclaim. We lift our palms with the throngs who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem and we raise our voices in the familiar refrain: "Hosanna!"

Our sacred story gives us one who arrives even in the midst of our world's heaviness and darkness—who yet comes to lighten and illumine. Do we imagine the trace of a wry smile as he greets the crowds from atop his humble mount? For Surely he knows that these crowds will give way to others, less adoring; that acclaim and jubilation won't be the last word; that in the fullness of the story, light shines brightest in the darkness.

Life is full, indeed. Full of joys and sorrows, love and loss, hope in the dark. Those "hosannas" that we'll echo on this Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion? Our tradition commonly understands them as cheers and shouts of praise, and indeed, that was probably how many in the crowds who greeted Jesus intended them. But there was another meaning for those of Jesus time. In Hebrew, hosanna was "Help" or "Save, I pray." In the fullness of life, in the fullness of our story, praise is commingled with petition, adulation with entreaty. As it was for our forerunners in faith, so it is for us. In the darkness, hope in the light.

In faith and love,

David
**KING’S CHAPEL COVENANT**
In the love of truth, and in the spirit of Jesus Christ, we unite for the worship of God and the service of all.

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Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!

**TO OUR VISITORS**
Welcome to King’s Chapel! We are happy to have you with us this morning. Please join us for refreshments and conversation after the service. Also, a volunteer guide will be at the Chancel Rail after worship to tell you something of our history and present activity and answer any questions you may have. If you are new to King’s Chapel, please sign our Fellowship Pads found in your pew, and give your sheet to a Minister.

**ACCESSIBILITY ASSISTS**
Our beautiful Georgian sanctuary was designed by Peter Harrison and completed in 1754. One of the box pews has been made wheelchair accessible. Ushers are available to assist those who are wheelchair users to that pew. There is also an accessible bathroom in the vestry. A sound system has been installed in the sanctuary of the Chapel to amplify the sound during worship services. Hearing assistance devices are available for your use. Please see an usher for assistance.

**CHURCH SCHOOL - NURSERY**
Our church school program for pre-kindergarten to high school students is offered each Sunday at 10 AM after our Morning Light service at 64 Beacon Street. We also offer Nursery Care for infants and toddlers from 9 AM - 12:30 PM each Sunday at the same location. E-mail david.waters@kings-chapel.org with any questions.

**MEMBERSHIP**
The Membership Committee works to welcome newcomers into the life of the King’s Chapel community. Those interested please contact Minister for Education and Membership David Waters at david.waters@kings-chapel.org, or Membership Chair Christopher Allen, at comradechris@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

**BEBE LIST**
In Morning Prayer on Sundays, we offer prayers to God for those who are in special need in any way. If you wish to add any names to our List, or remove any at this time, please speak with our Ministers, or leave a message with our Parish Administrator (617-227-2155 x 108).

**PARTNER CHURCH**
King’s Chapel is affiliated as partner church with the First Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár in Transylvania (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), a relationship inaugurated in 1922 celebrating the historic roles of both churches in the birth of Unitarian theology.

**TWO REDUCED-RATE PARKING TICKETS**
We have reduced rate parking for weekends for both One Beacon Street Garage and the Boston Common Garage. One Beacon Street Garage: When you enter the garage turn immediately left, take a ticket and then park. Bring your ticket to church and ask the Verger or Lead Usher to stamp your ticket. When returning to the parking garage, present your ticket to the attendant in the kiosk and pay, then leave. With the ticket validation you receive a reduced rate of $10 for parking ($2.00 off). Boston Common Garage: You can receive a reduced rate ticket for $9.00 for weekend parking. Tickets are available for purchase in advance by contacting our office at 617-227-2155 or in person at our Parish House office at 64 Beacon Street, Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4PM.