

# PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026

*Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome to Advent Episcopal Church. Our worship service follows the Book of Common Prayer and includes Holy Communion in which all may receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. Hymn numbers preceded by the letter "H" are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. The hymn numbers preceded by the letter "W" are found in the blue hymnal Worship & Rejoice.*

*Thank you for joining us for worship today!*

*Acknowledging the people of the land, the Hohokam and other indigenous people as the original stewards of this land, we give thanks for our ancestors, our elders, and for all indigenous people who pray for unity and peace together.*

## PRELUDE

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord

**All** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Minister* 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!"

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."

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in

the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now forever. **Amen.**

**Celebrant** Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People** **Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

*Refrain* All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

*Verse 1* Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.  
*Refrain*

*Verse 2* The company of angels is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

*Refrain*

*Verse 3* The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.  
*Refrain*

*Verse 4* To thee before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
*Refrain*

*Verse 5* Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!  
*Refrain*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living 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.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### 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

All Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 31:9-16** (*8am said, 10:00 am sung*)

<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 consumed.**

<sup>11</sup> I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*

**when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

<sup>12</sup> I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup> For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \*

**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 upon your servant, \*

**and in your loving-kindness save me."**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

**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 – 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN**

W 284

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.**

*The customary responses before and after the  
Gospel are omitted. Remain seated until directed to stand.*

*(Please see insert. The People read the passages highlighted in yellow.)*

**SERMON**

The Reverend Dr. Beverley Rader

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake. With love let us adore him, aware of our needs. Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even unto death.

**People** **Teach us to obey God's will in all things.**

Leader Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death.

**People** **Enable us to die with you and to rise with you in glory.**

Leader Christ our strength, you were despised and humiliated as a condemned criminal.

**People** **Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.**

Leader Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us.

**People** **Help us to love one another.**

Leader Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms.

**People** **Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.**

Leader We pray for our Presiding Bishop, and our Diocesan Bishop and our parish ministers;  
Saving Lord,

**People** **Have mercy on us.**

Leader We pray for the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona and for all in authority  
in our nation. Saving Lord,

**People** **Have mercy on us.**

Leader We pray for the sick, the suffering and the dying that they will be comforted in their distress.  
Saving Lord,

**People** **Have mercy on us.**

Leader We pray for the faithful departed that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. Saving Lord,

**People** **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People** **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon 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.

**People** **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### OFFERTORY HYMN H 715

The Presentation and Blessing of the Gifts

(8am) All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

(10am sung)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

It is a right and a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS S 125 (10am sung)

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues:*

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

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 are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All** **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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM (*8am said, 10:00 am sung*) S 164

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All** **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. The wine will be offered by intinction, which means that you may dip the wafer into the small cup offered by the Lay Assistant. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just receive the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

COMMUNION HYMNS W 260 & W 281

### CLOSING PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN W 271 (*sung twice*)

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

