



**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
PALM SUNDAY
March 28, 2021 at 10:00 a. m.**

*We welcome The Rev. William J. Wood
as our Officiant this morning.*

St. Columba's Episcopal Church
Boothbay Harbor, Maine

WELCOME!

This service is being held in compliance with CDC guidelines and the fire marshal's fire safety regulations. With 50% of "permitted occupancy" and the 6-foot distancing requirement, we have determined that the safe occupancy limit for St. Columba's at this stage is 44 persons.

GUIDELINES

To protect all of us, we will follow these guidelines:

- Well-fitting masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times.
- The 6-foot distancing rule will apply throughout the church.
- No close contact.
- Doors and windows will be open and should remain open
- Seats will be filled from the front of the Sanctuary to the back.
- We will keep a record of attendance for contact tracing purposes.
- If you want to wear your name tag, please take it from the board yourself, take it home, sanitize it and bring it back as needed.
- There will be NO SINGING.
- We will NOT pass an offering basket or plate. Please leave your offering in the basket provided in the Narthex.
- Following the service, the ushers will dismiss you from back to front. Please be patient, remain seated and, when prompted by an usher, exit quietly through the Narthex.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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.*

Reading Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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.***

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

“All glory, laud and honor” (st. 1-3) *spoken*

The palm crosses are waved by all during the third stanza

Refrain:

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

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.
2. The company of angels are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain:

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

The 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.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect

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.*

Psalm 31:9-16 *read by one person*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ Mark 15:1-39

see insert

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all will be invited to stand.

The Homily

The Rev. William J. Wood

(A short period of silence will be kept.)

Prayers of the People—Form VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick,
the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop,

Thomas our Bishop, and Maria our Rector;

and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died,

that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

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. Amen.

The Concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Silent procession to outdoors and vehicles from back to front.

Please remain in your seat until prompted by an usher.



***We are glad you came to worship with us
and hope you will return!***

Please note that United Thank Offering (UTO)
boxes are available for pickup in the vestibule at the church.



The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown - Bishop of The Diocese of Maine
The Rev. Maria J. Hoecker - Rector of St. Columba's Episcopal Church

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