



the well

APRIL 5, 2020
5 P.M.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Houston, Texas

Palm Sunday

five o'clock in the evening

THE VERY REV. BARKLEY S. THOMPSON, *Dean*
Officiant

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship.

INTERLUDE ON 'MO GHILLE MEAR' (THE GALLANT ONE)

A TRADITIONAL IRISH AIR FROM COUNTY CORK

The Word of God

The Officiant begins

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise of thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear God's holy Word proclaimed, to bring before God our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of the Spirit we may serve God and know the greatness of God's love.

Officiant The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

THE PALMS GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–11

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

INTERLUDE ON A TUNE FROM THE ISLE OF ARRAN

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Matthew 27:1–54

Reader The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the

Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

All stand.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence is kept.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE REFLECTION

The Rev. Arthur A. Callaham, Canon Vicar

INTERLUDE ON AN IRISH AIR BY TURLOUGH O'CAROLAN

EXPRESSION OF FAITH

Lord, you have always given bread for the coming day;
And though I am poor, today I trust in you.

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;
And though I am weak, today I trust in you.

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;
And though of anxious heart, today I trust in you.

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;
And now, tried as I am, today I trust in you.

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day;
And though it may be hidden, today I trust in you.

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;
And though the night is here, today I trust in you.

Lord, You have always spoken when time was ripe;
And though you may be silent now, today I trust in you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader begins

Pray for this fragile earth, our island home. Pray that we would be its good stewards and it would withstand our abuse.

Silence

Pray for the Church. Pray that where it is right God will strengthen it, and where it is in error God will direct it. Pray that God will fill the Church with all truth and peace.

Silence

Pray for the joy of human life, with all its wonder and surprises. Pray we would remember that all people are created in the very image of God.

Silence

Pray for the poor, the destitute, and the dying, in the full knowledge that God looks with special favor upon those in greatest need.

Silence

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

Silence

Pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and for the promise of the next. Pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not only by our words but by our deeds.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant Let us confess our sins.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that ensnares us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

INTERLUDE ON AN IRISH SONG BY SEAN OG O TUAMA*

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the Son of God to you. Deep peace, deep peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* *Music Notes*




In the text of the song, “Suantrai na Maighdine” (The Virgin’s Lullaby), Mary questions why Jesus, the Son of God has such a humble beginning in hay. The response in verse two from the Christ Child is that it was by choice to save straying wanderers. The song continues, “When I am hung on high, they will turn to me.” — *BB*

Welcome

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Announcements

- ❖ **Take part in Holy Week services this week online** • Go to the Cathedral website, christchurchcathedral.org, to learn more about services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, Easter in Memory of Her, the Great Vigil, and Easter Day services. Some of these services will be traditional services filmed in the Cathedral chancel. Others will be interactive services that involve you and your family at home. Check this week's email and the Cathedral website to learn more.
- ❖ **The “Cathedral Good Neighbor” program** • The Cathedral wants to hear how you are doing. Expect to receive a phone call or email from a Cathedral Good Neighbor, who lives near you. Be sure to let your Cathedral Good Neighbor know how you are doing and whether you have any needs.
- ❖ **Connect with the Cathedral digitally** • Go to our website, christchurchcathedral.org, to learn about how you can connect with the Cathedral on Facebook, Instagram, Zoom, and elsewhere. It's easier than you think, it's fun, and it's a really wonderful way to stay connected to your community and engage your faith.
- ❖ **Every weekday at 12:05 p.m., go to Facebook for a live worship service** • Our intrepid priests are on live video every weekday for the noonday worship service. Leave a comment and we will pray for you. Go to facebook.com/cccathedraltx to tune in.
- ❖ **How to make a donation online** • It is simple to make a donation on the Cathedral website. Look for the tab at the top of the site that says, “Give.” Click on the tab for a variety of ways to make a gift to the Cathedral. If you have questions, contact Chief Administrative Officer and Minister for Stewardship Karen Kraycirik at kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org or 713-590-3338.
- ❖ **There are several digital ways for our youth and children to connect to the Cathedral** • Go to our website to learn more about the Way of Love podcast, Zoom Seed and Root Groups, Zoom Sunday School, Children's Chapel on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., and others. Look for the banner on the homepage that says, “How to connect to the Cathedral online” as well as the button that says “Zoom online small groups.”
- ❖ **Support the Cathedral Youth Program by giving to the Giving Tree** • The Giving Tree is the annual fundraiser for Cathedral Youth that supports young people doing mission work in the U.S. and abroad. Please join your Cathedral family in donating on our website (under “Registrations”).
- ❖ **Lenten meditations are available via email and social media** • Lenten meditations from Episcopal Relief & Development are available via email via the links in the weekly enews, and Lenten practices from the Society of St. John the Evangelist are available via Instagram on the Cathedral account (@cccathedraltx).

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