

PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

The Moravian tradition is a harmony of the Gospels. The goal is to read the events of Holy Week on the days that they occurred – and in a sense, to walk with Jesus through the last week of his earthly ministry. At first it was a private devotional, and then hymns were added to it as well as prayers, to make it suitable for corporate worship. I have added some traditional Anglican prayers, as well as a homily. Let's walk through this week together and ponder anew the love our Lord has for us.

~ The Rev. Michael Gray ~

OPENING HYMN - "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

154, Hymnal 1982
Bill Wright, Bagpiper

Refrain:

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

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

The company of angels is praising thee on high;
And we with all creation in chorus make reply: *Refrain.*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain.*

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

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain.*

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

People: ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***

OPENING COLLECT

Officiant:

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.***

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Hold up your palms.

Officiant:

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.**

Officiant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord

People: **Hosanna in the highest**

THE FIRST LESSON

Billy Green, reader

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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. ~ *Mark 11:1-8*

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 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!" ~ *Matthew 21:4-5, 9*

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ~ *John 12:12, 16*

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." ~ *Luke 19:37-40*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN – “Ride On In Majesty”

156, Hymnal 1982

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o’er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Kitty Whitman, reader

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.” ~ *Luke 19:41-44*

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 Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you are making it a den of robbers.” The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?’” ~ *Matthew 21:10-16*

The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”
~ *John 12:19*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN – “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

436, Hymnal 1982

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The melody is written in the treble clef. Below the staves, there are five lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a measure of the music. The lyrics are: "1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the", "2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the", "3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a", "*4 Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide my heart to", "5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and".

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

THE THIRD LESSON

The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. ~ *John 12:20-36*

...as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. ~ *Mark 11:11b*

Deacon: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

1. As Mo - ses raised the ser - pent up,
2. For God so loved the world he made,
3. God did not send Christ to the world

so must God's Son be lift - ed high,
he gave his own be - lov - ed Son;
that he might then con - demn us all,

that who - so - ev - er will be - lieve
all who be - lieve in him will live—
but that the world by Christ's own death

in him may live e - ter - nal - ly.
not die, but live for - ev - er - more.
might then be ran - somed from the fall.

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes first and second endings. The lyrics are arranged in three columns corresponding to the three verses. The score concludes with a double bar line.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Michael Gray

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People:

*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.*

SUFFRAGES A

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: ***And grant us your salvation.***

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: ***Let your people sing with joy.***

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: ***For only in you can we live in safety.***

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: ***Your saving health among all nations.***

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: ***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: ***And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Officiant:

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.***

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Officiant:

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

Officiant:

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People:

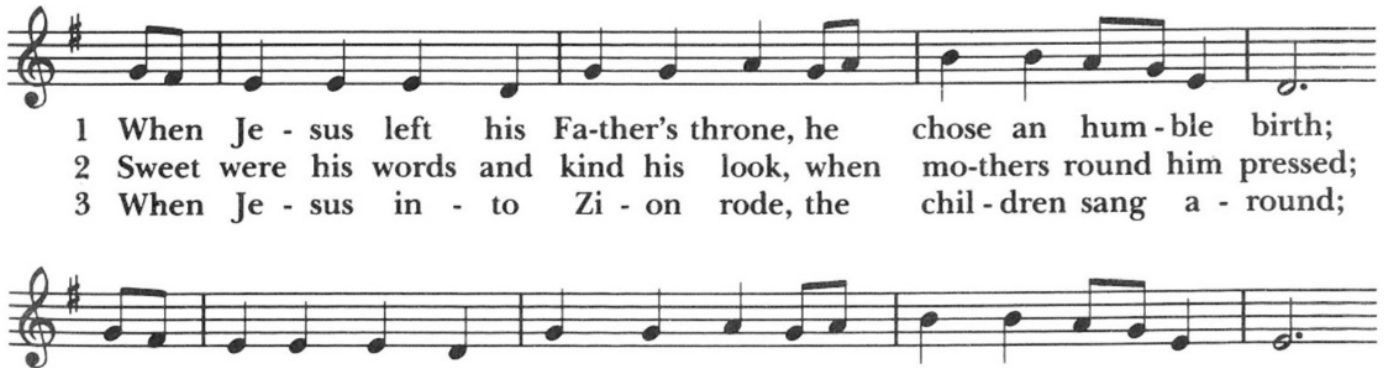
*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

Officiant:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** ~ 2 Corinthians 13:14

CLOSING HYMN – “When Jesus Left His Father’s Throne”

480, Hymnal 1982



1 When Je - sus left his Fa-ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo-thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;

like us, un - hon - ored and un-known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in-fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low in wis - dom's path of peace;
 Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
 Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
 thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
 Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

We offer our thanks for those who contribute to our service videos.

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March 28, 2021 Announcements

MORAVIAN HOLY WEEK *Online*

MARCH 28 - APRIL 3

10 AM DAILY

Beginning on Palm Sunday, we embark on what's known as "Holy Week," the sacred week when we walk the Way of Jesus, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to his last evening with his friends, to his arrest and crucifixion, death and burial. So much, so rich, so much to share.

We invite you to join us each day at 10 AM on Vimeo, as we move through the story of Jesus' journey to the cross. A link will be emailed each day at 9 AM, or visit our website: ststephensculpeper.net. If you need assistance, please email or call our office.

What is Moravian Holy Week?

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Palm Sunday – March 28

(no Adult Sunday school)

The day begins by marking Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Monday – March 29

The Parable of the Fig Tree

Tuesday – March 30

Disputes with the Pharisees and Sadducees

Wednesday – March 31

(no Lectio Centering Prayer)

Judgement Day

Maundy Thursday – April 1

We commemorate the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper

Good Friday – April 2

We remember the events leading up to and including the Crucifixion.

Holy Saturday – April 3

We remember the time that Christ spent in the grave.

Easter Sunday Services - April 4

We will offer two services on Easter Sunday. The first will be continuing with a Moravian Easter Morning Prayer service online at 10 AM on Vimeo. Note: There will be no Adult Sunday school. The second service is an in-person Holy Communion service on the church front lawn at 4 PM (weather permitting). Regathering guidelines are below. Masks required.

Love Your Neighbor - Regathering Instructions

In an effort to make everyone safe and comfortable experience, we ask that you respect and adhere to the following instructions, set forth by the Diocese of Virginia.

- Everyone is required to wear a mask
- There will be no singing. Instrumental music and one soloist may be present
- Everyone must sit a minimum of 6' apart. Families may sit together
- Bring your own chairs or blanket to sit on
- Bring hand sanitizer
- There will be no handshakes or hugs during The Peace
- There will be no socializing before or after the service
- All in-person services will be immediately suspended if anyone in our congregation tests positive for COVID.

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