

## Liturgy of the Palms, 4-9-22

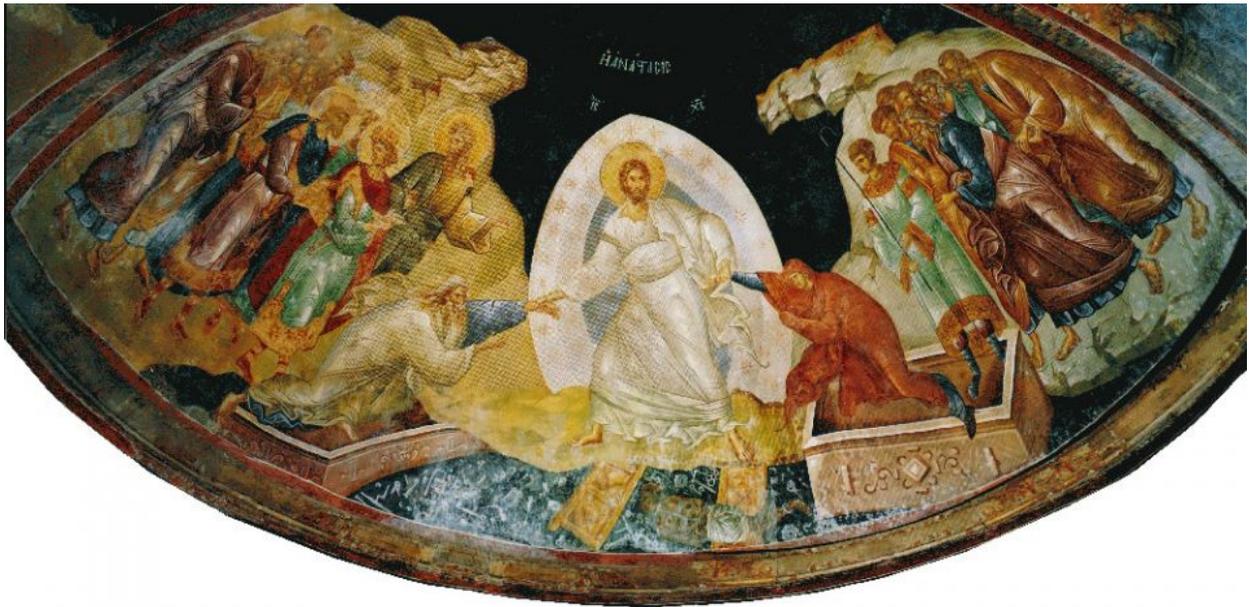
Andrea Seabaugh & Michael Rigdon Presiding

Readers: Denis Rigdon &

Jim Brandi

Prayer Leaders: Ann Cooke, Suzanne King Bires, Russ Banner

IT Host: Cheryl Brandi



**Andrea Seabaugh:** Welcome to Mary Mother of Jesus, our inclusive Catholic Community where everyone is welcome. Thank you for joining together to celebrate the start of Holy Week.

**Andrea & All:** Let us begin together  in the name of God our creator, Jesus our brother, and Spirit Sophia. Amen.

**Andrea:** Let us welcome one another with a sign of Christ's peace:

**All:** Namaste, Namaste, Namaste. May Christ's peace be with us!

**Andrea.** Peace before us, Peace behind us, Peace under our feet.

Peace within us, Peace over us, Let all around us be Peace!

**Opening Song**  Jerusalem my destiny

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkHCkz6PFPM>



**Opening Prayer. Den Rigdon:** O Holy One, you call us to be disciples of Jesus, to change the domination systems in our lives so that the neglected and disenfranchised will have a level playing field to achieve happiness. **All:** Amen

### **Liturgy of the Word**

**Jim Brandi.** A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

When they were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany on Mount Olives, Jesus sent off two of the disciples with instructions: "Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you'll find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' say, 'The Teacher needs the colt, and will return it right away.'"

They went and found a colt tied to a door at the street corner and untied it. Some of those standing there said, "What are you doing untying that colt?" The disciples replied exactly as Jesus had instructed them, and the people let them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on it, and Jesus mounted.

The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading out rushes they had cut in the fields. Running ahead and following after, they were calling out,

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in God's name!

Blessed the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in highest heaven!

Jesus entered Jerusalem, then entered the Temple and looked around, taking it all in. By now it was late, so Jesus went back to Bethany with the Twelve.

These are Gospel writer Mark's words, and we respond, Thanks be to God!

Excerpt From: Eugene H Peterson, *The Message*

**Gospel Response** 🎵 Unless a Grain of Wheat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FzMQnCM3hA>



**Den.** A Reading from *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Chapter 1, *Palm Sunday*.

Thus we have the twofold theme that leads to Palm Sunday. Genuine discipleship, following Jesus, means following him **to Jerusalem**, the place of (1) confrontation with the **domination system** and (2) **death and resurrection**.

These are the two themes of the week that follows, Holy Week. **Indeed, these are the two themes of Lent and of the Christian life.**

Two processions entered Jerusalem on that day. The same question, the same alternative, faces those who would be faithful to Jesus today. **Which procession are we in?** Which procession do we **want** to be in? This is the question of Palm Sunday and of the week that is about to unfold.

**Response to Reading** 🎵 Unless a Grain of Wheat  
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**Shared Homily.** Michael & Community

**Profession of Faith. Russ Banner & ALL:**

We believe in the Holy One, a divine mystery  
beyond all definition and rational understanding,  
the heart of all that has ever existed,  
that exists now, or that ever will exist.

We believe in Jesus, messenger of the Divine Word,  
bringer of healing, heart of Divine compassion,  
bright star in the firmament of the Holy One's  
prophets, mystics, and saints.

We believe that We are called to follow Jesus  
as a vehicle of divine love  
and an instrument of justice and peace in the world.

We believe in the Spirit of the Holy One,  
the life that is our innermost life,  
the breath moving in our being,  
the depth living in each of us.

We believe that the Divine kin-dom is here and now,  
stretched out all around us for those  
with eyes to see it, hearts to receive it,  
and hands to make it happen.

## Community prayers

**Ann Cooke:** Mindful of God's unconditional love and care for us, we bring the needs of our community & the world to the table. Response: **We remember and we pray.**

We bring to the table those who have died in the 2 years of covid, those who continue to have serious symptoms of long haul covid, and those who mourn the loss of family and friends to the pandemic. **R**

We bring to the table the victims of war in Ukraine. May we all work to end the scourge of this unprovoked attack. **R**

Spring heralds the threat of storms in tornado alley and the threat of wildfires in the US west. We bring to the table those living in the path of these violent threats to life and livelihood. **R**

We bring to the table those who have lost their life companion through death or divorce. May the people of God be a saving support and comfort to them. **R**

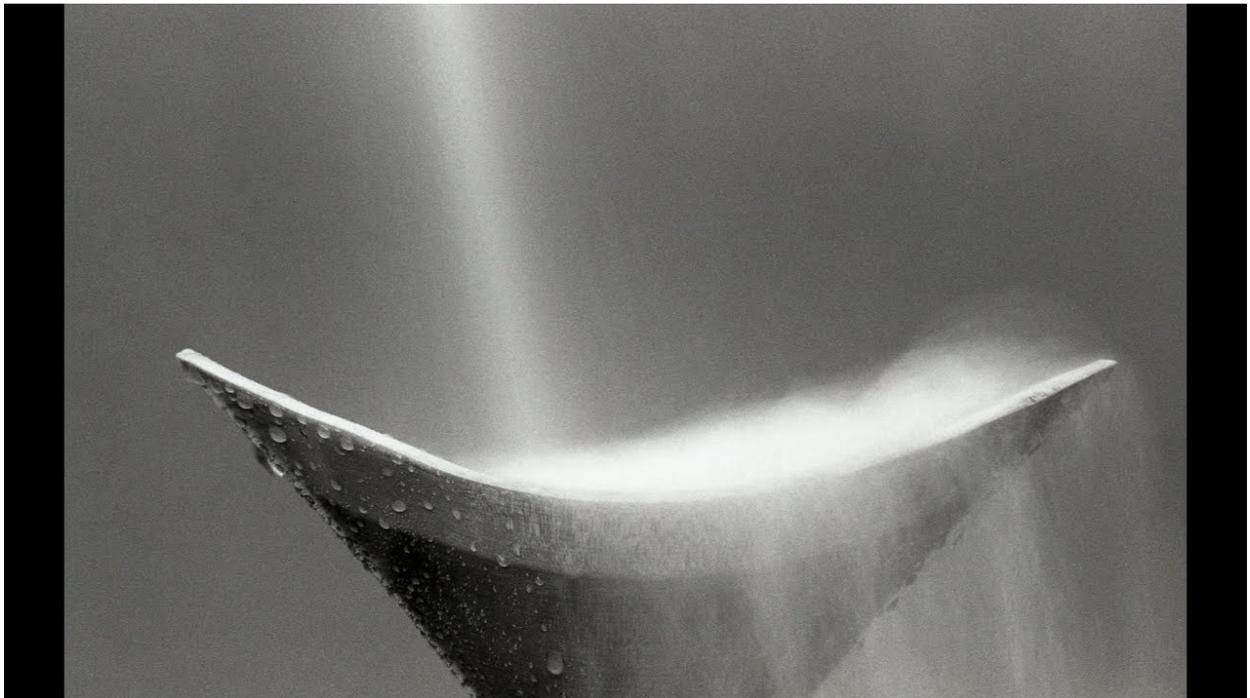
And for what else shall we pray? (**Joan Meehan** presents our MMOJ petitions)

**Ann:** Holy Mystery, Jesus is your supreme gift to us. Grant that the gospel be woven into our daily lives, coming easily to mind for our inspiration and your glory. **All:** Amen



**Offering of gifts** 🎵🎵 Seed, scattered and sown (Refrain only) 🍞🍷  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbX5fQIS3hg>

**Eucharistic Prayer** 🎵🎵 Spirit of the Living God  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-4Oe8mt--o>



*With hand extended in blessing*

**Suzanne & All:** As we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Spirit Sophia on us and on these gifts of bread 🍞 and wine 🍷 that they may become for us your body, healing and making us whole. And that we may become for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. Amen.

**Suzanne & All:** On the night before he faced his own death, Jesus sat at supper with his companions and friends. He reminded them that he had taught them to love the underserved and neglected. And to fix that memory clearly, he bent down and washed their feet.

When Jesus returned to his place at the table, he lifted the Passover bread 🍞 and spoke the blessing. Jesus broke the bread and offered it to them saying:

Take and eat of the Bread of Life  
Given to strengthen you.  
Whenever you remember me like this  
I am among you. (pause)

Jesus then raised high the cup of blessing and offered them the wine 🍷 with these words,

Take and drink of the covenant  
made new through my life for you and for everyone.  
Whenever you do this, remember me.

**Ann & All:** Remember, gracious God, your Church throughout the world. Open us to welcome everyone. In union with all people, may we strive to create a world where suffering is diminished, and where all people can live in health and wholeness. Thru Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, gracious God. **Amen** (sing)

**Michael & All:** This is Jesus, God with us, loving us forever. All are invited to partake of this sacred banquet of love. We are the Body of Christ.

**Russ:** Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All:** Holy One, you are within, around and among us.  
We celebrate your many names.  
Your wisdom come;  
Your will be done, unfolding from the depths within us.  
Each day you give us all that we need.  
You remind us of our limits and we let go.  
You support us in our power, and we act with courage.  
For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us,  
and the celebration among us, now and forever, Amen. *Adapted by Miriam Therese Winter*

**Thanksgiving Prayer** (*Didache, Instruction, 100CE*)

**Jim & All:** For the thanksgiving, give thanks this way: First, for the cup: We thank you, Abba God, for the sacred vine of David your son, whose meaning you made clear to us through our brother Jesus, yours ever be the splendor.

And for the bread fragment: We thank you, Amma God, for the life and wisdom whose meaning you made clear to us through Jesus, yours ever be the splendor.



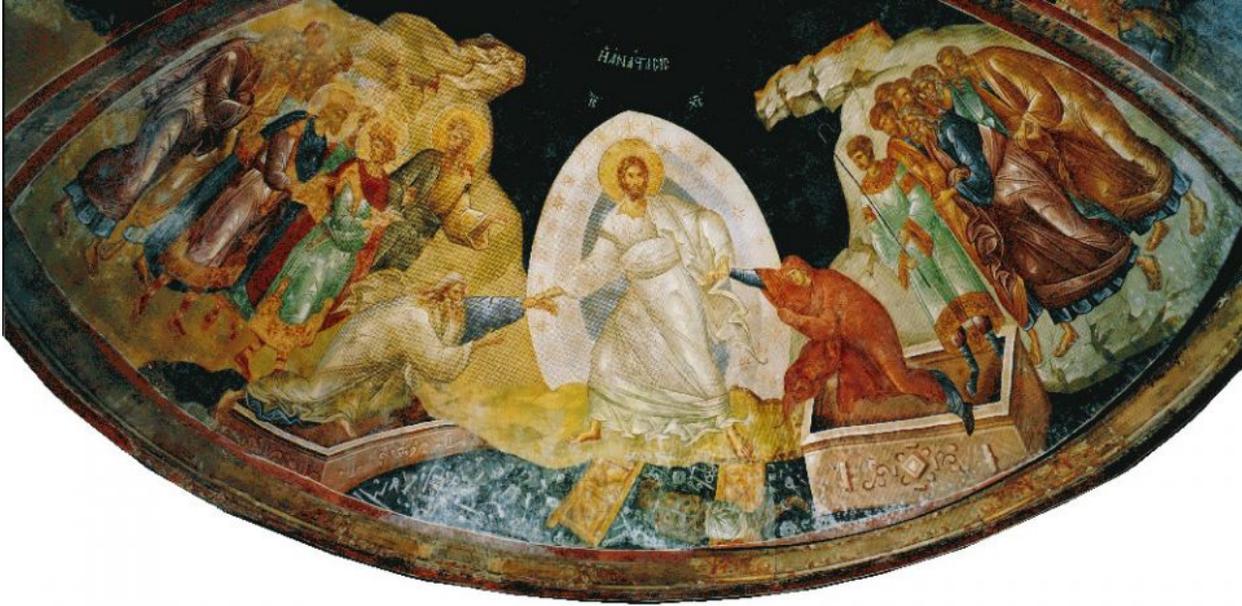
As this fragment was scattered high on hills, but by gathering was united into one, so let your people from earth's ends be united into your single reign, for yours are splendor and might through Jesus Christ down the ages.

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving Announcements**

**Final Blessing** 🎵 Peace before us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bA0Rmgl5rmw>

Peace before us, Peace behind us, Peace under our feet  
Peace within us, Peace over us, Let all around us be Peace.  
Love before us, Love behind us, Love under our feet  
Love within us, Love over us, Let all around us be Love.  
Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet,



Christ within us, Christ over us, Let all around us be Christ!

**Michael.** Go in the peace of Christ. Let us bring God's reign of justice and love to all those in need, to everyone we meet! **All:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Final** 🎵 Jerusalem My Destiny

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkHCkz6PFPM>

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