

ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FL

Hosanna!



Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 5, 2020

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Coming together with cries of Hosanna! We ready ourselves to worship God.

Note: If you have the opportunity to do so, please find a palm frond (or a branch from another bush – only John specifies palms) to wave at the time of what would usually be our wonderful procession around the entire block of the church campus. If you have a palm frond, you are encouraged to consider making it into a palm cross – instructions are provided at the end of this file.

The Liturgy of the Palms

BCP, 270

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;

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

Officiant 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.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Matthew 21:1-11**

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Blessing over the Branches

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.**

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.**

During the singing of the traditional Palm Sunday hymn below, feel free to wave (or hold) a palm frond or branch from a bush - and feel free to say (as loudly as you like) the two lines above!

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

I Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
I who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.

Repeat Refrain

As we journey with Jesus from his triumphal entry to his crucifixion, we can symbolize this in our homes by making our palm branches into crosses. (Instructions can be found at the end of this file.) This transition is also indicated in the following Collect:

Officiant 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.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy;
People **Come, let us adore him.**

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7 / BCP, 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come, let us adore him.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord tells us in scripture and preaching the stories of His saving acts in human history, of which we have become a part through baptism. We respond in hope, praying for the world and for ourselves.

Psalm 31:9-16 (*said in unison*)

BCP, 623

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."**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 50:4-9

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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah (*said in unison*)

BCP, 86

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4. Near the cross, I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

1. Free to all, a heal - ing stream Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 2. There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.
 3. Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.
 4. Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.

In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;

Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

Matthew 26:36-27:54

The usual responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

*The People read all parts printed in **bold type**.*

At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand as able.

Narrator Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want, but what you want."

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Narrator Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas "Greetings, Rabbi!"

Narrator and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Friend, do what you are here to do."

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Witnesses *"This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"*

Narrator The high priest stood up and said,

Caiaphas "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

Narrator But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

Caiaphas "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

Caiaphas "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

Narrator They answered,

Council **“He deserves death!”**

Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Council **“Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”**

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Girl “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

Narrator But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter “I do not know what you are talking about.”

Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Girl “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Narrator Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter “I do not know the man.”

Narrator After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystanders **“Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”**

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter “I do not know the man!”

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

Narrator But they said,

Priests **“What is that to us? See to it yourself.”**

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Priests **“It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”**

Narrator After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus “You say so.”

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

Narrator 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,

Pilate “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator 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,

Pilate “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

Narrator And they said,

Crowd **“Barabbas!”**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator All of them said,

Crowd **“Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator Then he asked,

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Crowd **“Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator 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,

Pilate “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

Narrator 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,

Soldiers **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**

Narrator 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.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. **[PLEASE STAND AS ABLE.]**

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."

Narrator 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,

Passers-by **"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."**

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Jesus "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.'"

Narrator 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,

Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

People **"This man is calling for Elijah."**

Narrator 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,

People **"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."**

Narrator 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,

Centurion "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant In the words our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

♩ = 130

1 2 3 4

DM7 Am7 D7 GM7

Our Fa -a -ther..... who art in hea -ea -ea -ea -ven....

5 6 7 8

Gm Fm Bm Eb Asus4

..... hal -lo -wed be be -e -e -e Your name.....

9 10 11 12

A7(b9) DM7 Am7 D7 GM7

..... Thy king -dom come Thy wi -i -ill be done

13 14 15 16

B9 Fm Bm Eb A7 Gm6

..... on earth as it i -i -i -i -is in hea

17 18 19 20

D7 A7(b9) DM7 Am7 D7 GM7

-ven. Give us this day..... our da -a -ai -ly bread

21 22 23 24

Gm Fm Bm7 Eb Asus4

..... and for give us our sins as we for -give those who sin a

25 26 27 28

A7(b9) DM7 Am7 D7 GM7

-gainst us and lead us not in -to temp -ta -a -a -a -tion

B⁹ F^m B^b E^b A⁷ G^b/D^b
 29 30 31 32
 but de -li -ver u -u -u -u -us from e vil.

D^b D^b/F G^b A^b/G^b Fdim
 33 34 35 36
 For Thine is the king -dom and the po -wer and the

B⁷ E^m F^m G^b G^b/A^b D^b
 37 38 39 40
 glo -ry for e -e -e -ver A -A -A -MEN!

E^b/D^b G^b/D^b D^b D^b
 41 42 43 44
 A -A -A -MEN! A -A -A -MEN,

E^b/D^b G^b/D^b D^b
 45 46 47
 A -A -A -MEN! ... *rit.* A -A -A -MEN!

The Suffrages (A)

BCP, 97

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
 R. **And grant us your salvation.**
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
 R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

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 Sundays

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant O 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 Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayers of the People

Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

That Christians may hear and share the word of God as true disciples, led by devoted and humble leaders, remembering especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Steve, our priest; and Lynn our deacon, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That all the ends of the earth may receive the words of the King of Peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That all leaders of the nations, particularly Donald our President, may prefer humble service to empty power, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That all who celebrate special days or special blessings may be filled with the Lord's peace, remembering especially Rosonia James, Isolda Petrie, and Ann-Marie Greenlee on their birthdays, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That those who see the cross starkly revealed in the sufferings of their lives may draw strength from the name which is above every other name, remembering especially Mary Blackwell and her family, Margaret, Betsy, Father Al, Faye, Lucia, Eugene, Denise, Shirlye, Mercedes, and Lydia, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again may be ready and joyful as we join with the faithful departed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

God our Creator, you show your sons and daughters the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant our intercessions and petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his most holy Name. **Amen.**

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.**

The Blessing

Officiant May God the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

Officiant May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

Officiant And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship Today

Officiant: The Rev'd Dr. Steve Clifton

Lectors: Nechelle Sweeney, Kyara Cruz

Psalm and Prayer Leader: Barbara Scotland

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Becky Fisher

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Olatha Leggett, Steve & Sonia Sullivan Clifton

Deacon: The Rev'd Dr. Lynn Grinnell

Videographer, Producer, representative of the People: The Rev'd Sonia Sullivan Clifton

Making a Palm Cross, Step by Step

(picture instructions on the next page)

Step 1. Hold the palm upright, so the tapered end points toward the ceiling.

Step 2. Then bend the top end down and toward you so that the bend is about 5 or 6 inches from the bottom of the palm.

Step 3. About a third of the way from the bend you just made, twist the section you've pulled down to the right, forming a right angle.

Step 4. About an inch and a half away from the "stem" of the cross, bend this arm of the palm back behind the palm so that it is now facing to your left. Make the bend at a good length to form the right arm of the Cross.

Step 5. Folding that same section at a point that equals the length on the right side, bend it on the left side and bring the end forward over what is now the front of the cross.

Step 6. From the very center of the Cross, fold that arm up and to the upper right (in a "northeast" direction) so that it can wrap around where the upright post of the Cross and the right arm intersect.

Step 7. Fold this down and to the left behind the Cross...

Step 8...and then fold it toward the right so that it is parallel and under the transverse arms of the Cross.

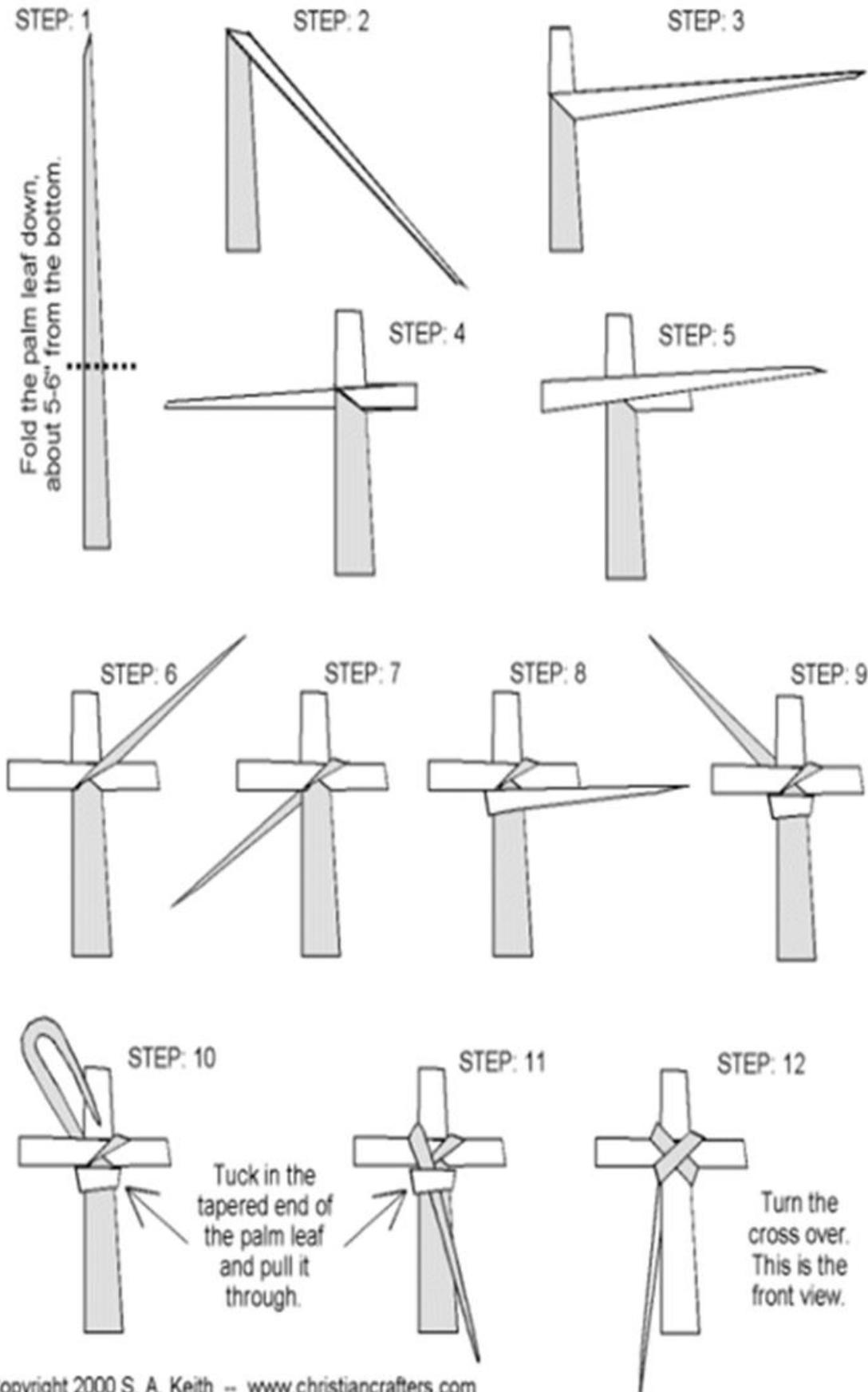
Step 9. Bring it up behind the Cross again, this time folding it up toward the "northwest" direction.

Step 10. Tuck the tapered end into the transverse section you made in step 7...

Step 11...and pull through.

Step 12. Turn the Cross over; this side will be the front. Trim the tapered end.

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.



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