

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



*St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lakewood, Ohio*

WELCOME TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH!

*Livestreaming begins at 9:50 a.m. and the service at 10 a.m.
The service can be found on the Saint Peter's YouTube page at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g*

This leaflet contains everything you need for worship this morning.

NAME TAGS can be found at the end of every pew. PLEASE, wear one! Whether you've been attending here 50 years, or 50 minutes, it helps everyone get to know one another!

IF YOU'RE NEW this morning, please take a moment to fill out one of the little cards at the end of the pew rack and place it in the alms basin at the offering. Or, sign our guestbook by the tower door on your way out. We want to welcome you properly.

A WORD ABOUT OFFERINGS: Loose cash and coins put in our offering plates on Sundays are used to fund important ministries in the wider community. Your loose cash will go to the Outreach Partner of the Month. If you prefer that your cash offerings go to church operations, or if you wish a tax receipt, you must put your offerings in an envelope and supply your name. Envelopes for this purpose can be found at the end of every pew.

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION: We offer bread* and wine during Holy Communion. We believe that we receive the full benefit of the sacrament in each kind. You are invited to receive the wine from the chalice by drinking. A second, smaller chalice is available for intinction; gently touch the wafer to the wine in the smaller chalice.

ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for anyone who has difficulty hearing. They can be found on a small table by the tower door, or see one of the ushers.

RESTROOMS are located between the Church and the Chapel off the Narthex.

CHILDREN: All children are welcome to join Michele Killin-Keith before worship in the Fellowship Narthex outside the Chapel for Christian Formation Classes. Children are also welcome to attend the service; activity sheets are available at the back of the church for your use. Children may use the carpet in the front of the church to participate in an activity and be part of the service.

COFFEE HOUR: Please linger after the service for coffee hour, which takes place outside on the plaza in good weather, or in the Narthex. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be available for all.

** Gluten-free wafers are available – please alert the priest*

The Liturgy of the Palms

(8 a.m.) The Blessing of the Palms and the Procession will take place in the Church.

(10 a.m.) The congregation gathers on the plaza for the blessing of the Palms and the Palm Procession.

The Acclamation for Palm Sunday

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

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant 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.*

Here the following scripture is read.

A Reading from The Gospel according to John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 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.

Celebrant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Blessing of the Palms

The Celebrant then says the following blessing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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.*

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

(10 a.m.) The children distribute the palms and palm crosses.

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. *Amen.*

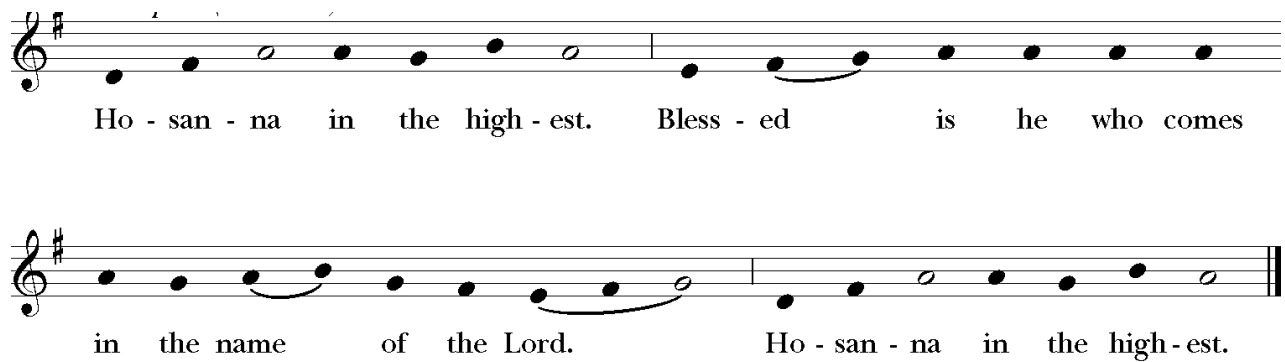
(8 a.m.) The service continues with the Word of God.

(10 a.m. only) The Congregation is invited to follow the Cross and Choir for the Palm Procession.

Music at the Procession – Psalm 118:19-29

The Antiphon is sung first by the Cantor and repeated by the Congregation. The cantor alone sings the verses.

The Refrain 'Hosanna in the Highest' is sung after each verse. The full Antiphon is sung where indicated.



STATION I

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

“This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter.” *Refrain*

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. *Refrain*

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. *Refrain*

This is the LORD’S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. *Refrain*

On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Refrain

Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! LORD, send us now success. *Refrain*

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

we bless you from the house of the LORD. ANTIPHON

STATION II

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us;

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

Refrain

“You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.” *Refrain*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

ANTIPHON

At the conclusion of the Psalm the Celebrant says the following

Collect at the Doors to the Church

Let us pray. 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 Savior. *Amen.*

Then taking the Processional Cross, the Celebrant knocks three times on the doors.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Open for me the gates of righteousness;
<i>People</i>	I will enter them and offer thanks to the Lord.

The doors to the church are opened and the congregation enters the worship space for the beginning of Holy Week.

Entrance Hymn 154 All glory laud, and honor *Valet will ich dir geben*

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

2 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blesséd One.

3 The company of angels
is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.

4 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present.

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

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

The Word of God

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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.*

(10 a.m.) **Choir Anthem**

Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;

Through pillared court and temple,

Their lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus who had blessed them,

Close folded to his breast,

The children sang their praises,

The simplest and the best.

Text: Matthew: 21:9

Music: Christian Gregor (1723-1801)

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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 awakens—awakens 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?
(Isaiah 50:4-9a)

People The Word of the Lord,
 Thanks be to God.

The Congregation says (8 a.m.) the Psalm; the Choir sings (10 a.m.) the Psalm

Psalm 31

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
 my eye is consumed with sorrow,
 and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
 and my years with sighing;
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones are consumed.
- 11 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.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
 I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 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.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
 I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
 and in your loving-kindness save me."

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

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. *(Philippians 2:5-11)*

People The Word of the Lord,
 Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 156 Ride on, Ride on

The King's Majesty

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
All Glory to you Lord Christ.

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. *(Mark 11:1-11)*

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mike Lager

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate
of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For
our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son, is
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for
the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Gracious and loving God, As we gather on this Palm Sunday, we remember
Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, greeted with shouts of "Hosanna!"
and palm branches laid before him. We respond to each petition saying,
"Lord, hear our prayer."

In the midst of our celebration, we acknowledge the complexities of this day.
Just as the crowd's cheers turned to cries for crucifixion, we recognize our

own tendencies to vacillate between devotion and doubt, between faithfulness and fear.

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant us the courage to follow Jesus faithfully, even when the path is uncertain and the crowd's voice grows faint. May we embody the humility of Christ, who rode not on a warhorse but on a humble donkey, demonstrating the power of love over earthly might.

Lord, hear our prayer

We lift up before you those who suffer today—the oppressed, the marginalized, the grieving, and the brokenhearted. Today we pray for those in our parish who need your assistance.

(Lector offers the names of those on the prayer list. The congregation is invited to offer prayers either silently or aloud.)

May the hope of Palm Sunday inspire us to work for justice and reconciliation in our world.

Lord, hear our prayer

As we journey through this Holy Week, may we be ever mindful of those who are in the nearer presence of Christ.

(Intercessions are offered silently or aloud for those who have died.)

Grant that we may strive to live lives that reflect his love and compassion.

Lord, hear our prayer

Celebrant: Almighty and Everlasting God, who, of your tender love towards mankind has sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All now greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

The Offertory Anthem

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all. *Amen.*

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

Presentation Hymn 380

Doxology (vs. 3)

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

8 a.m. Service

Celebrant and Congregation say

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant, Choir and Congregation sing (10 a.m.) the Sanctus (S124)

Sanctus S124

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,

forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m.) *The Celebrant and people say*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

(10 a.m.) *The Fraction Anthem is sung by the Congregation and Choir*

Fraction Anthem S161

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our soul and body with the earnest knowledge that we are always united to you in our baptism. And since today we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to join our hearts with all who faithfully receive this day. May we live forever in your love. *Amen.*

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You may kneel or stand at the altar as you are minded. When you receive the host if you would like to intinct it, please hold the host in your fingers so the chalice bearer can see it. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please consume the

host and the chalice bearer will know to give you the chalice. If you do not wish to intinct or sip from the common cup, please consume the host and return to your pew. After you have received communion, please exit by the side doors to the right and left of the altar rail. There will be an usher present to help you down the steps as needed. If you cannot come to the altar for communion and you wish to receive communion, please let an usher know and Fr. Mike will bring the sacrament to you in your pew. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing please come forward and either stand or kneel at the altar rail with your arms folded over your chest and Fr. Mike will give you a blessing.

Communion Hymn 435 At the name of Jesus

King's Weston

All stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

The Passion Gospel is announced and the customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion.

At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, please stand, as you are able.

Mark 14:1-15:47

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment

wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how

many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. **Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull.)** And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Solemn Prayer

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*To mark the solemn beginning of Holy Week,
the Procession and the Congregation will depart in silence
following the Prayer.*

*In keeping with the solemnity of the week,
there will be no coffee hour today.*

The Palms are given to the Glory of God.

Serving Today

Lector	8 a.m. Jan Babbit 10 a.m. Jim Cofer, Victoria DehMalo
Intercessor	8 a.m. Tren Cheshier 10 a.m. Monica Jochum
Acolyte/Crucifer	8 a.m. Tren Cheshier 10 a.m. Evan Gardner
Chalicer	8 a.m. Jan Babbit 10 a.m. Colin McConnell, Beth O'Rourke
Gospel/ Passion	10 a.m. Dennis Driscoll (Jesus), Neil Culmer (Narrator), Amalinda Norton (Reader)
Chancel Guild	Kristen Gardner, Lorna Jordan, Penny Mead, Liz Crosby, Beth O'Rourke, Carol Francescani
Verger	Martha Taylor
Ushers	8 a.m. Neil Green 10 a.m. Jim Cofer, Dan Lammers, Naomi Opdycke
Bell Ringer	8 a.m. Neil Green 10 a.m. Martha Taylor
Videographer	Joanne Hull
Nursery	Annika Mintzlaff & Maddy Crosby
Elementary Children	Michelle Killin-Keith & Kim Lager
MS/HS	Leslie Price

Maundy Thursday (March 28)

***Begins at 6:30 p.m. with the Maundy Thursday liturgy, washing of feet,
the Holy Eucharist and an Agape Meal in the Undercroft.***

***The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar and prayers in the presence of
the Holy Sacrament***

Lector	Neil Green
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Serving Good Friday (March 29)

Lector	Noon: Penny Mead, Sara Taylor 6:30 p.m. Julie Steigerwald, Jan Babbit
Intercessor	6:30 p.m. Tucker Handley
Acolyte	Noon: Rory Taylor 6:30 p.m. Evan Gardner
Gospel/Passion	Noon: Jim Calhoun (Narrator), Scott Fitz (Jesus), Marci Rich (All Other) 6:30 p.m. Dan Hout-Reilly (Narrator), Brad Vandasik (Jesus), Deb Vandasik (All Other)
Chalicer	Noon: John Keller, Beth O'Rourke
Ushers	Noon: Sara Taylor, Dan Lammers 6:30 p.m. Tucker Handley, George Filko
Videographer	6:30 p.m. Jim Cofer

Serving Next Week (Easter Sunday)

Lector	8 a.m. Sara Ferry 10 a.m. Tucker Handley, Joanne Hull
Intercessor	8 a.m. Neil Green 10 a.m. Monica Jochum
Acolyte/Crucifer	8 a.m. Sara Ferry
Acolyte	10 a.m. George Filko
Clergy Cross	10 a.m. Rory Taylor
Torch	10 a.m. Riley Crosby, Isaac Gardner
Chalicer	8 a.m. Alison LaRosa 10 a.m. Joanne Hull, Martha Taylor
Chancel Guild	Cathe Step, Emily Malquest, Sue Andrews, Jan Babbit, Ryan Vogelgesang, Bob Lewis, Colin McConnell, Nancy Wittig
Verger	Liz Crosby
Ushers	8 a.m. Dick Jacquemotte 10 a.m. Sara Taylor, Dan Lammers, Dennis Driscoll
Bell Ringer	8 a.m. Dick Jacquemotte 10 a.m. Amanda Chambers
Videographer	Dan Gourash

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