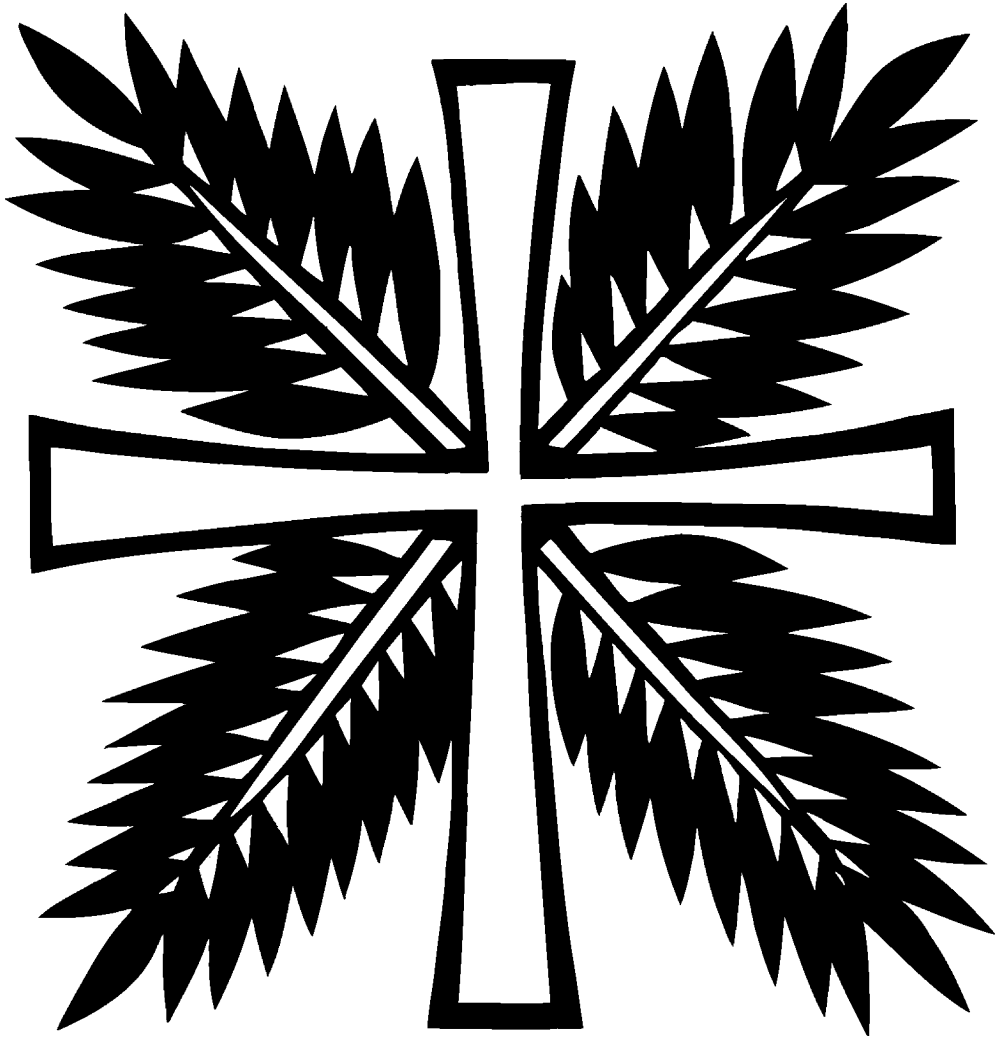


Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025



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

WELCOME TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH!

Livestreaming begins at 9:50 a.m., and the service begins at 10:00 a.m.

The service can be found on the St. Peter's YouTube page at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g

This bulletin contains the readings and an outline for worship this morning.

NAME TAGS: These can be found at the end of every pew. PLEASE wear one! Whether you have been attending here for 50 years or 50 minutes, wearing a name tag helps everyone get to know one another!

IF YOU ARE NEW THIS MORNING: Please take a moment to fill out one of the NEW? VISITING? cards at the end of the pew rack, and then place it in the alms basin at the offering. Or you can sign our guestbook by the tower door on your way out so that we can properly welcome you to St. Peter's!

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 donations will go to the Outreach Partner of the Month. However, if you prefer instead that your cash offerings go to church operations, or if you would like a tax receipt, you must put your offerings into an envelope and provide your first and last name. These donation envelopes 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.

RESTROOMS: Our restrooms are located between the Church and the Chapel off the Narthex.

CHILDREN: Before worship begins, all children are welcome to join our Children and Youth Minister, Michelle Killin-Keith, for Christian Formation Classes held in the Fellowship Narthex located outside the Chapel. Children are also welcome to attend the service; activity sheets are available at the back of the church for their use. Children may also use the carpet in the front of the church to participate in an activity and be part of the service.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for Coffee Hour which takes place in the Narthex after the 10:00 a.m. service. During the summer months, lemonade will be service on the plaza instead.

**** *Gluten-free wafers are available – please alert the priest so we can accommodate you.***

The Liturgy of the Palms

8:00 a.m. Service: *Please gather in the new Chapel for the Liturgy of the Palms.*

10:00 a.m. Service: *Please gather in the Plaza for the Liturgy of the Palms.*

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.

People Amen.

Lector A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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. (*John 12:12-16*)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Blessing of the Palms

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.

People Amen.

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

The palms and palm crosses will now be distributed.

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

8:00 a.m. Service: *the Congregation follows the Thurifer and Cross to the Church doors. The service continues with **Prayer at the Entrance to the Church** later in the bulletin.*

10:00 a.m. Service: *the Congregation is invited to follow the Thurifer, Cross and Choir for the Palm Procession.*

Music during 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

Cantor 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."

People Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

People Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

People Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Cantor This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

People Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

People Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Cantor Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.

People Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Cantor Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

Antiphon

Station II

Cantor God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

People Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

People Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Cantor Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Antiphon

Prayer at the Entrance to the Church

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

The Celebrant now takes the Processional Cross, then knocks on the doors three times.

Celebrant Open for me the gates of righteousness.

People 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.

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

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.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.



The Collect for Palm Sunday

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living 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.

People Amen.

The Word of God

The Lessons

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 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? (*Isaiah 50:4-9a*)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

(The Psalm is spoken at the 8:00 a.m. service only)

- 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."

The Choir Anthem

(At 10:00 a.m. only.)

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 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)*

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand (at 10:00 a.m. only)

The Sequence Hymn 156 Ride on, ride on in majesty.....*Winchester New*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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 19:28-40*)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *Father Nathan Self*

*Liturgical Note: Creed and Confession is omitted from the Palm Sunday Liturgy.
You are invited to kneel or stand for the Prayers on this day.*

The Prayers of the People for Palm Sunday

Intercessor Gracious God, we place our lives in your hands. Establish peace and friendship among all the peoples of the earth. Let violence and enmity give way to concord. God, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Renew your church's longing for your reign of justice. May Christians work together to establish what is right and true in your eyes. God, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give your love and grace to those who share in the degradation of Christ through exploitation of their poverty and helplessness. God, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Heal the wounds which crime has inflicted on our cities and help those entrusted to uphold the law to fashion a society based on trust and respect. God, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open our eyes to the sins we have committed. Help us repent and seek forgiveness, and restore us to relationship with you. God, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Have mercy on those who are sick and suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray especially for Scott, Paul, Dave, Clinton, Ernie & Cindy, Dorothy, Christopher, Bob, Patricia, J, Joyce, Anida, Molly, Joanne, Pat, Jim & Linda, and Peggy, and any others who you now name, either silently in your own heart or aloud so others might pray with you. God, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest. For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Today we remember _____, and any others who you now name, either silently in your own heart or aloud so others might pray with you.
God, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Please add your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Celebrant O God, in your mercy hear our prayers this day, and let us seek to follow your path of love wherever it might lead.

People 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 Leslie Price, *Vestry (Please see back pages for upcoming events.)*

April Community Outreach Partner *Bellwether Farm*

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: Issac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)*

8:00 a.m. *All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

10:00 a.m. The Presentation Hymn 380 (verse 3).....Doxology Old Hundredth

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer B.....(BCP)

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The Sanctus S124 *Holy, Holy, Holy (David Hurd; b. 1950).....367*

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The Breaking of the Bread.....368

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

The Fraction Anthem S161 *Lamb of God (David Hurd; b. 1950).....364*

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(at 10:00 a.m. only)*

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament, then immediately deliver it to the people.

Please make your way to the communion rail at the instruction of the Ushers.

The Communion Hymn 435 At the name of Jesus.....*King's Weston*

Please stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Almighty and ever-living 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 Palm Sunday Blessing

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.

People Amen.

The Passion According to Luke

The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying:

NARRATOR The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them:

JESUS I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

NARRATOR Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said:

JESUS Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

NARRATOR Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

JESUS This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

NARRATOR And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying:

JESUS This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

NARRATOR Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them:

JESUS The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you

may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

NARRATOR And he said to him:

PETER Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

NARRATOR Jesus said:

JESUS I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

NARRATOR He said to them:

JESUS When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

NARRATOR They said:

DISCIPLES No, not a thing.

NARRATOR He said to them:

JESUS But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, `And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

NARRATOR They said:

DISCIPLES Lord, look, here are two swords.

NARRATOR He replied:

JESUS It is enough.

NARRATOR He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them:

JESUS Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

NARRATOR Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed:

JESUS Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

NARRATOR Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them:

JESUS Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

NARRATOR While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him:

JESUS Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

NARRATOR When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked:

DISCIPLES Lord, should we strike with the sword?

NARRATOR Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said:

JESUS No more of this!

NARRATOR And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him:

JESUS Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

NARRATOR Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said:

SERVANT 1 This man also was with him.

NARRATOR But he denied it, saying:

PETER Woman, I do not know him.

NARRATOR A little later someone else, on seeing him, said:

ACCUSER 1 You also are one of them.

NARRATOR But Peter said:

PETER Man, I am not!

NARRATOR Then about an hour later still another kept insisting:

ACCUSER 2 Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

NARRATOR But Peter said:

PETER Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

NARRATOR At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him:

SOLDIERS Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

NARRATOR They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said:

ASSEMBLY If you are the Messiah, tell us.

NARRATOR He replied:

JESUS If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

NARRATOR All of them asked:

ASSEMBLY Are you, then, the Son of God?

NARRATOR He said to them:

JESUS You say that I am.

NARRATOR Then they said:

ASSEMBLY What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

NARRATOR Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying:

ASSEMBLY We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

NARRATOR Then Pilate asked him:

PILATE Are you the king of the Jews?

NARRATOR He answered:

JESUS You say so.

NARRATOR Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds:

PILATE I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

NARRATOR But they were insistent and said:

ASSEMBLY He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

NARRATOR When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them:

PILATE You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

NARRATOR Then they all shouted out together:

ASSEMBLY Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

NARRATOR (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting:

ASSEMBLY Crucify, crucify him!

NARRATOR A third time he said to them:

PILATE Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

NARRATOR But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said:

JESUS Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)

NARRATOR Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said:

JESUS Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

NARRATOR And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying:

ASSEMBLY He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

NARRATOR The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying:

SOLDIERS If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

NARRATOR There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying:

CRIMINAL 1 Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

NARRATOR But the other rebuked him, saying:

CRIMINAL 2 Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

NARRATOR Then he said:

CRIMINAL 2 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

NARRATOR He replied:

JESUS Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

NARRATOR It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said:

JESUS Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

NARRATOR Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what

had taken place, he praised God and said:

CENTURION Certainly this man was innocent.

NARRATOR And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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 is no Coffee Hour today.

The Palms are given to the Glory of God.

Serving Today:

April 13, 2025: Palm Sunday (The Sunday of the Passion)		
	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Sara Ferry	Jim Calhoun
		Tucker Handley
Intercessor	Dan Hout-Reilly	Joanne Hull
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Lekan	Colin McConnell
Ushers	Jan Babbit	John Yingling (TEAM LEADER)
	Alison LaRosa	Amanda Chambers
		Jim Cofer
Chalicer	Gina Massetti	Kathy Woolner
		Joanne Hull
Bell Ringer	Jan Babbit	Sarah Taylor
Verger		Liz Crosby
The Passion Players:	Jesus:	Dennis Driscoll
	Narrator:	Hilary Bickerton
	Peter:	Amelinda Norton
	Pilate:	Rory Taylor
	Servant 1:	Keira Gardner
	Accuser 1:	Keira Gardner
	Accuser 2:	Rory Taylor
	Criminal 1:	Amelinda Norton
	Criminal 2:	Keira Gardner
	Centurion:	Rory Taylor
Nursery (Ages Two & Under): A. Mintzlaff, J. Tanis, J. Redel		
Preschool (Ages Three & Four): Heidi Demaline & Marcie Hist		
Elementary (K thru 5th-Grade): Christine Afungchwi & Kristen Gardner		
MS/HS Study: Michelle Killin-Keith & Jeff Gardner		
Videographer: John Rich		
LEV: Dan Gourash > Molly Simon		
Chancel Guild: Team 2: Cathe Step		

Serving on Holy Thursday (April 17, 2025):

April 17, 2025: Maundy Thursday		
	6:30 p.m.	
Lector		Jan Babbit
Acolyte/Crucifer		Rory Taylor
Verger		Sarah Taylor
Videographer: None		
LEV: None		
Chancel Guild: None		

Serving on Good Friday (April 18, 2025):

<u>April 18, 2025: Good Friday</u>		
	12:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Lector	Jan Babbit	Hilary Bickerton
		Leslie Price
Intercessor	Alison LaRosa	Deb Vandrask
Acolyte/Crucifer	Sara Ferry	Rory Taylor
Ushers	Barb Caravona	George Filko
	Dan Lammers	Tucker Handley
		Alison LaRosa
Chalicer	Beth O'Rourke	None
		None
Bell Ringer	Jan Babbit	Sarah Taylor
Verger		Sarah Taylor
	Videographer: Jim Cofer	
	LEV: None	
	Chancel Guild: None	

Serving on Easter Sunday (April 20, 2025):

<u>April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday (The Resurrection)</u>		
	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Gina Massetti	Monica Jochum
	Jan McDonough	Jim Calhoun
Intercessor	Jan Babbit	Leslie Price
Acolyte/Crucifer	Sara Ferry	George Filko
Clergy Cross	None	Evan Gardner
Torch Bearer	None	Riley Crosby-Scoville
	None	Rory Taylor
Ushers	Dan Hout-Reilly	Dan Lammers (TEAM LEADER)
	Jan McDonough	Jim Cofer
	Tucker Handley	Linda Purdy
	Joseph Jacoby	Barb Caravona
Chalicer	Jan McDonough	Liz Crosby
	Jan Babbit	Beth O'Rourke
Bell Ringer	Dan Hout-Reilly	Amanda Chambers
Verger	Liz Crosby	Sarah Taylor
	Videographer: Dennis McCready	
	LEV: None	
	Chancel Guild: Team 2: Cathe Step	

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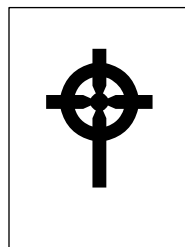
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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Oratory



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