

Palm Sunday

MARCH 29, 2026



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

WELCOME TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH!

St. Peter's aspires to be a welcoming, nurturing, and joyful Episcopal Church—open to all without exception, growing together in faith as we follow the way of Christ, and committed to the Spirit's formation in ourselves, our community, and our world through God's love.

This leaflet contains everything you need for worship this morning.

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

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

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

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. If you prefer 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 one kind. If you wish to take the wine also, you may drink from the large chalice or do this by intinction, by gently touching the wafer to the wine in the small chalice.

RESTROOMS are located between the church and the chapel off the narthex.

CHILDREN: Children are welcome to attend the service; activity sheets are available at the back of the church for your use. Children are also welcome on the carpet in the front of the church to participate in an activity and be part of the service.

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

The Liturgy of the Palms

At 8:00 a.m. Gather in the Chapel for the Palm Blessing.

The Acclamation for Palm Sunday

At 10:00 a.m. The children distribute the palms for the blessing on the plaza.

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 Hebrew Scripture from the Prophet Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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.

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

8:00 a.m. - The procession will move to the church entry doors.

10:00 a.m. - Children are invited to join in the procession, following the Choir.
The Congregation will follow for the procession around the church.

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 and says

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 organ is heard.
When the Congregation is in place the following hymn is sung.*

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

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.**

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*)

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

At 8:00 a.m. the Psalm is spoken by the congregation

Psalm 31:9-16

- 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."

Sung by the Choir at the 10:00 a.m. service.

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

Text: Matthew 21:9

Music: Christian Gregor (1739-1801)

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*)

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

Sequence Hymn 156 Ride on, Ride on in majesty *Winchester New*

Celebrant **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**
All 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."
(Matthew 21:1-11)

Silence for prayer follows.

The Sermon The Rev. Michael 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: As we journey this week with Jesus, and celebrate the paschal mystery, let us pray for the will and strength to follow the way of the cross. Let us pray for all peoples everywhere, for the love of whom Jesus was willing to suffer and die. Let us pray for the Church throughout the world, especially in places where it is persecuted or oppressed,
Jesus, broken on the cross.

People: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you.

Intercessor: For the Anglican Communion and Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Episcopal Church and Sean our Presiding Bishop, for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio and Anne our bishop, for all priests, deacons, and lay leaders of the Church as they lead the church this Holy Week; and for all the holy people of God,
Jesus, broken on the cross.

People: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you.

Intercessor: For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, that the walls of division between us would be breached by the power of your love.
Jesus, broken on the cross.

People: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you.

Intercessor: For justice of all kinds and that there be enough for all; for a courage to work for peace and dignity in the world; that the violence you endured on the cross, and the violence you continue to endure at our hands, might be banished from the earth.

Jesus, broken on the cross.

People: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you.

Intercessor: For the sick, the lonely, and for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Today in our parish we remember : Brad, Joanne, Michael, John, Joe, Moira, Lois, Paul, Jane, Michelle, Bob, J, Ernie & Cindy, Anida, Pat, Jim & Linda, and Clinton & Marcie, and any others you now name either silently or aloud.

[the congregation is invited to offer their prayers]

Jesus, broken on the cross.

People: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you.

Intercessor: For the dying and the departed, and for those who mourn their passing. Today we remember _____, and any others you now name either silently or aloud.

[the congregation is invited to offer their prayers]

Jesus, broken on the cross.

People: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you.

Silence

Please add your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Receive the prayers we offer this day. Grant us strength to walk with you toward your death, and to know your presence beside us as we walk toward ours. Through the love of Christ, broken on the cross. **AMEN.**

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.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

The Celebrant and Congregation sing the Sanctus

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. The Celebrant and people say

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.**

Communion Hymn 435

At the name of Jesus

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. Matthew

*The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion, reading as marked for **Congregation.** At the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha, please stand, as you are able.*

Narrator: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas: “What will you give me if I betray him to you?”

Narrator: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciple: “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

Jesus: “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”

Narrator: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

Narrator: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Congregation: “Surely not I, Lord?”

Jesus: “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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.”

Narrator: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas: “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

Jesus: “You have said so.”

Narrator: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus: “Take, eat; this is my body.”

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying

Jesus: “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

Narrator: Then Peter said to him,

Peter: “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

Peter: “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

Congregation: And neither shall I!

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 he kissed 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,

Congregation: “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,

High Priest: “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

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

High Priest: “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

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,

High Priest: “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses?

You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

Congregation: “He deserves death!”

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

Congregation: “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,

Servant 1: “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

Narrator: Peter responded,

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,

Servant 2: “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,

Congregation: “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.

Judas: “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

Narrator: The High Priest said,

High Priest: “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,

Chief Priest: “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?”

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?” And they said,

Congregation: “Barabbas!”

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

Congregation: “Let him be crucified!”

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done?”

Congregation: LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED! CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!

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,

Congregation: “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,

Congregation: "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.

Here, the congregation stands

Narrator: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. 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."

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,

Congregation: "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,

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

Congregation: "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,

Congregation: "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 for a long time

Narrator: 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!”

Narrator: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

High Priest: “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”

Narrator: Pilate commanded,

Pilate: “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

Narrator: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Solemn Prayer

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.

Following the Prayer, the Procession departs in silence. To mark the solemn beginning of Holy Week the congregation departs without dismissal in silence. In keeping with the solemnity of the week, there will be no coffee hour today.

Bob and Chris Schauer would like to thank God for the birth of a beautiful grandson, Brady Patrick.

SERVING TODAY

29 MAR. 2026		PALM SUNDAY	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Jan McDonough	Tucker Handley	
Lector	xxx	Monica Jochum	
Intercessor	Tren Cheshier	Joanne Hull	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Lekan	George Filko	
Usher	Jan McDonough	John Yingling TEAM LEADER	
Usher	xxx	Heidi Demaline	
Usher	xxx	Tucker Handley	
Chalicer	Tren Cheshier	Beth O'Rourke	
Chalicer	xxx	Linda Purdy	
Bell Ringer	Jan McDonough	Colin McConnell	
Verger	xxx	Liz Crosby	
	Infant/Toddler Preschool Elementary MS / HS	Annika Mintzlaff & Elizabeth Pendleton	
		Kim Lager & Angie Whidden Michelle K-K & Sara Ferry	
	Video Manager	Dave Tabar / Jim Cofer	
	LEV	Angie Whidden / Pat Wielinski	
Chancel Guild	Team 3 Linda		

SERVING MAUNDY THURSDAY

2 APR. 2026		MAUNDY THURSDAY	
Thursday		6:00 p.m.	
	Lector	Julie Steigerwald	
	Lector	Jan McDonough	
	Intercessor	Ken Taylor	
	Acolyte/Crucifer	Amelinda Norton	
	Usher	Sarah Taylor	
	Bell Ringer	Sarah Taylor	
	Verger	Sarah Taylor	
	Chancel Guild	Team 3 Linda	

SERVING GOOD FRIDAY

3 APR. 2026		GOOD FRIDAY	
Friday		12:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Lector	Jan Babbit	Sarah Taylor	
Lector	xxx	Brad VandrasiK	
Intercessor	Robin McNutt	Martha Taylor	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Will Cody Crosby	Rory Taylor	
Usher	Robin McNutt	Sarah Taylor TEAM LEADER	
Usher	xxx	Linda Purdy	
Usher	xxx	Joanne Hull	
Chalicer	Jan Babbit	xxx	
Bell Ringer	Robin McNutt	Sarah Taylor	
Verger	Liz Crosby	Sarah Taylor	
Chancel Guild	Team 3 Linda		

SERVING EASTER SUNDAY

5 APR. 2026		EASTER SUNDAY	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Penny Mead	Deb VandrasiK	
Lector	xxx	Virginia Bartos	
Intercessor	Jan Babbit	Hilary Bickerton	
Crucifer	Dan Hout-Reilly	Colin McConnell	
Clergy Cross	xxx	Alison LaRosa	
Acolyte (Torch)	xxx	Riley Crosby Scoville	
Acolyte (Torch)	xxx	Liz Crosby	
Usher	Jan Babbit	Dan Lammers TEAM LEADER	
Usher	xxx	Holly St. Clair	
Usher	xxx	Kevin St. Clair	
Chalicer	Sara Ferry	Beth O'Rourke	
Chalicer	xxx	Liz Crosby	
Bell Ringer	Jan Babbit	Amanda Chambers	
Verger	xxx	Liz Crosby	
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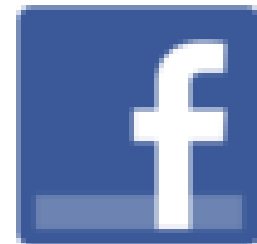
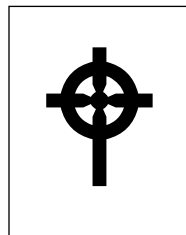
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