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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

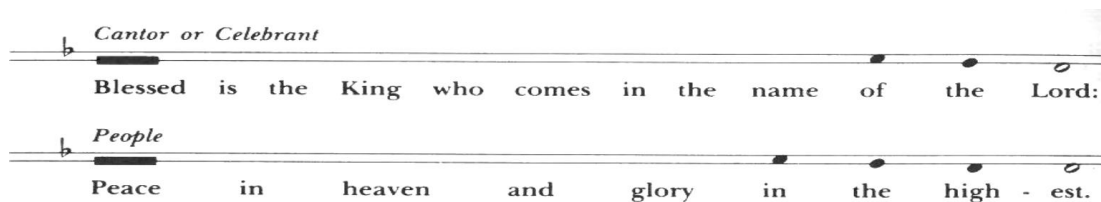
Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Opening Voluntary *Ciacona in F Minor* Johann Pachelbel

Introit: *Hosanna filio David* Matthew 21

Please stand

Liturgy of the Palms BCP 270



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.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (21:1-11)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their

cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven! "

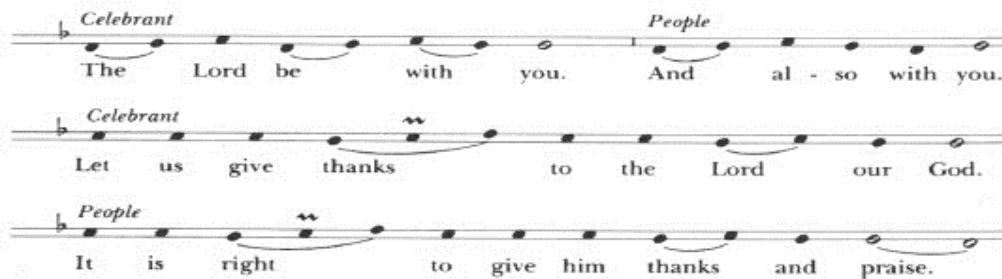
When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

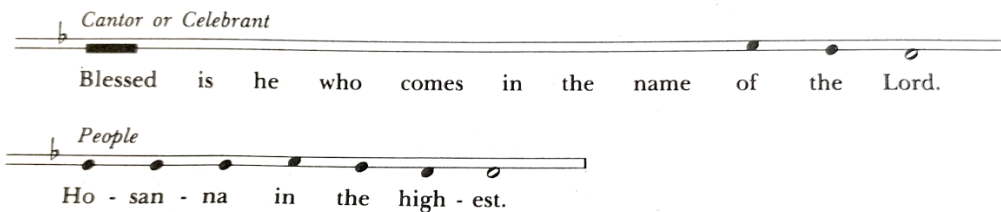
Blessing over the Branches

BCP 271

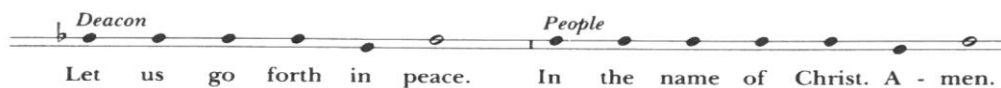


Spoken by Celebrant:

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.**



At the Procession



During the hymn, the Celebrant and Altar Party will process around the sanctuary and narthex, waving their palms; any congregants who wish to join the procession are invited to leave their pews and do so.

Processional

"All glory, laud and honor"

Hymn 154

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.**

Please be seated

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a).

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?

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

Please stand

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 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 con/sumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of /my ac/quaintance; *
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 a/round; *
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 u/pon your /servant, *
and in your /loving-kindness /save me."

Please be seated

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi (2:5-11).

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" **Hymn 158**

Please be seated

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (26:14-27:66) is found in the blue pamphlets. All are asked to shout the Crowd's lines during the Judgement of Pilate. The congregation is seated until the narrative comes to Golgotha, at which point all may stand.

Crowd: Kill him Barabbas Crucify him! Crucify him! Hail, King of the Jews!

(Please put the blue pamphlets on the counter in the Narthex when you leave.)

Please be seated

The Sermon

Rev. John Adams

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

The Prayers of the People Form VI *Standing or kneeling*

BCP 392

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Karin, our bishop-elect, and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially *Sue, Julia, Jennifer, Mallory, Ginger C., Jay J., David, Ashley F., Michael, Ruth K., Ian C.,* and Ann G. [*Pause for petitions, out loud or silent.*] Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. [*Pause for petitions, out loud or silent.*] We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. [*Pause for petitions, out loud or silent.*] Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Reader and People, kneeling or standing

Have mercy upon us, most merciful
Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in
newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant 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

Standing

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

“Agnus Dei”

Donald Moore

The Doxology (*standing*)

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A *Standing*

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to 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. 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:

Celebrant and people

Hymnal S 124

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.

Celebrant Kneeling or standing

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:

Hymnal S 132

Celebrant and people

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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. *Amen.*

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

Celebrant and people

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Hymnal S 153

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving

the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant: *My soul is exceeding sorrowful* Matthew 26, Psalm 22

Communion Cantic: *Kyrie Pantokrator – A Song of Penitance* Hymnal S 239

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, kneeling or standing

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as
living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

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.

Recessional Hymn “O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded” Hymn 168

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded* Johann Gottfried Walther

*The Altar & Narthex palms are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Lyn Frazier, Christine Cahill, and Eric Vernon Rice by the Family
and
Zula & Ben Townes and Camila & Hairston Townes by the Family*

Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 pm – Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2:00 pm – Ecumenical Holy Eucharist @ Kings Grant

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar (followed by overnight Vigil in the Chapel)

Good Friday, April 3, Noon - Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 5, 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist (Easter Breakfast beginning at 9:00 am in the Undercroft)

Maundy Thursday Vigil

In obedience to Jesus, who wondered that his disciples were unable to keep watch with him for one hour in Gethsemane, some find it deeply meaningful to stay awake and pray for a portion of the night on **Maundy Thursday (April 2 this year)**. Kyle Trent is organizing a vigil in the Chapel between the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy and Friday morning; if you are interested in taking an hour, please sign up in the narthex or contact him at kyletrent@kyletrent.com.

History of the Early Church

Church History is meeting on **Wednesday, April 1, at 10:30 am in the Undercroft**. We're going to circle back to the Dark Ages and consider the whys and whats of the different flavors of British Christianity (Celtic and Roman) in the early medieval period.

Kings Grant Eucharist

Fr. John celebrates Eucharist in the chapel at Kings Grant at 2:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. The next service will be on **April 2, Maundy Thursday**.

Easter Breakfast

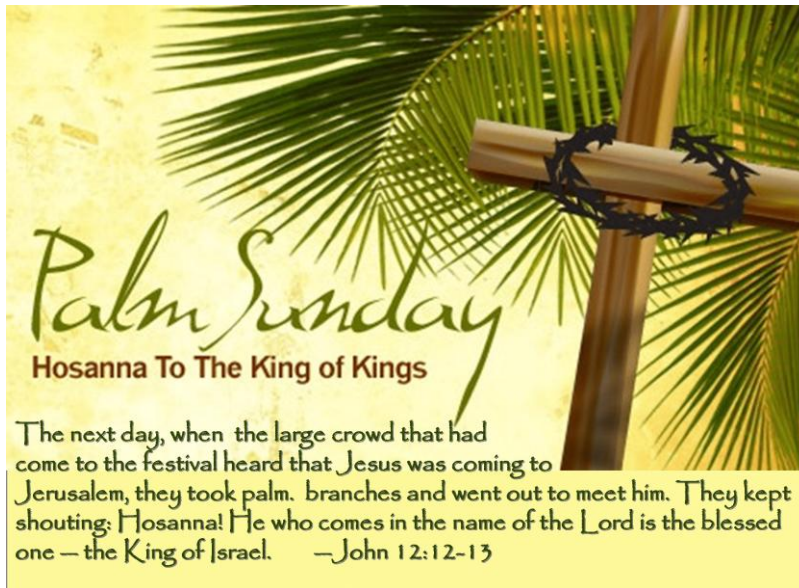
The Women's Group is hosting Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 5. Food will be available from 9:00 am until 9:45 (or it runs out); please join us for some or all of this fellowship time before the 10:30 service. If you are planning to attend, please sign up, but if you find yourself able to attend and have not signed up, come anyway!

We would also appreciate your help in preparing the food; items may be dropped off in the Undercroft kitchen on Saturday (April 4) between 2:00 and 4:00 pm or on Sunday after 8:00 am. A sign up is available, but please feel free to bring any of your breakfast favorites.

Easter Flowering Cross

As is tradition, on Easter morning (April 5), parishioners, young and old, are invited to bring a few flowers (with stems wrapped in foil or otherwise held together) to place in the wire-covered cross in the narthex, thereby adding even more colorful joy to our celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for March: Assorted canned greens (turnip, collard, etc.). For March: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and other hygiene items. There are many families in our community that struggle all of the seasons of the year. But your participation in our mission to help is priceless, and we thank you so much for your dedication. Remember to pick up our assigned items when you visit the grocery store. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. **You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.**



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Pete Scouras

Passion Readers – Fr. John Adams, Bob Bushnell, Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens,
Hank Long, Susan Critz

Chalicers: Rives Coleman, Dawn Stone

Acolyte:

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Michael Hodges, Ben Beeler

Camera Operator: Rives Coleman

Counters: Butch Hamlet, Linda O'Dell

Altar Guild Team #2 – Valerie Payne, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain, Rita Hodges,
Michael Hodges, Linda O'Dell, Page Beeler, Michelle Probst

Nursery Attendant: Caroline Davis

Special Flower Committee – Beth Cahill, Becky Farrar, Frankie Smith, Karen Jones,
Debbie Lewis, Susan Smith, Page Beeler, Rita Hodges, Stuart Webster, Natalie Coleman,
Pat Russell, Dawn Stone, Ashley Ullstein, Susan Critz, Valerie Payne, LaRue Powers

2026 Christ Church Vestry

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Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

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