

# THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:

## PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Please stand as able.*

*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.

*All* **Amen.**

### THE PALM SUNDAY LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

*Celebrant* *The Lesson is taken from Luke chapter 19...*

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."

*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.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*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.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

**THE FIRST READING** *Please be seated.*

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 50...*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM 31:9-16

*Lector* *We will read responsively Psalm 31...*

*Lector* Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

*People* **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

*Lector* 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.

*People* **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

*Lector* 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.

*People* **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.**

*Lector* My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

*People* **Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."**

## THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians chapter 2...*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Congregation may sit and will take the part of the Assembly.*

*Narrator:*    The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

*Narrator:*    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.

**SERMON** *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Kathleen Walter

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Lector* Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; St. Alban's, St. Pete Beach; Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; and St.

Bartholomew's, St. Petersburg; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,  
**We pray to you.**

*People*

*Lector* And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*Add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [*Leave time...*] God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthday this coming week of Judy Warner and for those celebrating anniversaries. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*People* **AMEN.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Please kneel or stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

**THE GREETING OF PEACE** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** *Please be seated.*

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer II

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*People* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or stand, as you choose.*



*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People* **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, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **COMMUNION**

My Song Is Love Unknown

Charles Callahan

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant announces the blessing.*

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God!

## VOLUNTARY

Procession on VEXILLA REGIS

Kenneth Lowenberg

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Tony Bowman
Lector	Gail Griffin
Passion Narrative	Gail Griffin, Tony Bowman, Bret & Wendy Dickie, The Rev. Whitney Burton
Prayers of the People	Tony Bowman
Ushers	Bob DeStefano, Ed Steponaitis

**Prayers are requested for:** Judith & Nels A, Helen Marie, Maureen B, Ryan S and Family, Gerry B, Billy G, Michelle and Family, Rhiannon S, Mandeville P, Mavis S, Milly L, Lynda & Tim E, John R, Ally F, Jacob George M, Christopher W, Cathy H, Gloria S, Becky G, Jim C

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Judy Warner

## Announcements

**Lenten Study** – Will meet on Monday, April 14 at 5:30pm.

**Gethsemane Watch: Overnight Prayer Vigil** – Beginning at 8pm on April 17, join in prayer until 8 AM on April 18. To sign up for the prayer vigil contact Cheryl Sharpe.

**Dunedin Cares** – Easter Sunday is our collection for our local food pantry, Dunedin Cares. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to Easter Day services. Bins will be in the Narthex and Kirk Hall. Checks may be marked “Dunedin Cares”.

**Episcopal Relief & Development Collection** – Turn in your ER&D box or checks marked “ER&D” on Good Friday. You may also give online or by mail.

**Church Office Closed** – The church office will be closed on Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21 in observance of Good Friday and Easter Monday.

**COGS Craft & Quilt Sale** – Save the date for April 26, 10am to 3pm, for COGS Crafters & Quilters Spring Sale. All proceeds benefit our Pack-a-Sack ministry.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### **Monday, April 14**

5:30 PM Lenten Study

### ***Holy Wednesday, April 16***

*No Wednesday Worship Service*

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

6:30 PM\* service including Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

### **Prayer Vigil: The Gethsemane Watch**

Thursday @ 8:00 PM - Friday @ 8:00 AM

### **Good Friday, April 18**

12 PM Good Friday Traditional Service, in the church

6:30 PM\* Tenebrae Evening Service

### **Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19**

6:30 PM service followed by a celebratory reception

### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

Services at 8 AM & 10 AM\*

(No adult or children's education programs.)

11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt on the playground

*\* Live Streamed*