

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY



Hosanna to the Son of David

MARCH 29, 2026 AT 9 AM

THE LITURGY OF PALM SUNDAY

Today we begin the great journey with Jesus to his passion, death, and resurrection, and we hope that this commemoration of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem is a meaningful part of your observance of Holy Week and Easter. The Liturgies of Holy Week are full of drama, movement, symbolic action, and remembrance. They all fit together into an entire liturgical experience, and they offer profound riches to those who give themselves to the entire cycle of Palm Sunday, the evening Eucharists on Monday and Tuesday, Tenebrae on Wednesday, Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday, Easter Eve, and Easter Day. It may seem like a lot of church for one week, but these services bring us to the heart of our Christian faith, and we shall never begin to understand that faith unless we are willing to walk with Jesus now. Over a lifetime, these services mold the Christian sensibility and forge the Christian soul.

As you enter into the mystery of this week, let the actions, words, symbols, music and drama carry you along. Not everything will strike you with equal force, and some things may even seem a little strange. Nothing happens this week without a reason, even if that reason is not immediately evident. Some things cannot be explained; they can only be experienced. And having been experienced, they must be allowed to work their transformation within the believer. Though we all feel moments of power and inspiration, this transformation—this conversion—does not happen all at once. Little by little, step by step, the truths that Holy Week reveal to us become a part of our living conversation with God.

Our Holy Week services first took shape in fourth-century Jerusalem after the time of

Constantine, when it became possible for Christians to worship at the sites which have been traditionally associated with Jesus' last days, and these observances were taken by pilgrims back to their churches at home. So the custom spread of turning every church into a "little Jerusalem" for the liturgies of this week. This week, Christ Church becomes Jerusalem.

But we do not "re-enact" these last days of Jesus' life. We step into an experience in which the distinctions between time and eternity fall away, and we are with Jesus in all these events as though they are happening for the first time. We are true witnesses, true participants, not simply those who look back over centuries or through the window of the imagination.

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday begins on a triumphant note, as we bless palms and remember the cheering crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. But very quickly we are reminded, in the reading of the Passion Gospel, that this same crowd had turned against Jesus by the end of the week. Human loyalties are extremely fragile. It is always easy to be loyal when things are going well; it is harder to stand by one's loyalties when the going is tough.

The liturgical color of Holy Week is red, which is the color both of blood and of fire, and signifies that we are commemorating the death of the prince of martyrs. The crosses are veiled to symbolize the solemnity of this week. This custom arose originally to hide the beautiful and precious metals and stones which have often adorned crosses and statues in churches, and it has subsequently come to focus our attention away from the crosses to the liturgical action itself in which the clergy and others re-enact the Way of the Cross.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The people stand.

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

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

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.**

THE GOSPEL OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Matthew 21:1-11

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 Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The people raise their palm branches.

Celebrant 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.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

The congregation sings the following refrain after each verse.



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

Open for me the gates of righteousness.

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. *Refrain*

“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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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

THE COLLECT AT THE PROCESSION

Celebrant 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 Lord.

People **Amen.**

HYMN

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING!

Valet will ich dir geben

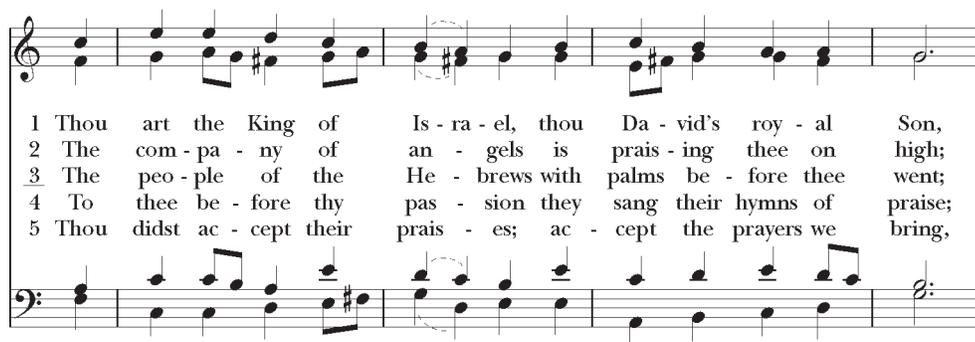
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

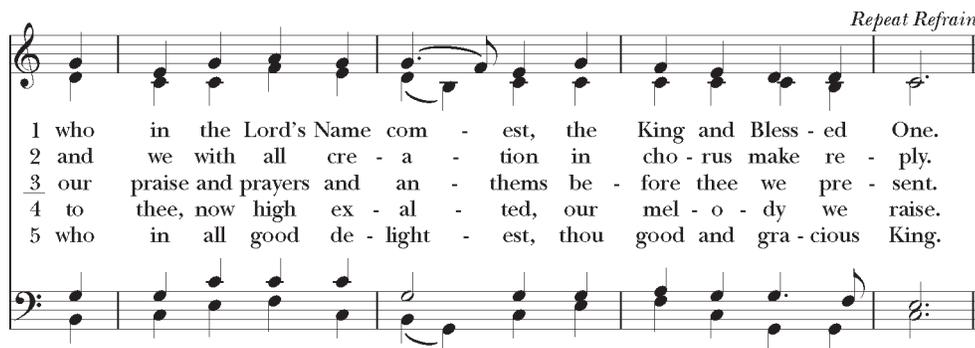


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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,

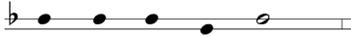
Repeat Refrain



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 THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.



People **And al - so with you.**

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.

People **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the children to Children's Chapel, and the people respond Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings.

THE FIRST READING

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 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?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *

I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me."

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the hymn.

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 26:36 – 27:54

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

See insert. The people are seated and stand for The Passion where indicated.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon after which the people stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader On this day, when Christ enters Jerusalem to die,
we pray with Christ in his suffering.

People For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus; let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

People For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer
and self-discipline to overcome them; let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

People For all Christian people: that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a
rich union in Christ; let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

People For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them: that our common
life may be ordered in justice and mercy; let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

People For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground; for our nation; for countries in
conflict; for all who serve under arms; for all victims of human violence; and for
the peace of the world; let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

People For those who have courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace;
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

People For those weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow; for those who have
suffered through natural disaster; and for all who feel that God is far from them;
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

People For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross; let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

People That we, with [*N. and*] all those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the
day of Christ; let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

The people may add their own petitions.

People let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant O God, you have called us to be your daughters and sons, and have promised that
those who suffer with Christ will be heirs with him of your glory: Arm us with
such trust in him that we may ask no rest from his calling, and have no fear in his
service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

ANTHEM

MISERERE MEI, DEUS

*William Byrd
(1543-1623)*

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

HYMN

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

Love Unknown

The first verse will be sung by the children.

The congregation is invited to stand and join the children for the second and third verses.

My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine:
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine,
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

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:

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.

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant



My flesh is__ food in-deed, and my blood__ is drink in - deed says the Lord.

People



My flesh is__ food in-deed, and my blood__ is drink in - deedsays the Lord.

Celebrant



Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I__ in them.

People



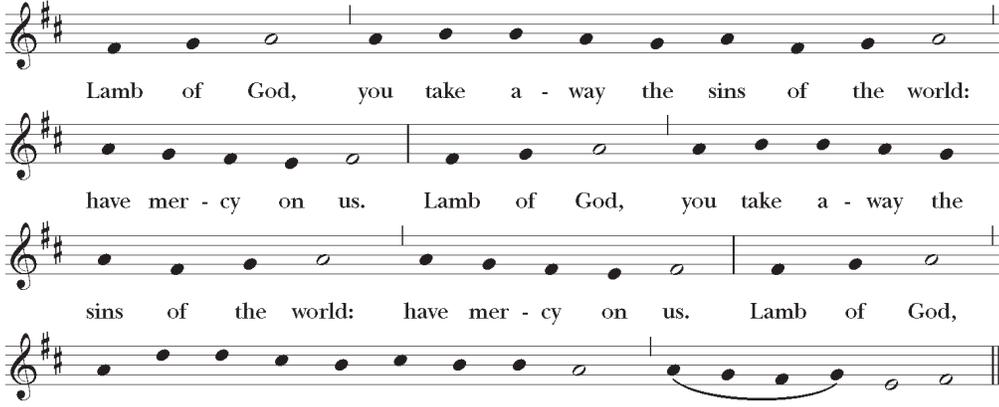
My flesh is__ food in-deed, and my blood__ is drink in - deed says the Lord.

THE INVITATION

The people are seated.

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

AGNUS DEI



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.

VOLUNTARY

HERZLICH MICH TUT VERLANGEN, OP. 122, NO. 10

*Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)*

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine; vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine; cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine; esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae; miserere mei. Amen.

Hail true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, which in anguish to redeem us didst suffer upon the cross; from whose side, when pierced by spear, there came forth water and blood; be to us at our last hour the source of consolation. O sweet, O blessed, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.

14th Century

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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 BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Gospeller dismisses the People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

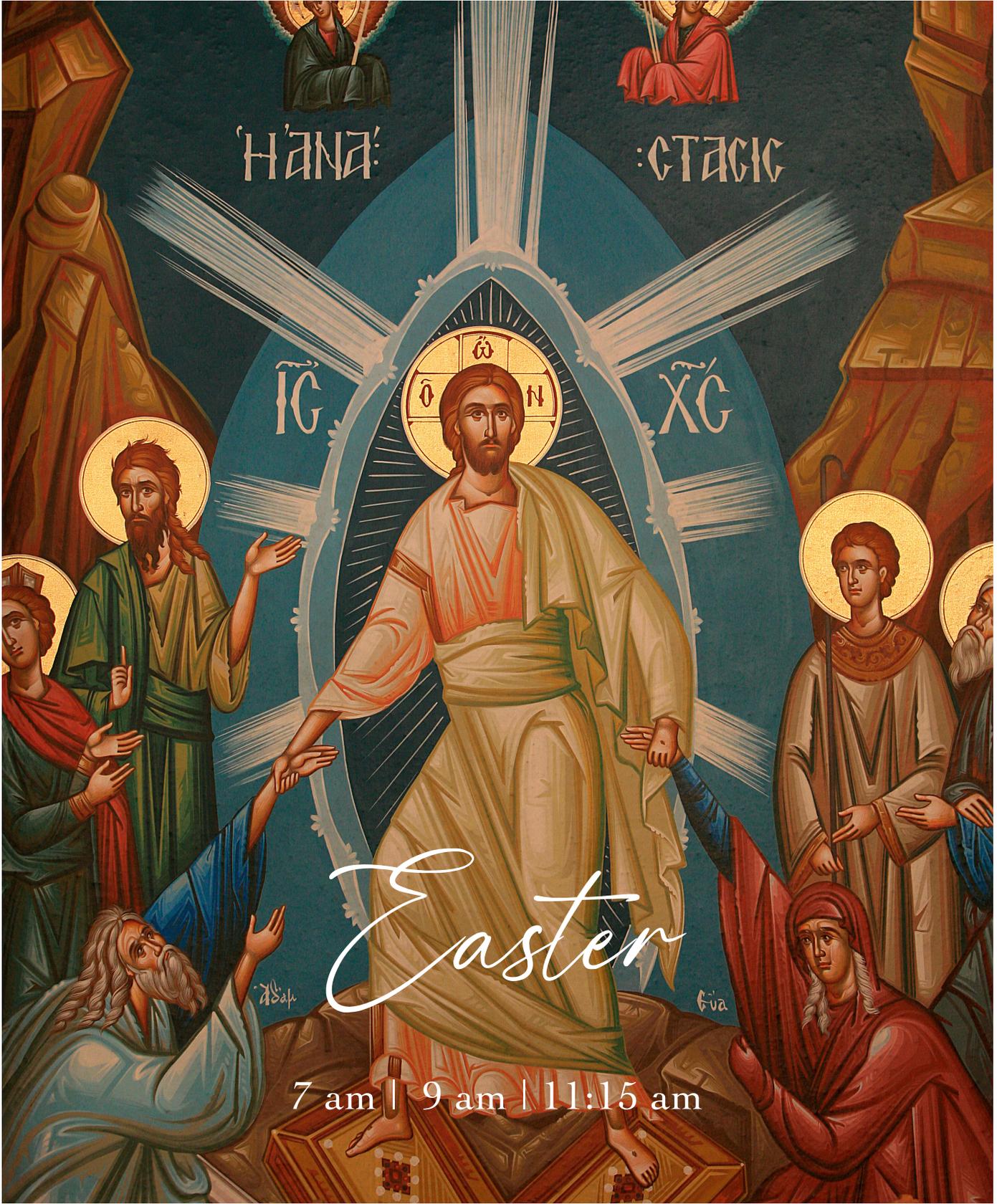
1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

The people depart in silence.



7 am | 9 am | 11:15 am



CURRENTS

Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: March 29 - April 5, 2026

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:15 am Palm Cross Workshop (U)
- 3 pm Pre-Concert Lecture (U)
- 4 pm Palm Sunday Concert (N)

MONDAY, MARCH 30

- Offices Closed
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 12 pm Labyrinth (U)
- 6 pm Soup Supper (U)
- 7 pm Holy Eucharist (N)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 12 pm Labyrinth (U)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 6 pm Soup Supper (U)
- 7 pm Holy Eucharist (N)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 12 pm Labyrinth (U)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 6 pm Soup Supper (U)
- 7 pm Tenebrae (N)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 12 pm Labyrinth (U)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 6 pm Maundy Thursday Dinner (U)
- 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service (N)
- 10 pm All Night Watch (SMC)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 12 pm Good Friday Service (N)
- 7 pm Good Friday Service (N)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- Offices Closed
- 12 pm Candle Wreath Workshop (LL)
- 7 pm Great Vigil of Easter (N)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)
- 9 pm Reception (U)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- 7 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt (FL)
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist (N)

Location Abbreviations:

- BL - Bicknell Library
- CR - Choir Room
- FL - Front Lawn
- LL - Lower Level
- O - Offsite
- SMC - Chapel
- Z - Zoom
- C - Columbarium
- EdW - Education Wing
- L - Lobby
- N - Nave
- R - Rectory
- U - Undercroft

HOLY WEEK

MARCH 30 - APRIL 5

Guest Preacher

Dr. Garwood Anderson

*Donald J. Parsons Distinguished Professor
of Biblical Interpretation at Nashotah House*

**Holy Monday and Tuesday,
March 30 & 31**

Soup Supper | 6 pm
Choral Eucharist | 7 pm

Holy Wednesday, April 1

Soup Supper | 6 pm
Service of Tenebrae | 7 pm

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday Dinner | 6 pm
Choral Eucharist and
Stripping of the Altar | 7 pm
(incense is used)
All Night Watch | 10 pm - 8 am

Prayer Labyrinth available

*Noon Holy Monday - Noon Maundy Thursday
in the Undercroft.*

Good Friday, April 3

Good Friday Liturgy | Noon and 7 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

The Great Vigil of Easter | 7 pm
(incense is used)

Easter Day, Sunday, April 5

Holy Eucharist | 7 am
Festival Eucharist | 9 and 11:15 am
with Brass
(incense is used at the 11:15 am service only)
Easter egg hunt follows the
9 am Service

Palm Cross Workshop Today

Undercroft | 10:15 am

Join us for intergenerational family fun in the Undercroft - coffee, treats and a Palm Cross Workshop!

All Children are Welcome! Children gather at the Children's Cross for the Collect of the Day and dismissal to Children's Chapel to hear the story of Jesus and engage in a meaningful reflection of the lessons for that Sunday. They return to join in our Prayers and to share in the Peace and Holy Communion.

Parish & Community Events

Today at Christ Church

Childcare for infants through aged 3 years old is offered during the 9 am Sunday Eucharist.

- » Holy Eucharist..... 8 amNave
- » Coffee Hour.....8:45 am Undercroft
- » Holy Eucharist..... 9 amNave
- » Palm Cross Workshop 10:15 am Undercroft

Children and Youth Formation

Resumes Sunday, April 12 | Education Wing | 10:15 am

Using the rich and reflective principals of Montessori education, our children gather for an age appropriate, contemplative learning experience in an atrium setting. In their time together our children not only deepen their bond of community, but learn that the expression of faith is a life of compassionate peacemaking and service to our neighbor.

- » Atrium 1 (PreK3-1st grade).....10:15-11:15 amEd Wing
- » Atrium 2 (2nd-4th grade).....10:15-11:15 amEd Wing
- » MS Gathering (Grades 6 - 8).....10:15-11:15 amEd Wing
- » HS Gathering Grades 9-12).....10:15-11:15 amEd Wing

This Thursday at Christ Church

- » Evening Prayer.....5 pmNave
- » Maundy Thursday Dinner.....6 pm Undercroft
- » Holy Eucharist.....7 pmNave

Thursday Night Formation

**The Gospel of Matthew: Jesus – God with Us
Resumes April 16!**

According to Matthew, the Church is an earthly manifestation of the kingdom of God, and it is comprised of Jesus' followers who have been called out to live righteously in the world and to serve in the manner of the Christ with deep humility and unfathomable forgiveness. In Jesus, there is a new community at work for the blessing of the world. What is it that binds us together?

Hearing Impaired?

To better support our hearing-impaired guests, we now offer a listening system that streams audio directly to your hearing aids through your smartphone.

1. Download the free ListenWIFI app from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Open your phone's settings and connect to Wi-Fi: CCGP-Guest, Password: Godlovesyou.
3. Open the ListenWIFI app and select the Nave channel.



Questions or issues? Please reach out to a staff member or usher.

Children, Youth & Family

Children's Chapel, 9:15-9:45 am, PK3-4th grade: Children gather at the Children's Cross for the Collect of the Day and dismissal to Children's Chapel to hear the story of Jesus and engage in a meaningful reflection of the lessons.

Flowering of the Cross & Easter Egg Hunt Easter Day | Following the 9 am Eucharist

All ages are invited to join us for this joyous Easter celebration that begins with the flowering of the cross at the 9 am service (grab your flowers as you enter). After the service we will gather on the front lawn for an Easter egg hunt, treats and games!

Children's Chapel Prayer Leaders Needed! Sundays through August



We are in need of volunteers aged 16 and older, to lead Children's Chapel on Sundays from April 12 through August! Sign up using the QR code!

Parish Life

Living Books, Enlivening Faith Reading in Community

How We Learn to Be Brave | Mariann Edgar Budde
Sunday | April 26 | 6:30 pm

On January 21, 2025, many Americans were introduced to Bishop Mariann Budde thanks to what The New York Times called "an extraordinary act of public resistance." During her prayer service for Donald Trump's second inauguration, Bishop Budde addressed the president directly, imploring him "to have mercy on the people in our country who are scared now." With *How We Learn to Be Brave*, she teaches us that being brave is not a singular occurrence; it's a journey that we can choose to undertake every day. If you plan on attending the discussion, please RSVP to cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org.

Pewabic @ CCGP!

Friday, April 17 | 7 pm | Undercroft

Everyone 18 and older is invited to join the OWLS for this fun event. In this one hour hands-on experience, participants will glaze a tile using the same techniques as Pewabic production staff. They will fire the tiles and return them to us in roughly two weeks. Cost is \$55 and registration is required by March 31!



"Make your face to shine upon your servants"

Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God.

Candle Wreath Workshop

Saturday, April 4 | 1 – 2 pm | Lower Level

No experience necessary! Volunteers are needed to create 24 candle rings that will be placed in the Nave for Easter. Open to adults and children 8 years and older (children must be accompanied by a parent). Wear clothes that can get dirty and/or bring an apron, plus comfortable shoes. Arrangements will be placed in the Nave for Easter! Scan the QR code to sign up!



The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace

Sunday, May 3 | 4 pm

Join the Christ Church Chorale, Orchestra, and soloists in a performance of Welsh composer Karl Jenkins' stirring setting of the mass. Brought back to Christ Church by popular demand, this beloved work based on texts from the Ordinary of the Mass, Rudyard Kipling, Alfred Lord Tennyson, and Sankichi Toge.



Easter Lessons & Carols

Sunday, April 19 | 4 pm

A service of readings and music celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Outreach

Serve at Crossroads

Sunday, April 26

Ages 10 and up are welcome to volunteer! Help is needed preparing (8 – 11 am) and serving lunch (10:30 am – 2 pm) to the guests at Crossroads of Michigan. Sign up using the QR code. Note: if you wish to serve all day, that option is now available in the drop down menu rather than signing up twice!!



Crossroads Ask of the Month

We will be handing out self-care bags during our time at Crossroads on April 26. Please help us by purchasing items in bulk – check out the wish list by scanning the QR code!



Assisting at Services

Altar Guild

8 am Susan Tobbe
9 am Betsy Creedon

Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am Ben Burton
9 am Mike DeFillipi
Judith Burkhardt

Lector:

8 am Susan Mara
9 am Tracy Magee

Prayers:

8 am Ben Burton
9 am Lynn Anslow

Verger:

9 am Deb Champion

Acolytes:

9 am Elizabeth Walsh
Bennett Walsh
Will Hanoian
Violet Hall
Brynn Wood

Ushers:

9 am Ian Jones
Brendan Walsh
Hank Darlington
John Snyder

We Pray Together

Please leave your written prayer request at our Reception Desk or contact **Fr. Drew at rector@christchurchgp.org**. In order to keep all our prayers for healing meaningful and current, we keep names on the Prayer List for two weeks.

In the Diocese of Michigan

Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Southgate; Church of the Resurrection, Clarkston.

In the Anglican Cycle of

Prayer we pray for: The Church of Melanesia.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer

this week we pray for: David & Lynne Cameron; Libby Candler & Dan Hughes; Cheri Carleton; Zach & Ali Carr and children, Ava and Lorelei; Tom Casey; Dave & Sue Chaklos; Deb Champion; Stephen & May Jean Chan.

We offer prayers for:

Amanda, Jack, Katie, Kay, Patti, Ruth, Scott, Tri.

In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries

of: Stephanie Johnson; Drew Gaggin; Tony Alcantara; Ned Johnson; Paige Bachand; Adam Waugh; Angela von Schwarz; Sally Wheeler; Steve Brownell; April Minetola; Shannon Green; Tom Gage; Dave Anderson; Sandy Baruah; Catherine Van Culin; Pete King; Mary Gushee; Siena Bennett.

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