



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026 - 9:30AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

All Hymns are in the Blue, 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).

We ask your prayers for: The family of Herb Conley, Jennifer, Evan, The family of Charles Simms, Herb, Yimaira, Connie, Jamie, Otto, Jim, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Linda, Mark, Helen, Sherrie, Candace, Kim, and Ella.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—St. Anne, West Chester; and Commission on Congregational Life.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING TODAY. - 3/29/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild Paul T.
Mary Ellen Foster

Readers Charlie Campbell
Mary Beth Coker
Dana Cunningham
Mary Ellen Foster
Mike Miller
Paul T.
Diana Uhlmann
Kathleen Walters

Ushers Charlie Campbell
Micky Neben

**Crucifer/
Chalice** Shea Sampson

Candle Bob Neben
Randy Young
Kathleen Walters

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 4/5/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild Mary Ellen Foster
Paul T.
Diane Labrie

Reader Paul T.
Mike Miller

Ushers Margaret Sampson
Diane Labrie

**Crucifer/
Chalice** Kathleen Walters

Book Bob Neben

Banner Shea Sampson

Thurifer Randy Young

Candle Teena Baldrige
Jay Woodhull

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS (*the service begins in the Cloister*)

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.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF 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 Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

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.**

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.**

Hymn #154, All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet will ich dir geben

(The singing of this hymn will begin a cappella. The organ will join us when we get to the sanctuary.)

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. *(refrain)*
2. The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *(refrain)*
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *(refrain)*
4. To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(refrain)*
5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *(refrain)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 31:9-16 (SUNG BY CHOIR)

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."

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.

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

Please remain seated for the reading of The Passion.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

HYMN #474, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

HOMILY

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

All stand as they are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the people respond with “***Have mercy on us***”.

Celebrant The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. So, let us cry out to our Lord, saying, “Crucified King, **have mercy on us.**”

Leader Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We have been unwilling to share the gospel with our friends and families.

Silence

Leader Crucified King,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord—especially those who are threatened by your message of love and justice. Have mercy on us for our silence and complicity.

Silence

Leader Crucified King,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Have mercy on those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Have mercy on us and teach us to love what you have called good.

Silence

Leader Crucified King,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Have mercy on us, O Lord. Teach us to value what you value. Increase in us love for our neighbors.

Silence

Leader Crucified King,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen those whose strength fails them. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants.

The congregation is invited to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

Silence

Leader Crucified King,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Merciful Lord, you know the pain of death—even death on a cross. Have mercy on the dying and the dead. Bring them to the joy of everlasting life in you.

Silence

Leader Crucified King,
People **Have mercy on us.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Leader The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: THE LAMB

John Tavener

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild; He became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

HYMN #149 from *Enriching our Music 2: Ubi Caritas (Live in Charity)*

Sung twice

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a hymn. Each system consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The first system has lyrics: 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,'. The second system has lyrics: 'u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est. live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.' The music is in 2/4 time and features a key signature of one flat (Bb). There are some dashed lines and a '3' above a triplet in the second system.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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

SANCTUS, Hymnal #S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

All kneel as they are able.

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:

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.
Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP, pg. 364

**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, BCP pg. 364

LAMB OF GOD, Hymnal #S164

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: #172 Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

Were You There

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER, BCP, pg. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.**

SOLEMN LENTEN PRAYER

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

(the people kneel)

The Celebrant says the solemn Prayer over the People:

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people, that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL: Hymn #439 What Wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Chorale and Fugue on “O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid” (O Sadness, O Heartache)

Johannes Brahms

O Sadness, O Heartache
Is that not to complain?
God the Father’s only child
Is carried into the grave.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers For Easter!

Please consider a contribution for the spring flowers – lilies, daffodils, tulips – that will adorn the altar area when we celebrate Easter this year. The suggested minimum donation is \$40. At your request, the name of a loved one(s) you would like to honor/remember will also be included in the Easter bulletin. Please respond **TODAY** by:

1. Visit stpauls-dayton.org. Click the *Give* button in the top right corner and complete the form. Remember to select Flowers-Easter. Indicate the name(s) in the Notes section. First-time users will need to create an account.
2. Pick up an envelope in the cloister and drop in the collection plate.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

The Chapel is open for daily prayer from 10am-12pm during Lent

Wednesday Mornings in Lent - Morning Prayer: Offered through Facebook at 9am.

Maundy Thursday - April 3, 7pm at St. Paul's

Good Friday - 12 noon, service at St. Paul's. Bishop Kristin Uffelman White will preside at this service. A Good Friday service will be held at St. Mark's at 7pm.

Each day set your clocks to 6:00pm and pray for 1 minute.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 5 - 9:30am at St. Paul's / 11:30am at St. Mark's

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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 am - Worship Service with Hymns

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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Junior Warden (*term expires 2027*)- Joe Cairo

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