



# THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE I  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.



# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

## WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S!

We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information.

Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by the word "Hymnal" refer to the blue hymnals, although everything you need to follow along is found in this bulletin.

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by "intinction" (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. During Communion, ushers will direct you to the altar rail; please return to your pew using an outside aisle. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

### Children's Chapel

A Children's Chapel is offered for potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. To participate, children simply follow the cross out during the hymn before the Gospel and then return during the Peace.

### Coffee and Fellowship

All are invited to enjoy coffee and fellowship as well as our fun "petting zoo" animals between the services. Sunday classes for children and adults will resume after Easter.

### Nursery and Restrooms

A nursery is available during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. Restrooms are located in the church office building south of the church.

*Cover Art: The Crucifixion Window from the nave of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.*

## **The palms are given to the glory of God**

and in loving memory of our parents,  
Elizabeth and John Bond and  
Irwin and Hugh Magevney,  
by Meta and Hugh Magevney

and in loving memory of Mandy and Fred Miller  
by the Miller Family

## **Thank You**

to Martye and Loren Groble for the palms they  
lovingly grow each year and contribute to our  
wonderful arrangements and decorations.



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

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels is praising thee on high;  
And we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**First Lesson** – 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.**

**Psalm** – 31:9-16 *simplified Anglican chant sung by all at 9:00; sung by the choir at 11:00*

*chant: Herbert Howells*

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 a/void 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 upon your / servant, \*

and in your loving-kindness / save me.”

## Second Lesson – 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 stand*

**Sequence Hymn** – O sacred head sore wounded (*Herzlich tut much verlangen*)

Hymnal 168

*During the hymn, potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel.*

O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:  
What sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long-desired, hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace:  
show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face

In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine for ever! and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for thee.

My days are few, O fail not, with thine immortal power,  
to hold me that I quail not in death’s most fearful hour;  
that I may fight befriended, and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended upon the cross of life.

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*Please be seated for the reading of the Passion (Matthew 26:36-27:54).*

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

**Evangelist** Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,  
**Jesus** Sit here while I go over there and pray.  
**Evangelist** He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.  
Then he said to them,  
**Jesus** I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.  
**Evangelist** And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,  
**Jesus** My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.  
**Evangelist** Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

**Jesus** So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

**Evangelist** Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

**Jesus** My Father, if this cup cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

**Evangelist** Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

**Jesus** Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

**Evangelist** While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

**Judas** The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

**Evangelist** At once he came up to Jesus and said,

**Judas** Greetings, Rabbi!

**Evangelist** and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

**Jesus** Friend, do what you are here to do.

**Evangelist** Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

**Jesus** Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

**Evangelist** At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

**Jesus** Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

**Evangelist** Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

**Witness** This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'

**Evangelist** The high priest stood up and said,

**High Priest** Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

**Evangelist** But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

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

**Evangelist** Jesus said to him,

**Jesus** You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

**Evangelist** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

**High Priest** He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

**Evangelist** They answered,

**Scribe** He deserves death.

**Evangelist** Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

**Elder** Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

**Evangelist** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

**Servant-Girl 1** You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

**Evangelist** But he denied it before all of them, saying,

**Peter** I do not know what you are talking about.

**Evangelist** When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

**Servant-Girl 2** This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

**Evangelist** Again he denied it with an oath,

**Peter** I do not know the man.

**Evangelist** After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

**Bystander** Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

**Evangelist** Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,  
**Peter** I do not know the man!

**Evangelist** At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:  
**Jesus** Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

**Evangelist** And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,  
**Judas** I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.  
**Evangelist** But they said,  
**High Priest** What is that to us? See to it yourself.  
**Evangelist** Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,  
**High Priest** It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.  
**Evangelist** After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah,  
**Jeremiah** And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.  
**Evangelist** Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,  
**Pilate** Are you the King of the Jews?  
**Evangelist** Jesus said,  
**Jesus** You say so.  
**Evangelist** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,  
**Pilate** Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?  
**Evangelist** But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,  
**Pilate** Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"  
**Evangelist** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,  
**Pilate's Wife** Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.  
**Evangelist** Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,  
**Pilate** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?  
**Evangelist** And they said,  
**Crowd** Barabbas.  
**Evangelist** Pilate said to them,  
**Pilate** Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?  
**Evangelist** All of them said,

**Congregation – Let him be crucified!**

**Evangelist** Then he asked,  
**Pilate** Why, what evil has he done?  
**Evangelist** But they shouted all the more,

**Congregation – Let him be crucified!**

**Evangelist** So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,  
**Pilate** I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.  
**Evangelist** Then the people as a whole answered,  
**Crowd** His blood be on us and on our children!  
**Evangelist** So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort

around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

**Soldier**

**Evangelist**

They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

**Please stand.**

**Evangelist**

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read,

**Soldier**

This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

**Evangelist**

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**Passer-By**

You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

**Evangelist**

In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

**High Priest**

He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'

**Evangelist**

The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

**Jesus**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Evangelist**

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Bystander**

This man is calling for Elijah.

**Evangelist**

At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

**Soldier**

Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

**Evangelist**

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

**Silence.**

**Evangelist**

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

**Centurion**

Truly this man was God's Son!

**Sermon** – The Rev. Charlie Holt

*Please stand*

**Prayers of the People** – Form V

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy". For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, our diocesan standing committee, for Chip, Justin, and Douglas, our assisting bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St Mark and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

### **Confession and Absolution** *please kneel or stand*

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. **Amen.**

### **Peace**

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

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

Mary's Wandering

traditional German carol, arr. Dan Fortune

*Once Mary would go wandering, to all the land would run, that she might find her Son. Whom met she as she journeyed forth? St. Peter, that good man, who sadly did her scan. "O tell me have you seen Him yet – the one I love the most – the son whom I have lost?" "To well, to well, I've seen thy son. 'Twas by a palace gate; most grievous was his state." "O say, what wore he on his head?" "A crown of thorns he wore; a cross he also bore." "Ah me! And he must bear that cross, till he's brought to the hill, for cruel men to kill." "Nay Mary, cease thy weeping dear: the wounds they are but small, but heaven is won for all!"*

*Words traditional German trans., A. F. D.*

*Please stand*

## Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 149, *verse 1*

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here the goal of all desire.

## 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus

*musical setting: Hymnal S 114*

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.

*After the Sanctus you may kneel or stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*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, he brake 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."

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. *All sing three times: AMEN.*

### Lord's Prayer

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

*All* **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 and Fraction Anthem

*musical setting: Hymnal 169*

*Choir* My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

*People* **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

*Choir* Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them.

*People* **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

### Prayer of Humble Access *said by all*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*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 of the People

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### Communion Anthems

*at 11:00 a.m. only – Lenten Love Song*

Helen Kemp

*Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane. He went there sad and very weary to be alone to pray. "Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way? Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away." Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane. The olive tree bent over him, and heard him sadly pray: "Dear God, your son is sorrowful but know your way is best. Let love take hold of me! Help me to be bold and free to do your will, to do your will, to do your will and rest." Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. (meaning: Where charity and love are found, God himself is there.)*

*Words Helen Kemp; words and music © Choristers Guild*

Christian, dost thou see them?

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*Christian, dost thou see them on the holy ground, how the powers of darkness compass thee around? Christian, up and smite them, counting gain but loss, in the strength that cometh, by the holy cross. Christian, dost thou feel them, how they work within, striving, tempting, luring, goading into sin? Christian, never tremble; never be downcast; gird thee for the battle, watch and pray and fast. Christian, dost thou hear them, how they speak thee fair? "Always fast and vigil, always watch and prayer"? Christian, answer boldly, "While I breathe I pray." Peace shall follow battle, night shall end in day. "Well I know thy trouble, O my servant true: thou art very weary; I was weary, too. But that toil shall make thee some day all mine own, and the end of sorrow shall be near my throne." Amen.*

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## Communion Hymns

My song is love unknown (*Love Unknown*)

Hymnal 458

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.

O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,  
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.

But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way, and his strong praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.

Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries! Ye they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.

Yet steadfast he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.

What may I say? Heaven was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

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.

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There is a green hill far away (*Horsley*)

Hymnal 167

There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,  
where our dear Lord was crucified who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin,  
he only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved! And we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

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*Please stand*

### **Prayer for Mission**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

### **Solemn Prayer over the People**

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.**

### **Hymn in Procession** – Ah, holy Jesus (*Herzliebster Jesu*)

Hymnal 158

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.  
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.  
Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.  
For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.  
Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

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### **Dismissal**

*Clergy* Let us bless the Lord.

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

### **Voluntary** – Adagio

Samuel Barber

## **Worship Participants**

*at 9:00 a.m.*

**Acolytes** – Gray Chunn, Ann Palmer Chunn, Sam Boozer, Claire Crum

**Lectors** – Mary Shaffer Sealey, Vincent Pulignano, Kelly Pulignano

**Passion Narrative** – The Rev. Carolyn Jones, The Rev. Ben Jones, Jane Arnold,  
Linda Crofton, Elaine Kearns, Payson Tilden, Robb Smith, Jesse Webb

**Vergers** – Keith Daw, Ted Miller

**Chalice Bearers** – Kelli Chunn, Payson Tilden, Mary Claire Miller, Mary Dudley White

**Ushers** – Robb Smith, William Boozer, Eric Cavin, Randy Thornton

*at 11:00 a.m.*

**Acolytes** – Louisa Holyer, Leyli Amoli, Sterling Falconetti, Jane Magevney, Ford Magevney, Kinley Nelson

**Lectors** – Brooks Whittaker, William Cassidy, Helen Willoughby

**Passion Narrative** – The Rev. Sandi Kerner, The Rev. Billy Cerveney, Frank Brooke,  
Christine Burkett, Hugh Burkett, Mamie Burkett, Leslie Freeman, Randy Gordon

**Vergers** – Scott Hobby, Paula Phelan

**Chalice Bearers** – Christine Burkett, Daisy Davidson, Anne Gorman, Sarah Holyer

**Ushers** – Jack Lockwood, John Falconetti, Rocco Falconetti, Baker Madison, Ben Stewart

**Altar Guild** – Barbara Pickett, Katie Athey, Debbie Fannin, Patti Frykberg,  
Valerie Goodwin, Judy Lanier, Anne Lee, Ann Scheu

**Flower Guild** – Festival Team

# St. Mark's Holy Week and Easter Offerings

## **Throughout Holy Week**

*Stations of the Cross and Confessions will be available Monday through Friday during Holy Week. The church will be open during business hours for those who would like to walk the Stations of the Cross on their own. Clergy are also available for private confessions. If you would like to make a confession, please contact the clergy.*

## **Holy Wednesday – April 1**

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I – Chapel

## **Maundy Thursday – April 2**

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I – Church

*This service features the footwashing, the commemoration of the Last Supper, and the stripping of the altar. This is an incredibly moving service we encourage all to experience!*

## **Prayer Vigil – April 2 and 3**

*The prayer vigil begins in the Chapel after the Maundy Thursday service and goes until Noon on Good Friday. A signup is located in the back of the church today or in the church office during the week. Sign up for an hour of prayer in the chapel as we reenact Jesus's invitation to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane to "stay awake with me one hour"*

## **Good Friday – April 3**

Noon Good Friday Liturgy – Church

*This service focuses on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ using the beautiful Book of Common Prayer Good Friday liturgy.*

5:30 p.m. Clergy-led Stations of the Cross – Church

7 p.m. The River Tenebrae Service – Church

*Tenebrae means "shadows", and this ancient form of worship uses Scripture readings, music, and the gradual extinguishing of candles to symbolize the growing darkness surrounding Jesus as he approaches his death.*

## **Easter Sunday – April 5**

6:30 a.m. – Contemporary Ecumenical Sunrise Service in Stockton Park.

9 & 11 a.m. – Traditional Holy Eucharist Rite II – Church

10:15 a.m. – Easter egg hunt on Baker Green

5:00 p.m. – The River contemporary service – Church

*\*Note: the church office will be closed on Monday, April 6*



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