

# THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY



March 29, 2026

**Saint Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church**

**Rite 2**

**10:15 am**

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Dear Ones,

This week is the most solemn and sacred week of the Christian church calendar, and it all begins today. Palm Sunday begins with Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem but ends with the grief of Christ's suffering and death. Because of how quickly the mood goes from triumph to sorrow, I have often called this "Whiplash Sunday!" We start the service shouting "Hosanna!" but we end it shouting, "Crucify him!" The liturgy shows us, in the smallest of ways, what it might have been like for Jesus to have those he loved turn on him so quickly.

I urge you to come to as many of the Holy Week services as you can because they are meant to be experienced together, each a single chapter in the story. Today we begin with Jesus' march into Jerusalem and a glimpse ahead into the stories to come. On Maundy Thursday, we will gather to remember Christ's last supper with his friends where he washed their feet and told them to remember him with bread and wine. That night ends with Jesus' betrayal and arrest, so after we wash each other's feet, we will strip the altar bare to symbolize Christ being taken away. When we return for Good Friday to the bare altar, we will remember Christ's suffering with the Stations of the Cross at noon and the Solemn Prayers at 7pm. This day of greatest sorrow is followed by the service of greatest joy! On Holy Saturday, we will gather for The Great Vigil of Easter at 7pm, lighting the first flame in darkness, recounting the whole story of God's love for humanity, building slowly and dramatically to the Resurrection! It is my favorite service of the year, and the most sacred of all of our liturgies.

This week tells the story of Jesus's final week. We will follow in his footsteps on the Via Dolorosa, the Way of Suffering, until we reach the ultimate triumph of Easter, and it all begins today.

Children of God, my friends in Christ, may Jesus, the one who loved his friends, suffered on the cross, and triumphed over the grave, be richly present with you this week. I look forward to journeying with you.

Love,

**Mother Hillary+**

## The Liturgy of the Palms

*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 Matthew 21:1-11**, read by the Celebrant with congregation responding in bold.

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."

## The Blessing of the Palms

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God 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 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.**

*(Opening Hymn next page)*

Opening Hymn "All glory, laud and honor to thee Redeemer, King!" Hymnal 154

*Refrain*



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

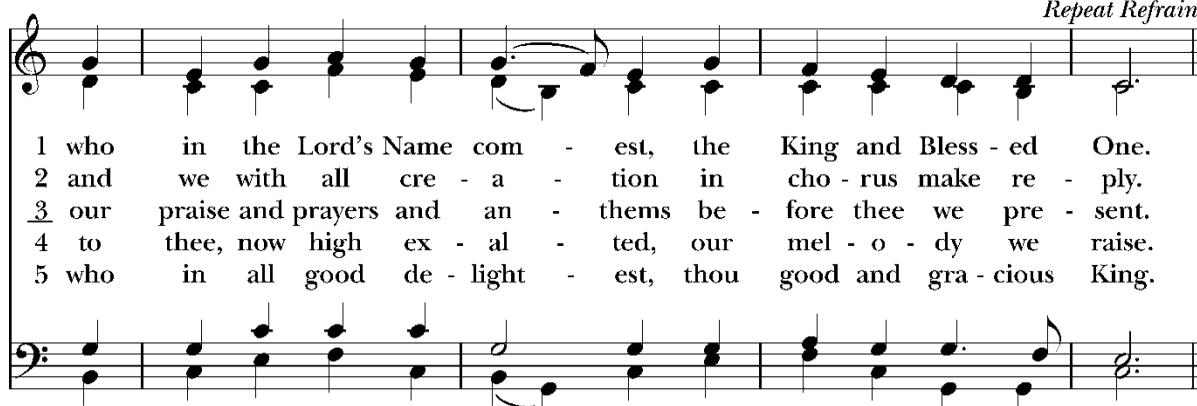


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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 stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

## Salutation

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

### Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God 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.**

## 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?

*Silence*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

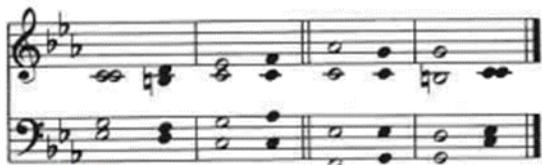
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

**Confitemini Domino**

S 414

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is/ good; \*  
his mercy endures for/ ever.

2 Let Israel now pro/claim, \*  
"His mercy endures for/ ever."

19 Open for me the gates of/ righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the/ Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the/ Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may/ enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you/ answered me \*  
and have become my sal/vation.

22 The same stone which the builders re/jected \*  
has become the chief/ cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's/ doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our/ eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has/ acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be/ glad in it.

25 Hosannah, Lord, ho/sannah! \*  
Lord, send us now suc/cess.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the/ Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the/ Lord.

27 God is the Lord; he has shined up/on us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the/ altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will/ thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will ex/alt you."

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is/ good; \*  
his mercy endures for/ ever.

### **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.

*Silence*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn "What wondrous love is this"**

**Hymnal 439**

## **The Gospel Reading – Matthew 26:14-27:66**

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.*

NARRATOR: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

**CONGREGATION: "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"**

NARRATOR: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

**CONGREGATION: "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"**

NARRATOR: He said,

JESUS: "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

NARRATOR: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

NARRATOR: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

**CONGREGATION: "Surely not I, Lord?"**

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

NARRATOR: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

**CONGREGATION: "Surely not I, Rabbi?"**

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "You have said so."

NARRATOR: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

JESUS: "Take, eat; this is my body."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,  
JESUS: "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,  
JESUS: "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,  
**CONGREGATION: "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."**

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,  
JESUS: "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,  
**CONGREGATION: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."**

NARRATOR: And so said all the disciples. Then 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."  
NARRATOR: 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."  
NARRATOR: 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."  
NARRATOR: 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."  
NARRATOR: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,  
JESUS: "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: 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,

**CONGREGATION: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."**

NARRATOR: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

**CONGREGATION: "Greetings, Rabbi!"**

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Friend, do what you are here to do."

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: 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,

**CONGREGATION: "This fellow said, `I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."**

NARRATOR: The high priest stood up and said,

**CONGREGATION: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"**

NARRATOR: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

**CONGREGATION: "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."**

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

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

NARRATOR: They answered,

**CONGREGATION: "He deserves death."**

NARRATOR: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

**CONGREGATION: "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"**

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

**CONGREGATION: "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."**

NARRATOR: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

**CONGREGATION: "I do not know what you are talking about."**

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

**CONGREGATION: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."**

NARRATOR: Again he denied it with an oath,

**CONGREGATION: "I do not know the man."**

NARRATOR: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

**CONGREGATION: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."**

NARRATOR: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

**CONGREGATION: "I do not know the man!"**

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

JESUS: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: 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,

**CONGREGATION: "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."**

NARRATOR: But they said,

**CONGREGATION: "What is that to us? See to it yourself."**

NARRATOR: 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,

**CONGREGATION: "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."**

NARRATOR: 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, "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." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

**CONGREGATION: "Are you the King of the Jews?"**

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

**CONGREGATION: "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"**

NARRATOR: But he 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,

**CONGREGATION: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"**

NARRATOR: 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,

**CONGREGATION: "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."**

NARRATOR: 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,

**CONGREGATION: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"**

NARRATOR: And they said,

**CONGREGATION: "Barabbas."**

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

**CONGREGATION: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"**

NARRATOR: All of them said,

**CONGREGATION: "Let him be crucified!"**

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

**CONGREGATION: "Why, what evil has he done?"**

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

**CONGREGATION: "Let him be crucified!"**

NARRATOR: 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,

**CONGREGATION: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."**

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,

**CONGREGATION: "His blood be on us and on our children!"**

NARRATOR: 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,

**CONGREGATION: "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

NARRATOR: 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.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)*

NARRATOR: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. 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, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." 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,

**CONGREGATION: "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."**

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

**CONGREGATION: "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.'"**

NARRATOR: 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: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: that is,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**CONGREGATION: "This man is calling for Elijah."**

NARRATOR: 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,

**CONGREGATION: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."**

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

**CONGREGATION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"**

NARRATOR: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

**CONGREGATION: "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."**

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

**CONGREGATION: "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."**

NARRATOR: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

**Homily – The Rev. Hillary Kimsey**

*On Palm Sunday, it is customary to omit the Nicene Creed and the Confession of Sin.*

**Prayers of the People**

Leader I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

**People O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal**

**the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially *Nicole Steller*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People** from “Intercessions for the Christian People”

*Leader*

Lord God in humility and reverence we offer you our prayers, be swift to answer them we beg as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, the world waits for your Good News. Be present to all who turn to you, especially Phil our Bishop and Hillary our Vicar, and for all the clergy and lay ministers throughout our diocese. Strengthen those who fail or hesitate, come into our lives each day, and give us hearts and greet you with joy.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call those who follow you, “the church” – and we have surrounded these faithful people with buildings, ministries, hierarchies, rubrics, headaches, heartaches and deep joy.

Remind us that we need only You and one another.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give your grace to this nation, to our leaders, Donald our President and Bob our Governor, to our public servants and to our health care workers and first responders.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remind us of just how connected we are and how much we need each other. We offer our deepest prayers for the recovery of the human family, that we might form a sustainable way of life for the well-being of the people of the world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort us. Comfort all people. And strengthen us for the days to come.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We mourn those who have died and left this world. Bless the departed with eternal light and joy when the day of new life comes.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

*A brief silence is kept. The people may add their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Let us pray for peace to come to our hurting world.

**Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as beloved children of one God. For yours is the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

We are entering into a Holy Week stripped bare of its usual patterns and rhythms. Give us the will to use this time to draw closer to you and your Son as we consider the meaning and the unbelievable truth of His passion and death this week, that we might live deeper into the radical offering of love that was the passion of Christ. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining a respectful distance.*

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthday Prayer - Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Choir Anthem "God so loved the world" Stainer**

### **OFFERTORY INSTRUCTIONS**

*The offertory plates are passed throughout the congregation by the ushers. Please accept the plate and pass it all the way down your row. When it comes to you, we invite you to use those few seconds to thank God for the blessings in your life and reflect on how you are giving back. Giving is never an obligation; it's always an invitation! We know that everyone gives as the Spirit leads, and that gifts of time and talent don't fit in the offering plate! We also know that many people give online*

or by the QR code above. (If so, feel free to place the "I Gave Online" card in the plate as it passes you.) So whether you have something to put in the plate today or not, this moment is just between you and God. If you simply pray "Thank you, God" each time you touch the offering plate, that is a powerful spiritual practice.

### **The Doxology is sung**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures, here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

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*When, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

***People*            And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.

***People*            We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*When facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

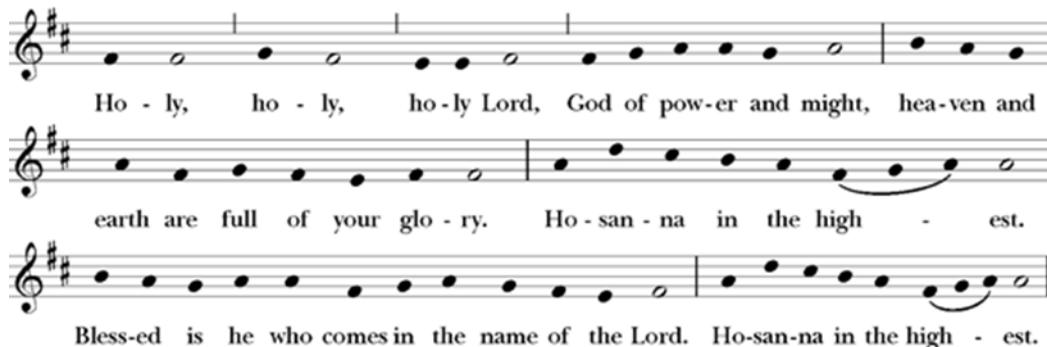
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

**Sanctus, sung**

**Hymnal S-124**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death; We proclaim his resurrection; We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Antony and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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

**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.**



**Communion Hymn    “Ah, Holy Jesus”    Hymnal 158**

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn            “O sacred head, sore wounded”            Hymnal 168**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:    Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



Please join us for coffee hour after the service. The Congregation is our host today.

***Happy Birthday!***

3-29 Bridget Allen

3-30 Bryan George

3-30 Robert George

April

4-01 David Ferguson

4-02 Nyah Fox

4-02 Theodore Bovet

4-04 Pete Morris

***Happy Anniversary!***

There are no anniversaries this week.

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The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Marj Zantek in prayer for the safe birth of her grandson.

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, March 29</b>	<b>8:00am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>9:00am – Episcopal 101</b>
	<b>9:30 &amp; 11:40am – Choir Rehearsals</b>
	<b>10:15am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2</b>
<b>Thursday, April 2</b>	<b>12:30pm - Bible Study</b>
	<b>7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service</b>
<b>Friday, April 3</b>	<b>Noon – Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>7:00pm – Good Friday Solemn Prayer Service</b>
<b>Saturday, April 4</b>	<b>7:00pm – The Great Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Sunday, April 5</b>	<b>7:00am – Sunrise Service</b>
	<b>8:45am – Choir</b>
	<b>9:30am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2</b>
	<b>11:00am – Egg Hunt</b>

### *St. Antony of Egypt* Holy Week



## March 29–April 5, 2026

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PALM SUNDAY  
8am Spoken Mass  
10:15 Mass with Choir

2

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
7pm: Eucharist, Footwashing,  
Stripping of the Altar

3

GOOD FRIDAY  
Noon: Stations of the Cross  
7pm: Solemn Prayer Service

4

HOLY SATURDAY  
7pm: The Great Vigil of Easter

5

EASTER SUNDAY  
7am: Guitar Sunrise Service  
9:30am: Full Mass with Choir