

**The Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday**

St. George's Episcopal Church

April 13, 2025



Gathering

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Palm Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Please raise your branches.

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.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



The Palm Procession

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to God.

Hosanna in the highest.

“This is the gate of the Holy One;
those who are righteous may enter.”
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

Hosanna in the highest.

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is God’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Hosanna in the highest.

On this day the Holy One has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Hosanna, O God, hosanna!
O Holy One, send us now success.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of God;
we bless you from the house of God.
God is the Holy One who has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

Hosanna in the highest.

“You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
Give thanks to God who is good;
God’s mercy endures for ever.

Hosanna in the highest.

Psalm 118:19-29

The congregation processes around the building, singing

Hymn

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.

As the procession follows the choir into the nave, please please remain standing.

Anthem

Hosanna (with All Glory, Laud, and Honor) by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith
Sung by the Choir

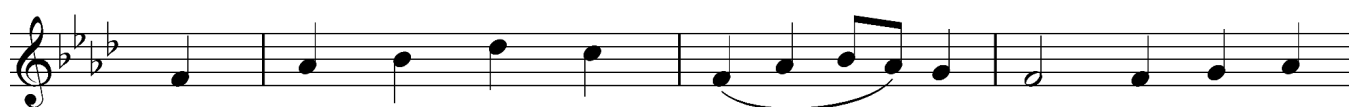
In the nave aisle the cross is veiled.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

Hymnal 156 *Ride on! Ride on in majesty!*



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

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

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

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

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

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

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

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

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

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

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

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Passion Gospel

Luke 22:14-23:56

*The Passion Gospel is read by members of the congregation in parts.
Please remain seated until the arrival of Jesus at the place called the Skull.*

Evangelist The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Jesus "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Evangelist Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Evangelist Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Evangelist And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

Evangelist Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Evangelist And he said to him,

Peter "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

Evangelist Jesus said,

Jesus "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

Evangelist He said to them,

Jesus "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

Evangelist They said,

Disciples "No, not a thing."

Evangelist He said to them,

Jesus "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

Evangelist They said,

Disciples "Lord, look, here are two swords."

Evangelist He replied,

Jesus "It is enough."

Evangelist He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Evangelist Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

Evangelist Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Evangelist While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

Evangelist When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciples "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

Evangelist Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus "No more of this!"

Evangelist And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Evangelist Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance.

When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant "This man also was with him."

Evangelist But he denied it, saying,

Peter "Woman, I do not know him."

Evangelist A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Accuser 1 "You also are one of them."

Evangelist But Peter said,

Peter "Man, I am not!"

Evangelist Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Accuser 2 "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

Evangelist But Peter said,

Peter "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

Evangelist At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldiers "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

Evangelist They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied,

Jesus "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

Evangelist All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them,

Jesus "You say that I am."

Evangelist Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Evangelist Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Evangelist He answered,

Jesus "You say so."

Evangelist Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Evangelist But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer.

The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Evangelist Then they all shouted out together,

All "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Evangelist This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

All "Crucify, crucify him!"

Evangelist A third time he said to them,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

Evangelist But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Evangelist Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

At the mention of the place called the Skull, please stand as you are able.

Then Jesus said,

Jesus "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Evangelist And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Evangelist There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1 "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Evangelist But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2 "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Evangelist Then he said,

Criminal 2 "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Evangelist He replied,

Jesus "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Evangelist It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Evangelist Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion "Certainly this man was innocent."

Evangelist And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Please stand.

As we enter the mystery of Christ's Passion, I ask your prayers for all God's people; for our Bishop; for this congregation; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

As we remember Jesus riding into the city defenseless and in triumph, I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations, and loving-kindness among all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

As we behold the body of Jesus being broken, I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry; for the isolated; for those who cry for justice; for those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

As we remember the crowd that greeted Jesus in joy and hope, I ask your prayers for all who long to trust in your kingdom.

Pray for those who seek to know God.

Silence

As we remember those who mocked and those who fled, I ask your prayers for those who fear their failures have estranged them from love.
Pray for those who carry guilt or shame.

Silence

As we see the incarnate One wound in cloth and laid in the tomb, I ask your prayers for the departed and for all who have entrusted their beloved dead to the Resurrection.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the special needs of this congregation.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ's Passion has received the witness of faith.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbors with the Peace of Christ.

Welcome & Offertory

Hymnal 168 *O sacred head, sore wounded*



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*The palms for today's procession are offered by Frank Jillson
in loving memory of Carla Jillson.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught we are bold to 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.

Hymn During Communion

Hymnal 313 Let thy blood in mercy poured

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand.

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.

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

Hymnal 474 When I survey the wondrous cross

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond

Thanks be to God.



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Parish Prayer List

Parishioners: Charlie Smith, Barbara Kautz, Suzanne Thompson, John Howe, Dick Santoro, Heidi, Sally Cocco, Susan Yorston, Chris Reveliotty, Larry Dow, the Kittel family, Sally Wood

Friends and Family: Cathy & Nancy; the Horrigan Family; Joseph Kittel and Kittel family; Todor Stefanov; Tasha Santoro; Brian Kautz; Beverly Hart; the family of Michael Major; Mark Osborn; the Brouker family, Dan Leroux, Tina Sagris, Steve Bennett, Larry Hershoff

In the Armed Forces: Ben Stevanov, Ben Smith, Andrew Smith, Garon Woods

Rest in Peace: Bob Goehrig, Frank DeSarro, Mike Cocco, Peter Blanchard, Lynn Dennis, Joseph Kittel, Charlie Smith, Michael Soule

If you would like to add someone to the Parish prayer list, or offer updates, contact Fr. Ryan or the Parish office

This Week

Monday Fr. Ryan's drop-in hours / 10-11:30am
Bible Study / 1:00pm
Easter Egg Assembly / 4:00pm
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Tuesday Rug Hookers / 10:00am
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Wednesday Book Group / 9:00am *online*
Knitting Circle / 5:30 - 7:00pm
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Thursday Rug Hookers / 10:00am
Healing Service / 10:00am
Liturgy of Maundy Thursday / 5:30pm
Compline / 8:30pm, *online*

Friday Liturgy of Good Friday / 5:30pm
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Saturday AA / 12:00pm
Service of Light / 7:30pm

Announcements

Easter Flowers

Help us celebrate the Resurrection with donations and dedications for lilies at Easter!

Please return the donation envelopes available at the church by Monday, April 14th.

Easter Egg Assembly

Monday April 14th at 4:00pm

Come help us stuff eggs for our Easter Hunt! Contributions of wrapped candy are appreciated.

Monday Bible Study

Every Monday afternoon at 1:00 at the church, we spend time with the Scripture passages we'll hear the following Sunday. Bring a Bible and we'll explore together!

The readings for next week are:

Isaiah 65:17-25

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

Holy Week and Easter at St. George's

The Great Three Days

Our tradition calls the time from the Thursday of Holy Week until Easter *The Great Three Days*, or the *Paschal Triduum*. What we do during these days gives ritual shape to the mystery of creation's deliverance through Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. In this single great liturgy, we are standing at the very heart of our faith.

Thursday, 4/17 at 5:30pm

**The Holy Eucharist of Maundy Thursday
with foot washing & stripping of the altar**

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus ate with the disciples and promised to be with us always in the Holy Eucharist. The Gospel of John also describes how, during this last supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave to them a new commandment: "Love one another. Just as I have loved you." Remembering his commandment and what he did, we wash one another's feet. And, remembering how Jesus went out into the night to face desolation in the garden and to be arrested, the last thing we do is strip the altar and the sanctuary bare.

Friday, 4/18 at 5:30pm

The Liturgy of Good Friday

This is the day of awe. We stand before the cross, before Jesus' death, before the reality of God's loving commitment to us, without looking away.

Saturday, 4/19 at 7:30pm

Service of Light for Easter Eve

"This is the night." That's what we declare in the ancient hymn called the Exultet, sung into the night at Easter. This is the night: not only long ago, but now, when the light of Resurrection breaks into the world. After the darkness of Good Friday, come to St. George's in the dark of Saturday evening when we will kindle a new flame, tell the long story of God's saving acts around the fire, and proclaim that Christ is risen.

Easter Sunday

at 10:30am

**Festival Holy Eucharist with Choir & Brass
Flowering of the Cross & Egg Hunt**

Join us after the service to celebrate with a reception and East egg hunt on the parish lawn! And, you can help us mark this Easter Day with a flowering of the cross in front of St. George's. In this tradition, a cross is covered with flowers, showing its transformation into a sign of hope, life, and God's victory over death. Bring flowers with you on Sunday morning to add to the cross!

Serving in Worship Today

Readers: Nancy Davison Mae Robinson
Melanie Kyer Linda Huls
Paul Kittel Fred Lynk
Bridgit Holzer Kate Ford
Davis Roberts

Sally Cocco
Gail Marshall

Intercessor: Bridgit Holzer

Ushers: Jeff Hart
Jan McManus

Chalice Bearers: Lucy Kilgore
Peggi Stallings Gregory

Altar Guild Marianne Lindquist
Gail Marshall



St. George's Parish Vestry

Kate Ford - Sr. Warden
Barbara Ryther - Jr. Warden
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Janie Sweeney
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