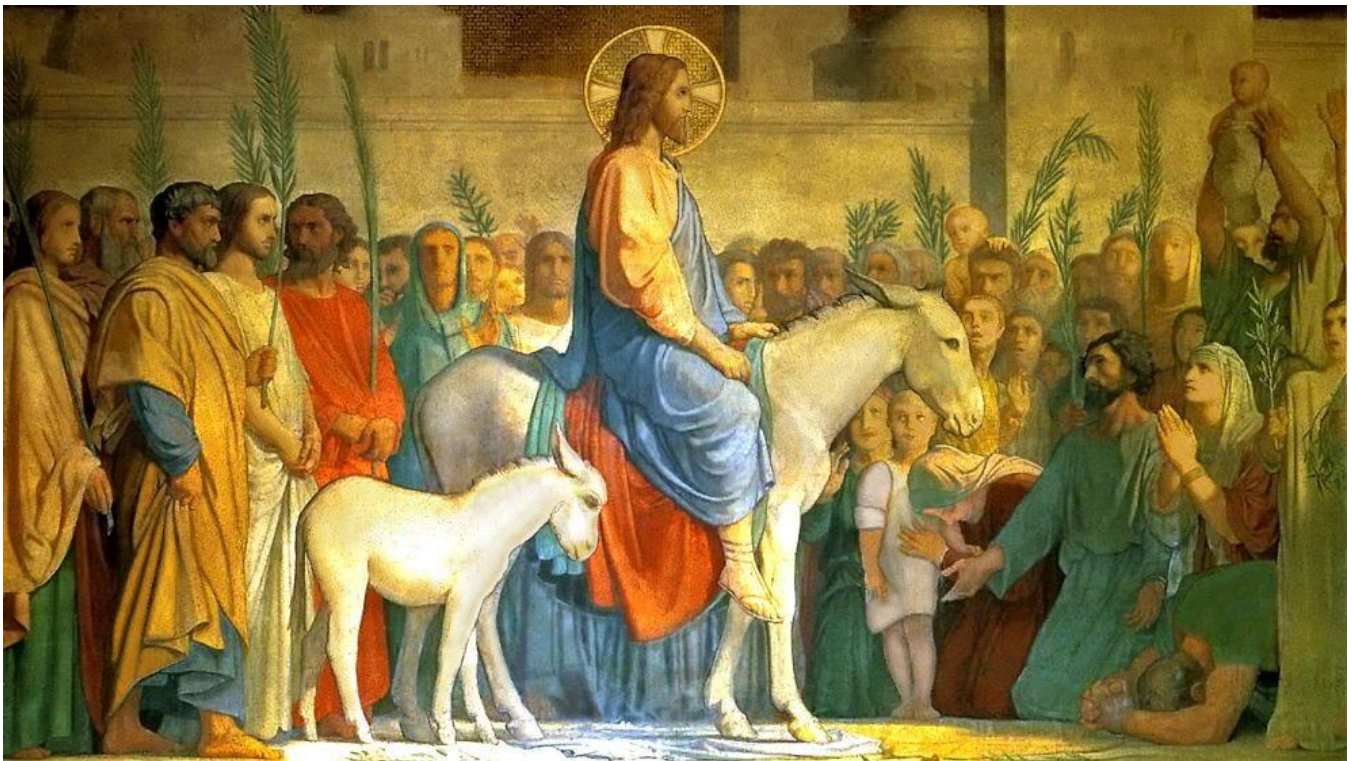




# Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion

April 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II



*Feeding the Hungry + Welcoming the Stranger + Being Transformed by God*

***Welcome to today's worship.***

*Thank you for joining us. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our visitor's card so we can get to know you. Use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. Activity bags and weekly handouts are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.*

***Palm Sunday and Holy Week***

*Today's liturgy marks the beginning of Holy Week. In this Palm Sunday service, we journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then rejected and crucified at Golgotha (or "Place of a Skull") outside the gates of the city. Today's reading of Christ's passion sets forth the central act of God's love for humankind, and through it we come to know the reality of God's saving action in our lives.*

## 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.***

### The Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

### The Blessing of the Palms

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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

*People* ***Hosanna in the highest!***

*Priest* Let us go forth in peace.

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

## The Procession

All glory, laud, and honor

Hymnal 154

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

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

## The Word of God

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

### The Children's Procession

*All preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children are invited to process out of the church as usual for Godly Play. Today, our Kids of the Kingdom friends (3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grade) can remain in the church for the reading of Christ's Passion and to watch this unique and dramatic service unfold.*

*Jesus loves you (sung by all)*

### A Reading from the New Testament

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.*

### The Psalm (sung by choir ensemble)

Psalm 31:9–16

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

*Anglican Chant Psalter #65, by James Turle*

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

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

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

*I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.  
I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.  
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.  
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.  
My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.  
Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."*

### **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Luke**

Luke 22:14–23:56

*Remain seated through "The Place of the Skull" (Golgotha).*

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint 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."

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: 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!"

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: And he said to him,  
PETER: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"  
NARRATOR: Jesus said,  
JESUS: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."  
NARRATOR: He said to them,  
JESUS: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"  
NARRATOR: They said,  
DISCIPLES: "No, not a thing."  
NARRATOR: 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."  
NARRATOR: They said,  
DISCIPLES: "Lord, look, here are two swords."  
NARRATOR: He replied,  
JESUS: "It is enough."  
NARRATOR: 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."  
NARRATOR: 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."  
NARRATOR: 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."  
NARRATOR: 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?"  
NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,  
DISCIPLES: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"  
NARRATOR: 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!"  
NARRATOR: 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!"

NARRATOR: 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 1: "This man also was with him."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "Woman, I do not know him."

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

ACCUSER 1: "You also are one of them."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I am not!"

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

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

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

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

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: 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,

CONGREGATION: *"If you are the Messiah, tell us."*

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

CONGREGATION: *"Are you, then, the Son of God?"*

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "You say that I am."

NARRATOR: Then they said,

CONGREGATION: *"What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"*

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

CONGREGATION: *"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."*

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

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

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

CONGREGATION: *"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."*

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

CONGREGATION: *"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"*

NARRATOR: (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,

CONGREGATION: *"Crucify, crucify him!"*

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: 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?"

*All stand.*

NARRATOR: 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. Then Jesus said,

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

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

CONGREGATION: "*He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!*"

NARRATOR: 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!"

NARRATOR: 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!"

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: Then he said,

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

NARRATOR: He replied,

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

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: 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.

*Please be seated.*

### **Meditation Hymn** (*seated*)

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended* (v. 1 solo, v. 2 choir, vv. 3–5 sung by all)

Hymnal 158

### **Prayers of the People** (*standing or kneeling*)

Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That Christians hear and share the word of God as true disciples, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That all the ends of the earth receive the words of the king of peace, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That all leaders, of church and of state, prefer humble service to empty power, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those who see the cross starkly revealed in their lives draw strength from the name above every other name, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again be ready and joyful, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant:* God our creator, you show your sons and daughters the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

### **Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

*Adoramus te Christe*

attr. G. P. da Palestrina

*Adoramus te Christe, et benedicimus tibi,  
Quia per sanctam crucem tuam, redemisti mundum  
Qui passus es pro nobis Domine, miserere nobis.*

*We adore you O Christ, and we bless you,  
Who by your Holy Cross, have redeemed the world  
You who suffered death for us Lord, have mercy on us.*

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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*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.***

## Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy (sung by all, two times)*

WLP 785



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

## The Lord's Prayer

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## The Breaking of the Bread

*We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.*

## Communion Hymns (sung by all)

*Go to dark Gethsemane* Hymnal 171  
*O sacred head, sore wounded* Hymnal 168  
*When I survey the wondrous cross* Hymnal 474

## Postcommunion Prayer (standing or kneeling)

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## Solemn Prayer

*Priest* Bow down before the Lord.  
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.***

## Choral Meditation

*Were You There* Traditional Spiritual, arr. Patrick Dupre Quigley

## Leave in Silence

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*Join us for fellowship after church. We will gather in the Parish Hall  
for Coffee & Conversation and to make palm crosses for Holy Week.*

*Our beautiful labyrinth, which is set up in the Chapel, is also open today after worship.  
It will remain available during church hours this week through Thursday.*

**Assisting Priest:** The Rev. Gus Chrysson. **Acolytes:** Molly Anderson, Lindy Taylor. **Readers:** Marcia Moore, Nancy Thornton. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Chalicians:** Stephen Inman, John Walton. **Ushers:** Mitzi Bond, Charles Kappauf, Laurinda Stokes, Craig Taylor. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Anne Jones, Stephen Martin. **Altar Guild Members:** Pat Baker, Nancy Bishop, Susan Brannan, Dottie Clark, Mary V. Compton, Carolyn Hackett, Anne Jones, Shelley Kappauf, Nancy Kimbrough, Barbara Lawless, Sandy O'Briant, Betty Self, Laurinda Stokes, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters. **Livestream Team:** Jorge Chaires, Sandy Shelton.

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### We Pray For

#### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of England

*The Mother Church. England and Anglican—sharing the same root. English Christians trace back to Roman Britain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, but the Church of England usually points to 597 as the beginning of its Christian history, when Augustine came as a missionary from Rome and was named the first Archbishop of Canterbury. Celtic Christianity, making its way from Ireland to Iona and downward into England, predated Augustine. But the Roman tradition prevailed over the Celtic, and when the Reformation reached England in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Church in England was essentially Roman Catholic. The transition from the Church in England to the established Church of England, separated from Rome, was anything but smooth; Queen Mary, e.g., had Thomas Cranmer, Henry VIII's Archbishop of Canterbury, burned at the stake in 1556. (He was martyred in Oxford on March 21<sup>st</sup>, which is his feast day in England; our feast day is October 16<sup>th</sup>.) However messy it was, the struggles of the English Reformation have left us all with breadth in theology and beauty in liturgy (thanks largely to Cranmer for much of that). And, we are left with a worldwide Communion which, despite our rich diversity, remains bound together by a shared heritage.*

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Andrew's, St. Barnabas', and St. Francis', all of Greensboro

**Special concerns:** Western North Carolina and all those impacted by natural disasters, including wildfires and hurricanes

**Those on our parish prayer list:** Norma Bullock; Traci and Erik; Charles Claunch; Jeff Cummer; David McGraw; Betty Atwell; Mack Baker; Lauren; Downs Brown, Jr.; Martha and Jim Kaley; Nancy O'Donnell; Tina Sink Gangi; Heather; Victoria; Johnetta Shablack; Pauline Tatum; Jim Tatum; Pia; Henry, Arwyn, and Christine Davis-Potter; Linda Heller; Katelyn Flowers; Jeannie Phillips; James; Madeline Colavito; Hilary Towle; Charlotte Lloyd; Sarah Sellers; Jack; Mary Rose; Sue Keith; Anne Franklin and family; Myra Stephens; Marilyn McManis; Rhonda Weaver; Amanda Avery; Maria Alicia Huarcaya Hermoza and Kathy Hinshaw; Daniel; Terry Meyer; Betsy Murray; Earnest Graham; Derek; Fred Johnson; E. MacKenzie; Carolyn Ritchie; Pam Haynes; Paula Boothby; Kelly Jordan; Glenna Ohaver; Susan Seaton; Sam Doyle; Karl Towle

**Those serving in our military:** Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Michael McNeil, Jordan Payne, Catharyn Nosek

**Birthdays:** Jesse Carrico, Shane Carrico, Melissa Fleming, Judy Gaskins, Clo Goring, Bill Hill, Collin Obimma, Becca Redding

**Anniversaries:** Dawn & Stephen Martin, Steve & Susan Gallimore

*Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye at [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org) or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Names remain on our parish prayer list for six weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please let Susan know. Please also email Susan with birthdays or anniversaries for the bulletin.*

## Announcements

### **Join Our Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Meeting this Week – April 14**

All women of the church are invited to the April meeting of the St. Agatha and St. Mary ECW Chapter of St. Andrew's, tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The program, led by Shelley Kappauf, will be about Walking the Labyrinth, and will be followed by the opportunity to experience our church labyrinth, painted by Karen Spencer, which is available in the Chapel through Maundy Thursday. There will also be options for folks with limited mobility to participate in using a labyrinth. Contact Cheri Courtright at 336-706-0911 for more information.

### **Easter is Almost Here, with Special Plans for Children and an Egg Hiding Mission for Youth**

If you've spent time in the Godly Play room on Sundays, you know that we are approaching the end of the purple days in the circle of the church year, which means that Easter is almost here! We can't wait to celebrate the risen Lord with our families and friends on Easter Sunday, April 20. Our Nursery will be open, as usual, for our youngest children. Godly Play friends are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire service with special busy bags full of stickers, bells to ring, and other activities available at the church entrance. We will have an egg hunt immediately after church on Easter Sunday and a festive coffee hour too. *EYC, put your egg hiding skills to the test with us on Easter morning. We'll gather before church at 9:40 to hide 250 eggs for the little ones to find.*

### **Sign up for a Guided Tour of the Civil Rights Center and Museum – May 3**

On Saturday, May 3, we have the wonderful opportunity to take a private, guided tour of the International Civil Rights Center & Museum (ICRCM) in downtown Greensboro. The ICRCM commemorates the brave and visionary advocacy of full citizenship and social justice. The cost of the tour is \$15 per student and \$20 per adult. All are welcome to attend. Scholarships are available—just email [martha@standrewsgso.org](mailto:martha@standrewsgso.org) if you need one. We do need a headcount as soon as possible, so please check your calendars and sign up soon. The tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. and last around 75 minutes, and we'll caravan back to the church for lunch and discussion to follow. *Look for the signup link in our Weekly eNews.*

### **For Families: Let's Learn About Communion! – Starting April 27**

This spring, we will have a three-week Communion Celebration for all interested pre-K through 5th graders. Head to the Godly Play Room after church on Sunday, April 27, for a special story about World Communion, and stay in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 4, for time with Mother Ginny and to tour the Sacristy, where the Altar Guild makes it possible for us to share in the Sacrament of Communion each week. We'll take a break for Mother's Day, May 11. Then on May 18, we will all sit together at the front of the church and will take Communion together as a group. Please email [martha@standrewsgso.org](mailto:martha@standrewsgso.org) to let us know you'll be there!

### **The Corner Market & Celebrating Creation – April 27, Right after Worship (Parish Hall)**

Join your fellow parishioners in celebrating Earth Day as we welcome Kathy Newsom, director of The Corner Farmers Market, which pops up each Saturday in our Kensington Rd. parking lot. Kathy will share about the important connections among the mission of the Corner Market, our environmental challenges, the health and well-being of our community, and our biblical call to be stewards of our earth. We'll also get to hear about the many vendors at the market and the diverse products they offer for sale, as well as the delight of meeting friends and neighbors for Saturday morning fellowship. Kathy will join us in the Parish Hall right after worship on Sunday, April 27—we hope you will, too!

### **Thank You for Your Generous Support**

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# LIVING HOPE



## *Holy Week and Easter*

### **Holy Week: Walk the Labyrinth**

*Today through April 17 (Chapel)*

*Walking the labyrinth is an ancient form of reflection or silent prayer and is often used as a practice for healing and growth in God. Many see it as a metaphor for our spiritual journey. Our beautiful portable labyrinth, created by Karen Spencer, is now set up in our Chapel and will be available through Maundy Thursday, April 17. You may use it any time the church is open, including after worship today. Parish Office hours are Tuesday—Thursday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Printed information about walking the labyrinth will be available in the Chapel.*

### **Holy Wednesday: The Way of the Cross (Guided)**

*April 16, 12 p.m. (Sanctuary)*

*On Wednesday of Holy Week, join us in the Sanctuary to walk The Way of the Cross. This session will be guided by Rev. Ginny, beginning at 12 p.m.*

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

*April 17, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)*

*Join us for our Maundy Thursday Service, in which we commemorate Jesus' servanthood in the washing of feet and the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. The word Maundy comes from the Latin *mandatum novum* or the new commandment. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 3:34) This liturgy is filled with conflicting images. There is the joy of Communion, celebrated with all its splendor, but there is also deep sadness expressed in the stripping of the altar as we prepare the church for Good Friday, for the agony in the garden, and the arrest and betrayal of Jesus.*

### **Good Friday Service**

*April 18, 12 p.m. (Chapel)*

*On this most solemn fast day of the church year, we gather to remember Christ's suffering and death on the cross. In preparation for Good Friday services, all decorations have been removed. The inexorable truth of Good Friday is that death precedes resurrection. Join us in the Chapel at noon.*

### **Good Friday: The Way of the Cross (Self-Guided)**

*April 18, 12–3 p.m. (Sanctuary)*

*In addition to our service at noon in the Chapel, you are invited to prayer, meditation, and walking The Way of the Cross (self-guided) in our Sanctuary on Good Friday, 12–3 p.m.*

### **Easter Sunday Service**

*April 20, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary)*

*Arrive early for the flowering of the cross and brass and organ prelude music.*

*Stay for an Easter Egg Hunt for Children and a Festive Reception for All!*

*On Easter Sunday we will welcome all to celebrate the risen Christ with joy. A brass and organ prelude will be offered in the 10 minutes before worship. You are invited to bring flowers to add to the cross outside and bells to ring. Nursery care will be provided. Our school-age children will stay in church for this special day of worship. We will have bags for them to decorate, butterflies for them to color, bells to ring each time we hear the word "Alleluia," and other fun ways for children to participate in the service. Join us afterward for an Easter Egg Hunt and a Festive Coffee Hour.*

## **Palm Sunday**

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,  
The seething holy city of my heart,  
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?  
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;  
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,  
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find  
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing  
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind  
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;  
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,  
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,  
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness  
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come  
Break my resistance and make me your home.

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