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WORSHIP BULLETIN:
APRIL 13, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 AM
Prayer A

Palm Sunday

ENTRANCE:

The congregation gathers outside, so that all may go into the church in procession together.

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.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:28-40

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."

BLESSING OF THE PALMS: BCP p. 271

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

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.**

THE PROCESSION**BCP p. 271***During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.*

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.**ENTRANCE HYMN:***People enter the church together, if they're able to do so.**The following is sung.***Pave the Way with Branches (Hesla)****COLLECT OF THE DAY:****BCP p. 357***Remain seated.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TRISAGION:*The following is sung, all standing.**This will be sung 3 times.***Composed by: Cameron DePalma**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord have mercy.

FIRST READING:**Isaiah 50:4-9a***The people sit.*

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 awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not

turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.*Silence may follow.***PSALM:****Psalm 31:9-16***Remain seated.*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, 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 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."

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

The people sit.

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.

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung, all standing.

Congregation chants:

(LEVAS 218) Veni Sancte Spiritus

Veni, Sancte, Spiritus

THE PASSION GOSPEL: Luke 22:14—23:56

The Passion Gospel may be read or chanted by lay persons. Specific roles may be assigned to different persons, the congregation taking the part of the crowd.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Beth Gaines

THE CREED:

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All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: BCP p.361

All remain standing.

CONFESSION OF SIN:**BCP p.359***The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept**Minister and People***Most merciful God,**

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE:**BCP p.360***The Peace is now exchanged*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Holy Week Schedule

* Overnight Vigil Sign-up - Parish Hall

* Weds. Eucharist & Bible Study Cancelled 4/16 & 4/23

* Community Meal Sharpening Fundraiser 4/26

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION**OFFERTORY SENTENCE: BCP p.376****OFFERTORY HYMN:***The following is sung.***(Gather 415) O Sacred Head Surrounded**

Verse 1: O sacred Head surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
Reviled and put to scorn!
The pow'r of death comes o'er you,
The glow of life decays,
Yet angel hosts adore you
And tremble as they gaze.

Verse 2: I see your strength and vigor
All fading in the strife,
And death with cruel rigor,
Bereaving you of life;
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesus, all grace supplying,
O turn your face on me.

Verse 3: In this, your bitter passion,
Good Shepherd, think of me
With your most sweet compassion,
Unworthy though I be:
Beneath your cross abiding
For ever would I rest,
In your dear love confiding,
And with your presence blest.

SURSUM CORDA:**BCP p.361***The People remain standing.*

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.**PROPER PREFACE:****BCP p.361***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...

...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:*Celebrant and People***Composed by: Cameron DePalma****Chorus:**

Holy holy holy

Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and Earth are full of your praises

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest

BCP p. 362*The People stand or kneel.**The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People***Christ has died.****Christ is risen.****Christ will come again****BCP p. 363***The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.****THE LORD'S PRAYER: (BCP p.363)**

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

*People and Celebrant***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, forever and ever. Amen.****THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Celebrant and People

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Refrain:

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(Gather 328) My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain: For you, O lord, my soul in stillness waits. Truly my hope is in you.

Verse 1: O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you. Come light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

Verse 2: O spring of joy, rain down upon our spirits. Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your word. Come, make us whole; be comfort to our hearts.

Verse 3: O root of life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent draw us all to you, our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

Verse 4: O key of knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage, We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain. Open to us the pathway of your peace.

Verse 5: Come, let us bow before the God who made us. Let every heart be opened to the Lord, for we are all the people of his hand.

Verse 6: Here we shall meet the makers of the heavens, creator of the mountains and the seas, Lord of the stars and present to us now.

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COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(LEVAS 37) Were You There?

Verse 1: Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
O sometimes it causes me to tremble
tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Verse 2: Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
O sometimes it causes me to tremble
tremble tremble
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree

Verse 3: Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
O sometimes it causes me to tremble
tremble tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb

Verse 4: Were you there when He rose up from the grave
Were you there when He rose up from the grave
O sometimes it causes me to tremble
tremble tremble
Were you there when He rose up from the grave

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Verse 1: There are loved ones in the glory
Whose dear forms you often miss
When you close your earthly story
Will you join them in their bliss

Refrain: Will the circle be unbroken
By and by by and by
In a better home awaiting in the sky
In the sky

Verse 2: In the joyous days of childhood
Oft they told of wondrous love
Pointed to the dying Savior
Now they dwell with Him above
(Refrain)

Verse 3: You can picture happy gatherings
Round the fireside long ago
And you think of tearful partings
When they left you here below
(Refrain)

Verse 4: One by one their seats were
emptied
One by one they went away
Here the circle has been broken
Will it be complete one day
(Refrain)

Verse 5: In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore

Ending: Will the circle be unbroken by and
by by and by
In a better home awaiting in the sky
In the sky
In a better home awaiting in the sky
In the sky in the sky
(Sky way up in the sky)

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DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- * Holy Week Schedule
- * Overnight Vigil Sign-up - Parish Hall
- * Weds. Eucharist & Bible Study Canceled 4/16 & 4/23
- * Community Meal Sharpening Fundraiser 4/26

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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
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Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann, U.S. Army
Airman Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force
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Staff SGT Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force
Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4/13 Deb Mulholand
4/13 Mark Park
4/16 Joe & Michelle Ellett
4/18 Louis & Debbie Borst

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Beth Gaines	
Deacon	The Rev. Beth Gaines	

	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch	Cameron De Palma
Lector	Susan Owen	Robin Silver
Intercessor	Charlie Kilbourne	Marjorie Lowry
LEM	Charlie & Dale Kilbourne	TBD
Healing Prayers	MaryFrances Kelly-Poh	
Ushers	Mark & Jeanne Brown	Debbie Borst & Steve Rodekohr
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown & Robin Silver	
Flower Guild	Palm Fronds - Fred & Mittie Railsback	
Office Angels	Jeanne Brown & Debbie Varson	
Verger	Fred Railsback	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector
The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon
The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate Priest
The Rev. Pamela Higgins, Associate Priest
The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

Dr. Matthew Welch, Traditional Music Director
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VESTRY:

Lisa Pena, Senior Warden
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Jill Morris, Ann Lindsay, Donna Marshall, Gerri MacGregor, Jim Peterson, Robert Vallejos, Kathryn Gojack

Passion Readers: Palm Sunday

- Jim Brown
- Marjorie Lowry
- Jim Wolf
- Steve Rodekohr



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CALENDAR

Palm Sunday

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion - Meet Outside
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion - Meet Outside
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 4/14

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 4/15

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 7 pm Vestry Meeting (U)

WEDNESDAY: 4/16

7am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10 am +Communion -
 Cancelled
 11 am Bible Study (P) -
 Cancelled
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 4/17

7am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee w/
 Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 7 pm +Holy Eucharist
 8 pm +Overnight Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY: 4/18

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 12 pm +Proper Liturgy -
 Stations of the Cross
 7 pm +Proper Liturgy
 7 pm NA Meeting (P)

EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY: 4/19

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 7 am Men's Meeting (R)
 4 pm Children's Vigil /
 Potluck (P)
 7 pm +Vigil w/ Eucharist

Easter Sunday

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion - Baptism -
 Resurrection Egg Hunt to follow
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



KEY

+ = CHURCH
P = PARISH HALL
U = UNDERCROFT
R = RECTORY
K = KITCHEN