



**WORSHIP BULLETIN:**  
**APRIL 13, 2025**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**8:45 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:**

*The following is sung.*

*Please refer to the leaflet attached*

**(H 154) All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: God's mercy endures for ever**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY: BCP p. 355**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

**TRISAGION:**

*The following is sung.*

*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(S 102) Holy God**

**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.**

**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.* 126

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.*

*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(S 158) O Lamb of God**

**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:****BCP p. 358***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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***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***All stand.*

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.*

**When Jesus Wept (Billings)**

**Refrain:**

When Jesus wept, the falling tear  
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear  
Seized all the guilty world around.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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*

*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(S 124) Holy, Holy, Holy**

**BCP p. 362**

*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.**

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*The Celebrant continues*

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

...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

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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

### AGNUS DEI:

*The following is sung.*

*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(S 163) Lamb of God**

### 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.*

*Please refer to your hymnal.*

**(H 458) My Song is Love Unknown (Love  
Unknown)**

### COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

**(Gather 686) Jesus Christ, Son of God**

Jesus Christ, Son of God, make yourself  
known through me.

## 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.*

*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(H 493) O For a Thousand Tongues to  
Sing**

## 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

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



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

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.  
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## WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert  
Virginia & Gary Cady  
Mark Park  
Judith Mooney  
Lolli Hilton  
John M.  
Tom Aldinger  
Manuel Pena

## 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  
SFC Mike Moverley, 1st  
Battalion 143rd Field  
Artillery, U.S. Army  
Warrant Officer  
Brandon Niemann,  
U.S. Army  
Airman  
Andrew Severa, U.S.  
Air Force  
SA Michelle Severa,  
PA, Air National Guard  
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:

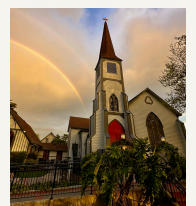
Dr. Matthew Welch, Traditional Music Director  
Cameron De Palma, Contemporary Music Director  
Eric Foster, Communications Director  
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator  
Tim Markley, Archivist

### VESTRY:

Lisa Pena, Senior Warden  
Ed Curtis, Junior Warden  
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)



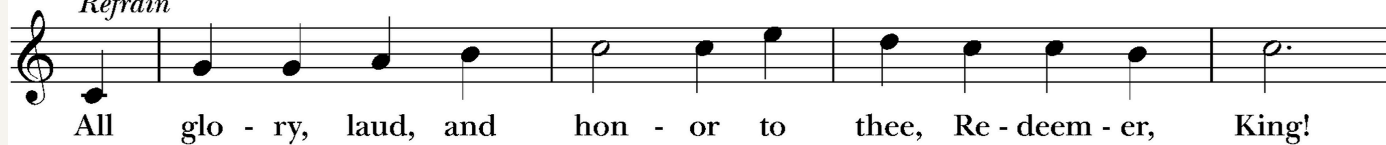
### KEY

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



# (H 493) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

## *Refrain*



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.*