

# THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024 11:00am

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Fanfare in D major

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# THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 270

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 SUNDAY LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING BCP, p.271

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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.** 

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

# THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN • 154 All glory, laud, and honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Repeated as necessary for the procession.



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 • 156 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

THE KING'S MAJESTY

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 168

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** 

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, has sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

THE 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.

PSALM 31:9–16 Tone VII.3

Chanted by the choir.

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \* my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \* my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
  - a dismay to those of my acquaintance;  $^{\star}$
  - when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \* I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 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.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \* I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me."

Please stand, as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN • 168, vv. 1-3 O sacred head, sore wounded

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

Please be seated. The customary responses before and after the gospel are omitted.

# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

CHIEF PRIEST "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

DISCIPLE "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor."

NARRATOR And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

NARRATOR Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

DISCIPLE "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them

JESUS "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

NARRATOR So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

NARRATOR They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLE "Surely, not I?"

NARRATOR He said to them,

JESUS "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

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

JESUS "Take; this is my body."

NARRATOR Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

JESUS "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'
But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

NARRATOR Peter said to him,

PETER "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

NARRATOR Jesus said to him,

JESUS "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR But he said vehemently,

PETER "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS "Sit here while I pray."

NARRATOR He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them,

JESUS "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

NARRATOR And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

JESUS "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

NARRATOR He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them.

JESUS "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him, and lead him away under guard."

NARRATOR So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

JUDAS "Rabbi!"

NARRATOR And kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day, I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

NARRATOR All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

ACCUSER "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days, I will build another, not made with hands."

NARRATOR But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

HIGH PRIEST "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

NARRATOR Jesus said,

JESUS "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven."

NARRATOR Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

CHIEF PRIEST "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

NARRATOR All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

ACCUSER "Prophesy!"

NARRATOR The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

SERVANT GIRL "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

NARRATOR But he denied it, saying,

PETER "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

NARRATOR And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL "This man is one of them."

NARRATOR But again he denied it. Then after a little while, the bystanders again said to Peter,

BYSTANDER "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

NARRATOR But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER "I do not know this man you are talking about."

NARRATOR At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

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

NARRATOR And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR He answered him,

JESUS "You say so."

NARRATOR Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

PILATE "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival, he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR They shouted back,

# CROWD (congregation) "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR Pilate asked them

PILATE "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR But they shouted all the more,

# CROWD (congregation) "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

SOLDIER "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

NARRATOR They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

Please stand, as you are able.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDER "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

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

HIGH PRIEST "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

NARRATOR Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was Noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock, Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR which means,

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

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

BYSTANDER "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

BYSTANDER "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

NARRATOR Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Silence.

NARRATOR And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Joe Ananias

# THE NICENE CREED

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.

Please kneel, as you are able.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy:

# Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and John, our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord, in thy mercy:

# Hear our prayer.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in thy mercy:

# Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our president; Bill, our governor; and Freddie, our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray especially for those affected by the violence and suffering in Israel, the Middle East, and Ukraine. Lord, in thy mercy:

# Hear our prayer.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord, in thy mercy:

# Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Reba Barker, Sandy Berry, Ann Huddleston Brothers, Lucius Burch, Anna Kate Craig, Evans Clements, Bill Davis, Ruth Garrett, Livi Grasman, Ed Holt, Patricia Jones, Ronald Mallek, Susan Narramore, Ruthie Russell, Acra Samuels, Trish Thomas, Mike Waller, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We especially offer up our prayers for the community's continued healing during the anniversary of the Covenant School tragedy. Lord, in thy mercy:

# Hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Jesse Van Volkenburgh and Ruth Cate, wife of Chuck White, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord, in thy mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The celebrant prays the concluding Collect and the people respond Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP, p. 330

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION BCP, p. 332

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE BCP, p. 332

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

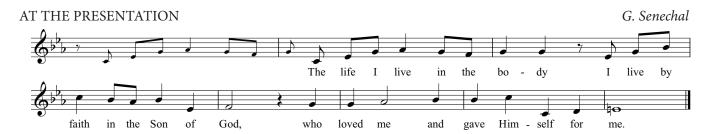
# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated. The congregation sings the Offertory Hymn while remaining seated.

THE OFFERTORY

OFERTORY HYMN • 158 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

HERZLIEBSTER JESU



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP, p. 340

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, 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 THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP, p. 337

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

LAMB OF GOD BCP, p. 337

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- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Notes on Receiving Communion All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If desired, you may intinct (dip) your wafer at the altar rail or have the LEM intinct it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.

After receiving communion, a Prayer Minister will be available in the front right corner of the Nave to pray with you for intercessions, thanksgivings, or other petitions.

# MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

Solus ad Victimam

Kenneth Leighton St. George's Choir & Choristers

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, Giving thyself to death whom thou hast slain. For us thy wretched folk is any word Who know that for our sins this is thy pain? This is the night of tears, the three days' space, Sorrow abiding of the eventide, Until the day break with the risen Christ, And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.

For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds By must thou suffer torture for our sin? Let our hearts suffer in thy passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win. So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be; Heavy with weeping may the three days pass, To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Please kneel, as you are able.

# POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

CLOSING HYMN • 474 When I survey the wondrous cross

ROCKINGHAM

Please kneel, as you are able.

# THE BLESSING

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, we may be upheld by your divine providence, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Please stand, as you are able.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY From deepest woe I cry to thee, BWV 686

J.S. Bach

# THE PASSION PLAY

Laura Duffett Matt Shrimpf
Richard Kennelly Amy Skillicorn
Martin Lammers Anderson Walker
Olivia Orttman James Zainalden

# **WORSHIP NOTES**

Clergy The Rev. Colin Ambrose, celebrant; the Rev. Joe Ananias, preacher; the Rev. Margery Kennelly; and the Rev. Roger Senechal Verger Bob Van Cleave

Acolytes Anderson Walker, Alice Anne St. Pierre, and Lyle Hinds

Lector Whitney St. Pierre

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Mickey Long, Jamie Cheek, Dave Harms, and Tameron Hedge

Ushers Dave Alexander, Matt Joseph, Brandon Jackson, and Nip Trabue

Greeters Linda Moore, Claudette Smith, and John Witherspoon

The palms on the altar in the Nave this week are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Noah E. Fehl by the Lucy Chan family.

The aumbry candle in the Nave this week is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hudson Goodyear Walker by Shawn Curley.

The aumbry candle in the Jane Tompkins Weeks Chapel is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Hackney Livengood by Mary Jo, Steve, Madison, and Bill Shankle.

# MUSIC NOTE

Today's Choral Eucharist setting is Office of the Holy Communion, Collegium Regale by Herbert Howells.

Over the course of this Lenten season, our choir has shared five different Choral Eucharist settings during worship. For the final setting of the season, we return to *Collegium Regale* by Herbert Howells (1892-1983), which was originally written for King's College, Cambridge in 1956. Our communion anthem, *Solus ad Victimam [The Only Victim]*, features a text from the 12th century with music written by contemporary English composer Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988). This composition is a beautiful marriage between an ancient text and modern musical language. The music contains frequent dissonances to depict its solemn text. Yet, it builds up to a beautiful and triumphant ending: striking dissonant chords from the organ end on a bright E major chord. Additinally, a great melisma (where one syllable is sung using multiple notes) emphasizes the word "laughter" in the final hope-filled stanza.

# ART NOTE

Cover: Jesus on the Road to Jerusalem (2017) by Ted Jones (b. 1938). Acrylic on fiberboard. 96 x 48 inches.

Jesus on the Road to Jerusalem by American artist Ted Jones features his signature graphic style of curvaceous lines, bold figurative elements, rich detail, and an expert use of negative space. Jones is a printmaker, painter, sculptor, and photographer. Early in his career, he focused on the everyday life of the African American community, but more recently, his pieces deal with religious themes. In his latest works, he reinterprets and modernizes iconic religious scenes from the Old and New Testament.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:* 

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Church of the Province of West Africa.

In the Episcopal Church, we pray for Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for our Bishop, John Bauerschmidt, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Johnsonville.

In our community, we pray for Covenant Presbyterian Church.

In our parish, we pray for the Altar and Flower Guilds; our Nashville Fellows, Alex, Derek, Laura, and Olivia; and our Organ Intern, Abe.



**Final Room in the Inn of the Season** Our winter shelter runs for the last time this season on Tuesday, March 26. There are several opportunities left to provide food for our guests. Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/riti to learn more and volunteer for our final men's shelter.

**Prayer Service for Covenant Anniversary** On the anniversary of last year's tragic events at The Covenant School, we will gather for a brief service of prayer and music. Join us in the Chapel on Wednesday, March 27, at 11:00am as we pray for the continued healing of the Covenant community.

Stations of the Cross There are multiple ways to walk the stations of the cross this Holy Week. Pick up a copy of the "Way of the Cross" booklet in the church narthex to prayerfully walk through the passion using the stations in the Nave during office hours. Or visit Hampton Hall to find child-friendly stations with age-appropriate prayers and tangible reminders of each. Visit during office hours from Friday, March 22, through Good Friday, March 29, at 3:00pm.

Holy Week Prayer Vigil On Maundy Thursday, March 28, we keep vigil to commemorate the disciples being asked to watch and pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before he was crucified. You're invited to pray anytime overnight in the Chapel, beginning after the Maundy Thursday service. A schedule is posted near the Chapel.

Our Little Roses Summer Mission As you begin to plan your summers, we have a great opportunity for our families. For 30 years, St George's has taken a large group to serve at Our Little Roses in Honduras. Our Little Roses is a ministry created to support Honduran girls and break the cycle of poverty through housing, education, and more. This is a great way for families to spend time together while serving side-by-side. This trip is open for anyone to attend, but we're especially encouraging families to join us June 16-24. Visit stgeorgesnashville. org/ourlittleroses for details.

**4-5-6 Club S'mores & Games** Students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades will spend the afternoon making s'mores and playing outdoor games at the home of the Agnews. Sign up at stgeorgenashville.org/children to join us for a fun day with friends on Sunday, April 7, from 2:00-4:00pm.

**Coffee and Conversation** Join us in the Gathering Space on Thursday, April 11, from 9:00-10:30am to enjoy conversation without any agenda. Sweet treats and coffee provided. No reservations, just join us!

Nashville Fellows Salt & Light Breakfast For 11 years, the Nashville Fellows has been forming recent college graduates to excel vocationally, grow theologically, serve purposefully, and lead authentically in their relationships, churches, and community. Please join us at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 11, for the Nashville Fellows Program's annual fundraising event, the Salt and Light breakfast from 7:30-9:00am. Reserve your place for this annual celebration at thenashvillefellows.com/events.

Church in the Yard We're always looking for volunteers for our ongoing partnership with Church in the Yard on the second Sunday of the month. Volunteers are downtown today sharing a meal and worship with those in need. Volunteers are needed to prepare food Saturday, April 13, and/or to set up worship and serve the meal on Sunday, April 14, at Church of the Holy Trinity (615 6th Ave. S). Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach.

Senior Appreciation Sunday It's a new tradition at St. George's to honor our thriving senior adult ministry and the many gifts they bring to this community of faith. Join us on Sunday, April 14, for a morning celebrating the seniors in our midst with a reception at 10:05am in the Jones Rotunda and Bradford Gallery.

**Choral Evensong** Please join us on Sunday, April 14, at 5:00pm in the Nave for a contemplative service of choral music and chant led by St. George's Choir. Stay after the service for a reception with members of the choir.

Special Parenting Event Guest speaker David Zahl will engage parents with his talk "The Religion of Parenting: The Search for Enoughness and the Relief of Grace" on Tuesday, April 16. David is Director of Mockingbird Ministries, an organization devoted to connecting the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life. As we gather around this timely topic, he will invite us to consider the unlikely keys to a gracious view of ourselves and others. Hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at 5:30pm will precede the discussion at 6:00pm. Registration is encouraged for this free event, which is co-sponsored by St. George's Church and Kindergarten. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/parenting.

**Breaking Bread** Please join us for food and fellowship in Hampton Hall on Wednesday, April 17, at 6:00pm. RSVP at 615-385- 2150 x 262 or reserve@stgeorgesnashville. org. Suggested donation \$8. Proceeds benefit the Choristers of St. George's.

Women's Event for St. George's Feast Day In honor of our patron saint, the women of St. George's are invited

to special evening with dinner, joyful fellowship, and a special guest speaker. The event on Sunday, April 21, at 5:30pm will be hosted by the men of the church as they coordinate all the details to provide a special evening. We'll hear from Sherrie Moore, coined "the most interesting woman in whiskey." Drawing inspiration from Psalm 78:72, which speaks of guiding with integrity and skill, Sherrie has forged a remarkable path of leadership and servanthood in an industry not traditionally known for Christian values or raising up women leaders. We encourage you to register with a friend for this relaxing and inspiring evening together as women of the church. Register at stgeorgesnashville.org/news.

**Mission Day** Save the date for Saturday, April 27, when St. George's will come together for a morning of service in our community. Registration is coming soon with meaningful ways to help our partners in Nashville, including a new opportunity with Siloam Health sorting the medical supplies recently donated through our Lenten drive. Registration will be posted soon at stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach.

**Hymn Festival: Together We Sing!** Last year, the *In* Excelsis series began with a triumphant Hymn Festival as the opening program for our organ dedication series. We continue the celebration of our beautiful and thrilling Episcopal hymns as the Choir & Choristers of St. George's lead the congregation in joyful singing on Sunday, April 28, at 6:00pm. Join us!

Marriage Retreat: Relax & Reconnect If you would tell a friend that your marriage is "fine," then this refreshing weekend away is for you. We invite you and your spouse to join us at Paris Landing State Park June 13-15. There will be time for private discussion as a couple paired with teaching from licensed clinical pastoral counselor Chris O'Rear, who will provide us with helpful tools to strengthen our relationships and address obstacles that may keep us from better communication and intimacy. Invest in your marriage and make your reservation by Friday, April 26, at stgeorgesnashville.org/news — space is limited.

Walk in Love This contemplative stroll with friends is back for the season. Women are invited to meet us every Thursday at 9:15am at Edwin Warner Nature Center (7311 Hwy 100, Nashville), rain or shine. We will share a moment of Scripture and reflection, then walk for about 45 minutes on paved roads—strollers welcome!

St. George's Bookstore Spring has arrived at St. George's Bookstore. Send your loved ones a springtime treat or fill your Easter baskets with goodies. Proceeds from our store are donated to outreach, so you can shop knowing that your gift will keep on giving.

St. George's Farmers Market Farmers market season is almost here, and St. George's is actively recruiting new vendors of fruit, veggies, meat, eggs, flowers, and more. If you know a vendor we should invite, please contact Agatha Nolen at agatha.nolen@stgeorgesnashville.org to have an application sent to them. Mark your calendar for opening day on Thursday, May 2, and shop during our newly expanded hours from 3:30-6:30pm.

Wellness As our bodies age, we can proactively engage in practices that build strength, flexibility, balance, cognition, and overall wellness. Mary Gilliam leads several classes for all ages and abilities. Each week, she offers tai chi, gentle yoga, yoga flow, and seated exercise. Classes are free or for a \$5 donation. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/wellness.



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our community by offering worship services, discipleship opportunities, and mission work. We could not do this work without you. Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/give or scan the QR code to donate online.

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then open the AudioFetch app to start listening.

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30, 8:45, and 11:00am: Holy Eucharist

9:00am: The Table

5:00pm: Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL) 7:00am Monday - Saturday | Daily Worship 10:00am Wednesday | Healing Prayer

