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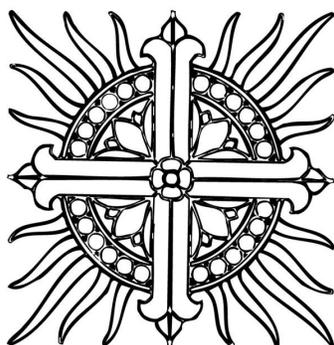
Mobile, Alabama

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026



The Liturgy of the Palms and
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Ten o'clock in the morning



About this Service

Palm Sunday has been celebrated by Christians since at least the fourth century. It marks the transition from our Lenten period of preparation into Holy Week. The concept of that transition defines this service: we begin with a festive remembrance of Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem—a parade of welcome when people lined the road ahead of him with cloth and palm branches. Our service begins in the courtyard with the Liturgy of the Palms. At the Gospel, the story of the Passion is read; we are asked to consider where Jesus' path will finally lead: to his arrest, conviction, and death on the cross. The congregation is invited to join the narrative by reading the parts in bold. The Episcopal tradition moves through the story of Easter slowly and deliberately. Holy Week culminates in what we call the Triduum: a three-part service that arcs from Maundy Thursday through Good Friday and, finally, into the surpassing joy of Easter.

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in *The Book of Common Prayer*. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982*. Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the alms basin so that we can know you better. A nursery is available.

A gentle reminder: please turn off all electronic devices before the service. Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Welcome

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral for our Palm Sunday worship. We begin this morning in the garden with the Liturgy of the Palms. We will continue with The Liturgy of the Word once our procession arrives in the Church. Our children are gathered for their procession near the garden porch. They will process to Children's Chapel and Sunday School from the Church. They will return to join us at the time of the peace.

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. BCP 270

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 Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

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.

Congregation: **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

Congregation: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

We process into the church.

At the door of the church, the procession will halt while this collect is said.

Celebrant: 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.**

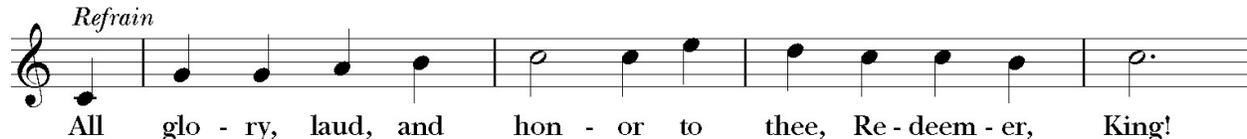
Processional Hymn *Begins at the door of the Church*

Valet will ich dir geben

All glory, laud, and honor

Hymnal 154

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.



The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

BCP 219

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 Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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.**

Psalms 31:9-16

In te, Domine, speravi

Please read responsively by whole verse.

BCP 623

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; *
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."**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

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 Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The congregation reads all parts printed in bold.

Narrator: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas: What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?

Narrator: The priests paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples: **Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, “The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.”

Narrator: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

Narrator: And the disciples became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples: **Surely not I, Lord?**

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas: Surely not I, Rabbi?

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: You have said so.

Narrator: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus: Take, eat; this is my body.

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.

Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to his disciples,

Jesus: You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written; “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered,” But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

Narrator: Peter said to him,
Peter: Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.
Narrator: Jesus said to him,
Jesus: Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.
Narrator: Peter said to him,
Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.
Narrator: And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to them,
Jesus: Sit here while I go over there and pray.
Narrator: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,
Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.
Narrator: And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed,
Jesus: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.
Narrator: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,
Jesus: So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak.
Narrator: Again Jesus went away for the second time and prayed,
Jesus: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.
Narrator: Again Jesus came and found the disciples sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,
Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.
Narrator: While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given the crowd a sign, saying,
Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.
Narrator: At once Judas came up to Jesus and said,
Judas: Greetings, Rabbi!
Narrator: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,
Jesus: Friend, do what you are here to do.
Narrator: Then the crowd came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,
Jesus: Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?
Narrator: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,
Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.
Narrator: Then all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, Peter sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Accusers: **This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.”**

Narrator: The high priest stood up and said to Jesus,

High Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Narrator: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to Jesus,

High Priest: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

Narrator: The scribes and the elders answered,

Chief Priests: **He deserves death.**

Narrator: Then they spat in Jesus’ face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Chief Priests: **Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?**

Narrator: Now Peter was sitting outside the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant Girl: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Narrator: But Peter denied it before them all, saying,

Peter: I do not know what you are talking about.

Narrator: When Peter went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant Girl: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator: Again Peter denied it with an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man.

Narrator: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystanders: **Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.**

Narrator: Then Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man!

Narrator: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said

Jesus: Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: And Peter went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. Judas said,

Judas: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Narrator: But the chief priests and elders said,

Chief Priests: **What is that to us? See to it yourself.**

Narrator: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, Judas departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priests: **It is not lawful to put them in the treasury, since they are blood money.**

Narrator: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?
Narrator: Jesus said,
Jesus: You say so,
Narrator: But when Jesus was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,
Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?
Narrator: But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to the crowd,
Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?
Narrator: For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and the elders had handed Jesus over. While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,
Pilate's Wife: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.
Narrator: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,
Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?
Narrator: And the crowd said,
Congregation: **Barabbas.**
Narrator: Pilate said to them,
Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?
Narrator: All of them said,
Congregation: **Let him be crucified!**
Narrator: Then Pilate asked,
Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?
Narrator: But the crowd shouted all the more,
Congregation: **Let him be crucified!**
Narrator: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,
Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.
Narrator: Then the people as a whole answered,
Congregation: **His blood be on us and on our children!**
Narrator: So Pilate released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped Jesus and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,
Soldiers: **Hail, King of the Jews!**
Narrator: They spat on Jesus, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, the soldiers came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross.

All stand.

Narrator: And when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of the Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over Jesus' head they put the charge against him, which read,

Centurion: This is Jesus, King of the Jews.

Narrator: Then two bandits were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Bystanders: **You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Jesus, saying,

Chief Priests: **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said, "I am God's Son."**

Narrator: The bandits who were crucified with Jesus also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Narrator: that is,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Narrator: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders: **This man is calling for Elijah.**

Narrator: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystanders: **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come down to save him.**

Narrator: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence is kept.

Narrator: At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priests: **Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the first.**

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

Narrator: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Sermon

The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson

The Prayers of The People

Deacon: Gracious and loving God, you have shown us that the way of the cross is the way of life, and through your Son Jesus you have taken upon yourself all of the evil, sin, and violence of the world, even death itself: Take into your divine heart the needs and concerns of your children, and hear us as we pray: Make your face to shine upon your servants, and in your loving-kindness save us.

Intercessor: As Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, humbling himself and being obedient to the point of death, so inspire your Church to follow faithfully in the way that he has led us, that we may share in his exaltation and resurrection.

Make your face to shine upon your servants,

and in your loving-kindness save us.

As Jesus confronted the powers and principalities of the world—the kings and emperors and authorities of religion and state—so empower us to unmask all injustice, envy, violence, and greed, that your divine light may cast out all darkness.

Make your face to shine upon your servants,

and in your loving-kindness save us.

As Jesus became one with the poor, the criminal, the outcast, and the dying, so send your resurrection grace unto all who suffer, that we may be comforted by the promise of your heavenly kingdom.

Make your face to shine upon your servants,

and in your loving-kindness save us.

As Jesus carried his cross with compassion and humility for all of the sin and brokenness of the world, so let us reach out to our neighbors in steadfast love and willing service.

Make your face to shine upon your servants,

and in your loving-kindness save us.

As Jesus accepted pain, humiliation, contempt, and powerlessness with patient strength and steadfast hope, be present in your divine glory with those for whom we pray. As Jesus gave himself to the Father in thankful surrender, hear our grateful hearts in our prayers of thanksgiving. As Jesus humbled himself to the point of death, even death on a cross, so that his Name may be exalted above every name, so bring into his eternal glory those who have died.

Make your face to shine upon your servants,

and in your loving-kindness save us.

Deacon: Through the humble trust of Jesus on the cross you have shown us the path of eternal life, O God: Give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Anthem

Gilbert M. Martin

(b. 1941)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Cathedral Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

At the Presentation

Old 100th vs. 3

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

America vs. 4

Hymnal 717

**Our father's God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land
be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore 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

Hymnal S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. 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.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Celebrant: 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.

Music at Communion

K. Lee Scott
(b. 1950)

Who At My Door Is Standing Cathedral Choir

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,
Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Within, the rooms are darkened, all filled with dust and sin;
How shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.
Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.
Sweetly the tones are falling; "Now open the door for me!"
Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me.

Hymn

Hezliebster Jesu
Hymnal 158

Ah, holy Jesus

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinnéd, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Depart in silence.

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CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR:

Members:

Patti Biel, Valrie Vanek, Lynn Betbeze Yankie, George Seymour, Patsy Seymour, Lisa Williams, Linda Dann-LeBlanc, Bill Butler, Ricky Bradford, Betty Reniewicz, Bill Christian, Emily-Marie Butler, Melvin Koger, Craig Pittman, Nancy Bryan, Jane Inge, Ed Crowson, Martha Adams

Friends & Family:

The Reverend Dennis Brown, Mary Rose Snider, George & Mary Ester Hall Bollis, Elizabeth Berry, Karla Geiger, Lloyd Shearer Smith, Kathy Thurber, David Barnett, David Morgan, John Baylor, Sr., Erma Clark, Dorothy Queenan, Kelly Clark, Lanier Faircloth, Vivian "Cookie" Rich, Hunter Hale, James Bloodworth, Dennis Knizley, Missy Foose, Curran Foose, Malcolm Warren, Hallie Inge Baker, Bennett Stenger

For Those Serving in the Military:

Marlin Brutkiewicz, Blake Hickey, Gray Stephens, Dylan Butler, Tripp Bennett, Jacob Hester-Heard, Cameron Morrisette, Dylan Thompson, Connor Roy, Charles Lewis, Richard Graham

Repose of the Soul:

Michael S. McNair, Sr., father of Stephen McNair

Memorial Designation:

The Palms on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martin Lyon Horst, Lucy Herndon Horst, Clyde Carlos Rouse, Lucy Horst Rouse, Clyde Carlos Rouse, Jr., James Herndon Rouse, George Douglas Cunningham, Hetty Horst Cunningham, Hetty Cunningham Newell, Lyon Cunningham Newell, A. J. Wright, Carolyn Wright.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Church of England.

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Andalusia

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Church in Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden; and First Church of God in Christ, Mobile

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

Holmes Correctional Institution, Bonifay



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT THE CATHEDRAL

From the earliest times Christian pilgrims have followed the path of Jesus in his last days. From this beginning evolved the rites we observe today. These services provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection. There are special liturgies for each of these days. The three holy days, or Triduum, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Great Vigil of Easter are at the heart of the Holy Week and Easter observance.



PALM SUNDAY

March 29 at 10:00 a.m. * °

The Liturgy of the Palms begins in the garden.



WEEKDAY HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE EVENING

Monday, March 30; Tuesday, March 31; Wednesday, April 1 *

Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 5:15 p.m. in the Church



THE EASTER TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARISTS

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at Noon in the Church *

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing in the Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

Good Friday, April 3 at Noon in the Church *

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. beginning in the Garden



THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:

EASTER SUNDAY

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST April 5 at 10:00 a.m. * °

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Please remember to come a few minutes early on Easter Sunday and to bring flowers for the Easter Cross.

The annual parish photo will be taken at the end of the service.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Following the service in Mardi Gras Park.

Our Children's Easter Egg hunt for toddlers through grade 2 will take place in Mardi Gras Park.

Please bring a dozen stuffed, plastic eggs (no nuts, chocolate) for each child by Friday, April 3.

** Indicates which services will be live-streamed.*

° Indicates the nursery will be available.

CATHEDRAL NOTES



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHILDREN TO SING IN ON EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday, April 5 at the announcements

Children's Chapel will sing "Celtic Alleluia" and "The Light of Christ." Myles Garver will work with the children during Children's Chapel to prepare for singing. We have two more Sundays left to learn the words and music. While the songs and words are not difficult, we encourage you to bring your children the next few Sundays so they can practice and be ready to offer their best on Easter morning.



EASTER MEMORIAL DESIGNATIONS

Deadline for Designations is Monday, March 30

Traditionally gifts are given at Easter to offset the cost of the Easter flowers, music, and for seasonal planting in the garden. Gifts may be given as a thanksgiving or as a memorial. Please use the form on our website christchurchcathedralsmobile.org/easteratthecathedral, or you may use the cards found in your pew, and on the ministry table. Donations are \$15 each.



DECORATING FOR EASTER

Saturday, April 4 at 9:00 a.m.

The Flower Guild will work its magic on Saturday morning.

This year Saylor Wiley and Homer McClure are working together to design all of the Easter floral decorations. Please let them know that you would like to help. No experience is necessary—there will be jobs for all skill levels. Just bring your gloves and your clippers.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place in Mardi Gras Park following the Easter service. The hunt is for children through grade 2. Hospitality for children will be served in the park. Please bring a dozen stuffed, plastic eggs (no nuts or chocolate) for each child who will hunt by Good Friday, April 3.



EASTER EGG HUNT HELPERS

The Fun Club will help hide Easter eggs on Easter Sunday morning. If you are in grades 4, 5, or 6 and would like to help, meet at the back of the church after the opening hymn. Once the eggs are hidden, we will tiptoe back into church to sit with our families. After communion, please meet again at the back of the church. We will smile for the parish photo and quickly exit the sanctuary to "guard" the eggs before the hunt starts!



CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOLIDAY

The Cathedral office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6.

We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 9:00 a.m.



SEND A CHILD TO CAMP BECKWITH THIS SUMMER

Create a Summer They'll Never Forget!

Help send Prichard Preparatory School students to Camp Beckwith this summer. Christ Church Cathedral will be giving Prichard Prep 4th and 5th graders an experience they've never had before—enjoying a four-day camp session in “God’s Front Yard” that includes swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, games, and meaningful fellowship.

The cost to sponsor one camper is \$300, but any contribution makes a difference. Jane Bartlett Nenstiel will speak to the congregation at announcements this Sunday to let you know more about the project. To get involved, please contact Jane Bartlett at (251) 895-7702.

Later this spring look for information on a project to help donate items for camper care bags to send with the campers.



21ST ANNUAL CATHEDRAL CELEBRATION, CONFIRMATION, & PAROCHIAL VISIT

Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.

The Right Reverend Russell Kendrick will be at Christ Church Cathedral for the Cathedral Celebration and his annual parochial visit. Please join us to celebrate our ministry together. Following the service we will have a Cathedral picnic in the garden.



YOUTH AND SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, April 26

Our youth will plan, prepare, and lead worship on this Sunday. This day offers our youth an different opportunity to actively participate in church life, share their faith, and develop leadership skills. On this Sunday we will also celebrate our graduating seniors.



ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m.

In the final recital of our concert season we welcome Joel Gregory, Organist and Choirmaster at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Montgomery.



DIACONATE ORDINATION

Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.

As the Cathedral Church of the Diocese it is our privilege to host the ordination service on May 2 for three candidates to the Diaconate. We are asking for volunteers to assist that morning greeting the ordinands and their families, serving light hospitality before and after the service, and to act as ushers for the service. To volunteer you may use the sign-up sheets on the ministry table or you may use the sign-up link in our weekly emails or on the website.



BIRTHDAYS

March 29

Margaret Andres
Toni Brown
George Seawell

March 30

Parke Brister

March 31

Audrey Cunningham
Susan Garth

April 2

Virginia Ladd

April 3

John McClelland
Glenda Colle

April 4

Kent Engelmeier

April 5

Day Peake

April 6

Donna Moree

April 7

Robert Drew
Winchester Thurber
Nora Johnson
Maggie McLeod
Caroline Irby

April 8

Greer Radcliff
Christopher Clinton

April 9

Carolyn Jeffers

April 10

Jeff Grill
Theo Middleton

April 12

James Glasser

April 13

Lyon Israel

April 14

Ted Flotte



MINISTERS FOR TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher.....The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
 Assisting..... The Reverend Thomas K. Heard
 Deacon..... The Reverend Pratt Paterson
 Psalmist and Intercessor Ginny Behlen
 Chalice Bearers.....Rick Mitchell, Skip Archer
 Lay Readers Carl Cunningham, Jr., Bragg Van Antwerp
 Gospel Readers:
 Matthew..... The Reverend Pratt Paterson
 Jesus..... The Reverend Thomas K. Heard
 PeterSkip Archer
 Judas Bruce Rockstad
 High Priest..... Julia Heard
 Servant Girl..... Linda Grill
 Pilate..... Devin Burton
 Pilate's Wife..... Mollie Adams
 Centurion..... Carl Cunningham, Jr.
 Organist.....Josh Coble
 Crucifers Kennedy Simmons, Frances Van Antwerp
 Acolytes Thomas Van Antwerp, Willa Bolt
 UshersLeigh Taylor, Chris Hume
 Vestry Greeter.....Cart Blackwell
 Open/Close.....Bill Skinner
 Altar Guild Barbara Archer, Skip Archer, Ginny Behlen, Bill Haffner,
 Lucy Harrison,, Robbie Lynn Irvine, Rosemarie McClure, Joan Myers
 Hospitality.....Robbie Lynn Irvine, Toni Brown, Judy Henson, Leslie Ladd,
 Susan Leach, Terri Gaal, Lisa Graves



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