

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*Palm Sunday*

March 24, 2024

Service Program for the 10:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass  
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We are a diverse community united by our commitment to Jesus Christ and our desire to live the Christian life. Our prayers and the Sacraments help us find Christ in church and in the world. Seeing Christ in each other and in the faces of strangers, we are inspired to reach out in love and service.

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**W**ELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *PALM SUNDAY*. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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## *The Sunday of the Passion ~ Palm Sunday*

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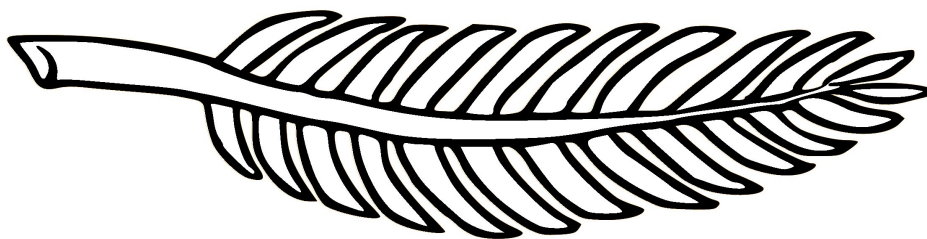
Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Propers of Year B

Mass Setting: *Missa Brevis No. 6 in F minor*

Healey Willan, (d. 1968)

*This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.*



### The Liturgy of the Palms

*If the weather is fair, the service begins outside the Grace Street porch entrance.*

Acclamation antiphon (*choir*)

Tone VII

**H**OSANNA to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.  
O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**A**SSIST us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson at the Blessing of the Palms: Mark II: 1-II [NRSV]

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

*People:* ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**W**HEN 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 Gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation's Response:* Praise be to thee, O Christ

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* It is meet and right so to do.

*Celebrant:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who on this day didst enter 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 leadeth to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Distribution of the Palms (*choir*)

**T**HE children of the Hebrews bearing branches of olive, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying, "Hosanna in the highest!" G. P. de Palestrina (d. 1594)

O Jerusalem, look toward the East, and behold; lift up thine eyes, O Jerusalem, and behold the power of thy King! Tone I

The children of the Hebrews spread in the way their clothes and garments, and cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Tone I

The Procession

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in peace.

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



*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 Celebrant knocks three times at the church door  
 (symbolizing Christ's knocking at the gates of Jerusalem).  
 The door is opened by a person inside.*

#### The Collect at the Door

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the King who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

*People:* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Celebrant:* O God, who by the Passion of thy blessed Son didst make an instrument of shameful death to be unto us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! Hark!  
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! In  
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! The  
 4 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! Thy  
 5 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! In

1 all the tribes ho - sa - nna cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur -  
 2 low - ly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
 3 an - gel ar - mies of the sky; look down with sad and  
 4 last and fier - cest strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his  
 5 low - ly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

1 sues his road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 2 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 3 won - dering eyes to see the appoa - ching sa - cri - fice.  
 4 sap - phire throne ex - pects his own an - noin - ted Son.  
 5 mor - tal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

## The Collect at the Altar

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY 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 the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast 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.*

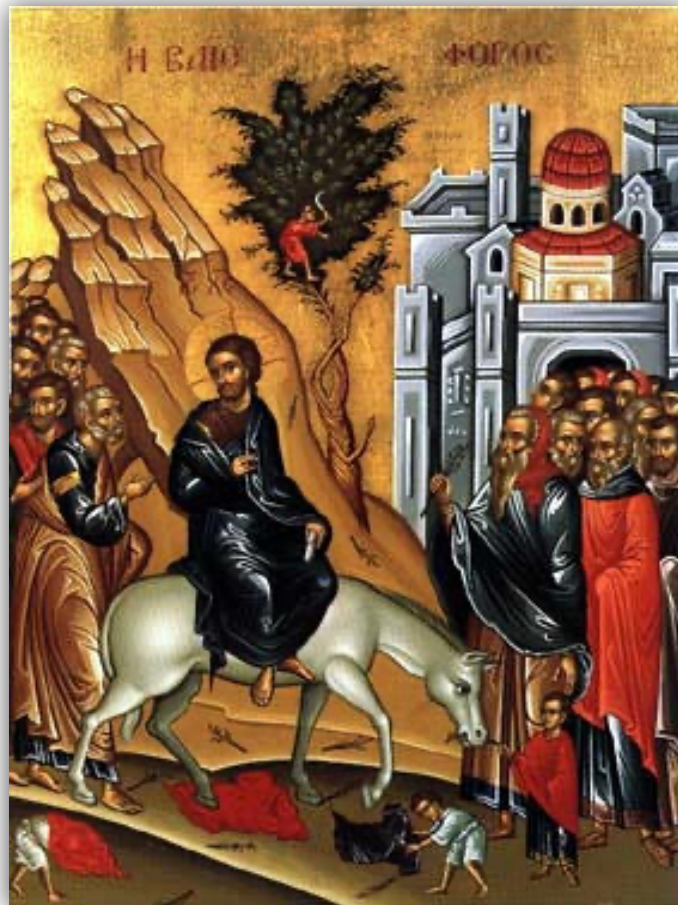
The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4-9a [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

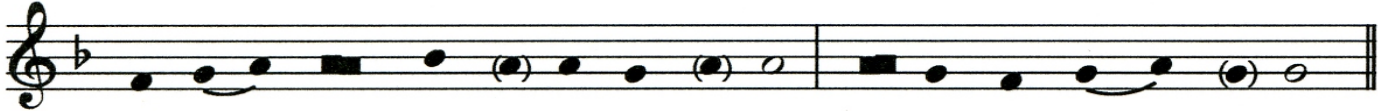
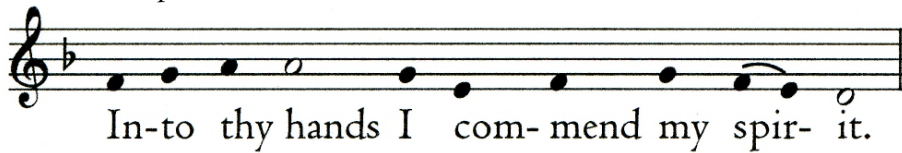
THE LORD GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck 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?

The Word of the Lord.

*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.



*Antiphon: Cantor first time, then all*



- 10 Have mercy upon me O LORD, for | I am ^ in trouble,  
 \* *and mine eye is consum'd for very heaviness; yea my soul | and my bödy.*
- 11 *For my life is waxen | old with heavi^ness,*  
 \* *and my | years with möurning.*
- 12 My strength faileth me, because of | mine iniqui^ty,  
 \* *and | my bones äre con^sumed.*
- 13 *I became a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially a- | mong my neighbours;*  
 \* *and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me;*  
*and they that did see me without, con- | veyed themsëlves from ^ me.*
- 14 I am clean forgotten as a | dead man out of ^ mind;  
 \* I am become like a | broken vessel.
- 15 *For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude†, and | fear is ^ on ev'ry ^ side;*  
 \* *while they conspire together against me,*  
*and take their counsel to | take away my ^ life.*
- 16 But my hope hath | been in thee O ^ LORD;  
 \* I have said, | Thou art my God.
- 17 *My times are in thy hand; deliver me from the | hand of ^ mine ene^mies,*  
 \* *and from them that | persecüte me.*
- 18 Show thy servant the | light of ^ thy counte^nance,  
 \* *and save me | for thy mörcy's ^ sake.*

[Repeat Antiphon]



The Epistle: Philippians 2: 5-II [NRSV]

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

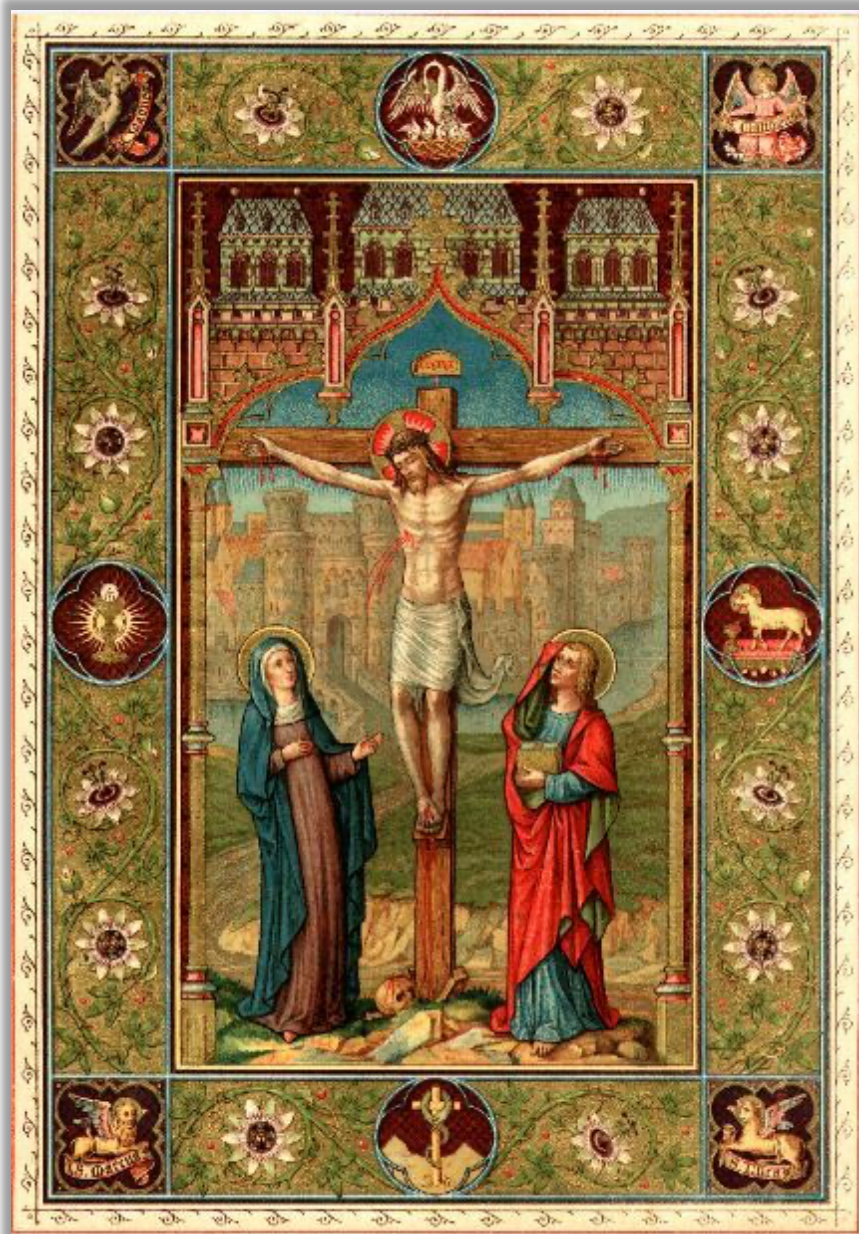
**L**ET the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient 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.

*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.



**M**Y GOD, my God, look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me? And art so far from my health: and from the words of my complaint? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not: and in the night season also I take no rest. And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel. Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them. They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying; He trusted in God, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if he will have him. They stand staring and looking upon me: they part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. Save me from the lion's mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob. They shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation: they shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness. Unto a people that shall be born: whom the Lord hath made.



☞ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [15: 1-39] ☞

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*At the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

*The whole congregation reads the part of the CROWD.*

*Narrator* The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

*Pilate* Are you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* And he answered him,

*Jesus* You have said so.

*Narrator* And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him,

*Pilate* Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.

*Narrator* But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate wondered. Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who have committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he was wont to do for them. And he answered them,

*Pilate* Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them

*Pilate* Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* And they cried out again

*Crowd* Crucify him.

*Narrator* And Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* Why, what evil has he done?

*Narrator* But they shouted all the more,

*Crowd* Crucify him.

*Narrator* So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the praetorium); and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. And they began to salute him,

*Soldiers* Hail, King of the Jews!

*Narrator* And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they lead him out to crucify him. And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

*All stand.*

*Narrator* And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of the skull). And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying,

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

*Narrator* So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes, saying,

*Priests* He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down from the cross, that we may see and believe.

*Narrator* Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

*Jesus* Eloi, Eloi, lama sabach-thani?

*Narrator* Which means,

*Jesus* My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

*Narrator* And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

*Bystanders* Behold, he is calling Elijah.

*Narrator* And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

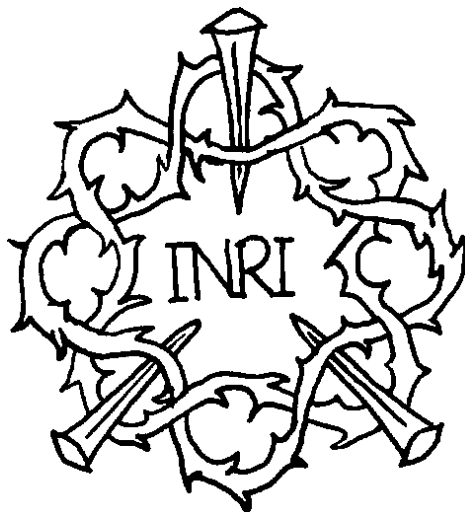
*Bystander* Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

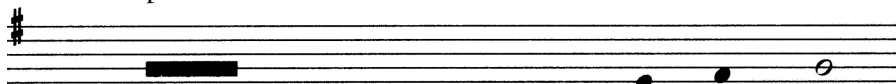
*Narrator* And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

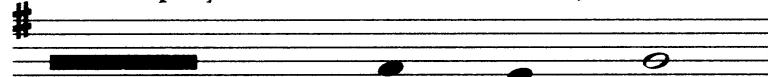
*Narrator* And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom, and when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that he thus breathed his last, he said

*Centurion* Truly this man was the Son of God!

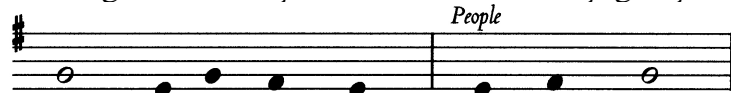




*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. *(Silence)*



Lord, in thy mer - cy *People* hear our prayer. *(Sung after every intercession)*

*Leader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [*especially N.*]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

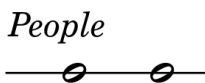
*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (*pause*); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant:* Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



*A - men.*

The Peace

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

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*



## The Holy Communion

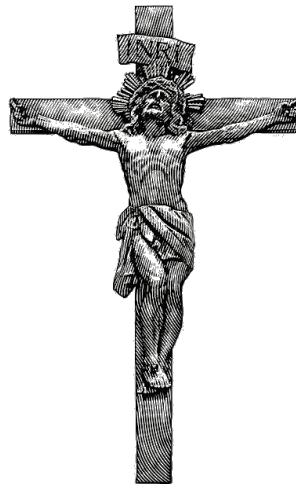
Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant:* Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Improperium expectavit*

Mode VIII

**T**HY rebuke hath broken my heart, I am full of heaviness: I looked for some to have pity upon me, but there was no man: neither found I any to comfort me: for they gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.



Motet (*choir*)

Tomás Luis da Victoria (d. 1611)

**O**VOS OMNES qui transitis per viam, attendite et videte si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus. Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum, si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.

[All ye that pass by, behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow. All ye my people, behold and see my sorrow, if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.] Lamentations I:12

Presentation of the alms and oblations

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord,

*People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

*Celebrant:* Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*People:* May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi- rit.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God.

*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

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.

**T**HROUGH 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,

Sanctus and Benedictus (*choir*)

H. Willan

**H**OLY, 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.



The Canon of the Mass

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender Mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

*People*

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A- men.

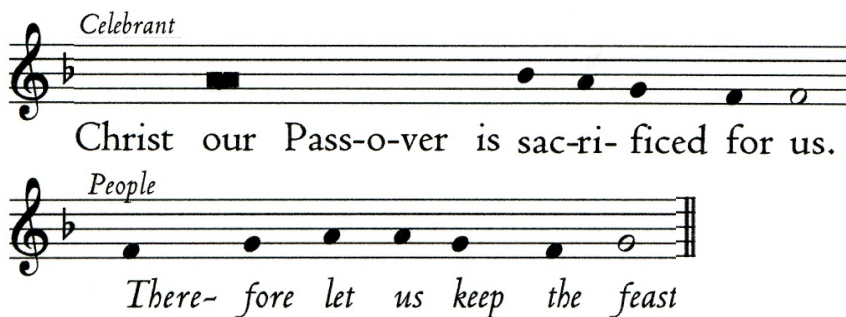
The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

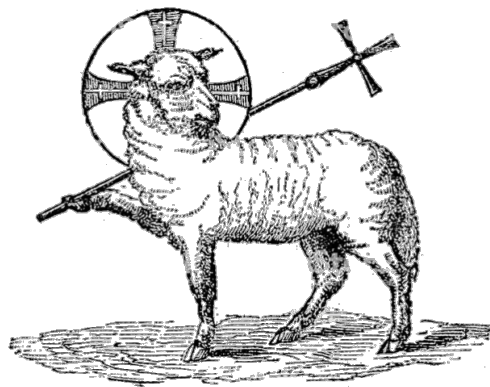


Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,  
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,  
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to  
temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
and the power, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Fraction



*Celebrant*  
Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.  
*People*  
There-fore let us keep the feast



Agnus Dei (*choir*)

H. Willan

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.

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



## The Invitation to Communion

*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.

*People:* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (*choir*) *Pater, si non potest*

Mode VIII

FATHER, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it: thy will be done.



Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

*IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.*

Motet (*choir*)

Felice Anerio (d. 1614)

CHRISTUS factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen quod est super omne nomen.

[Christ became for us obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a Name which is above every name.] Philippians 2: 5

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*People:* 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.

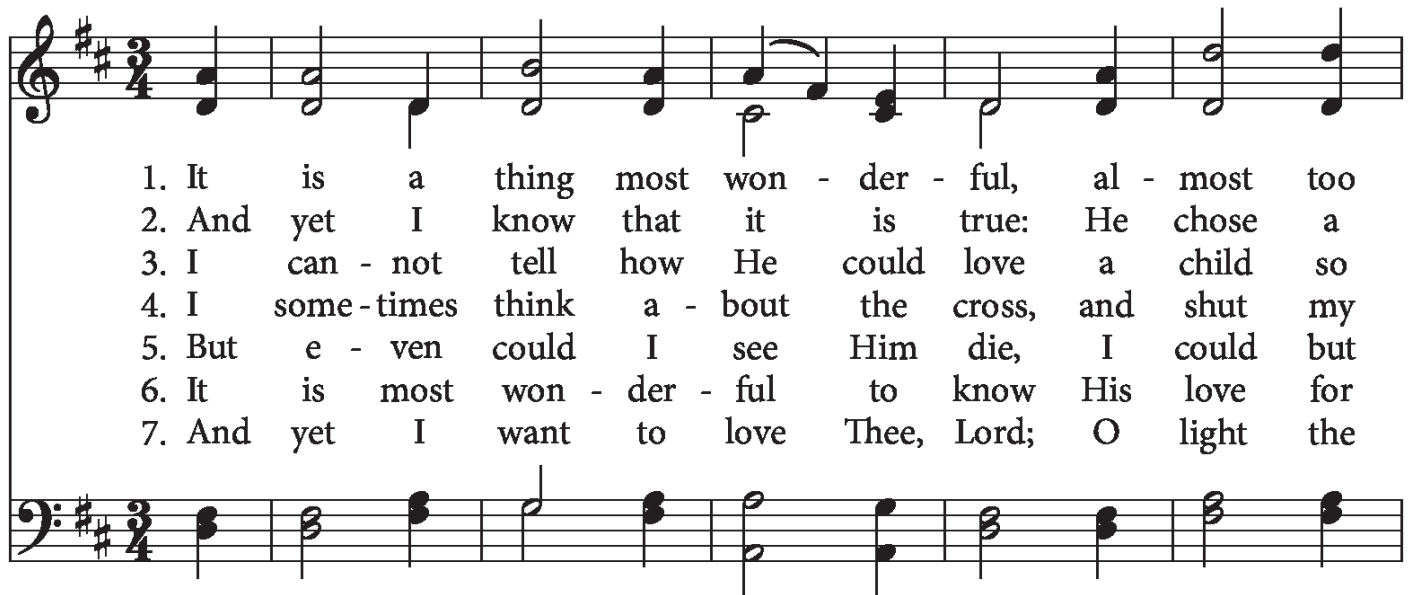
The Blessing

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

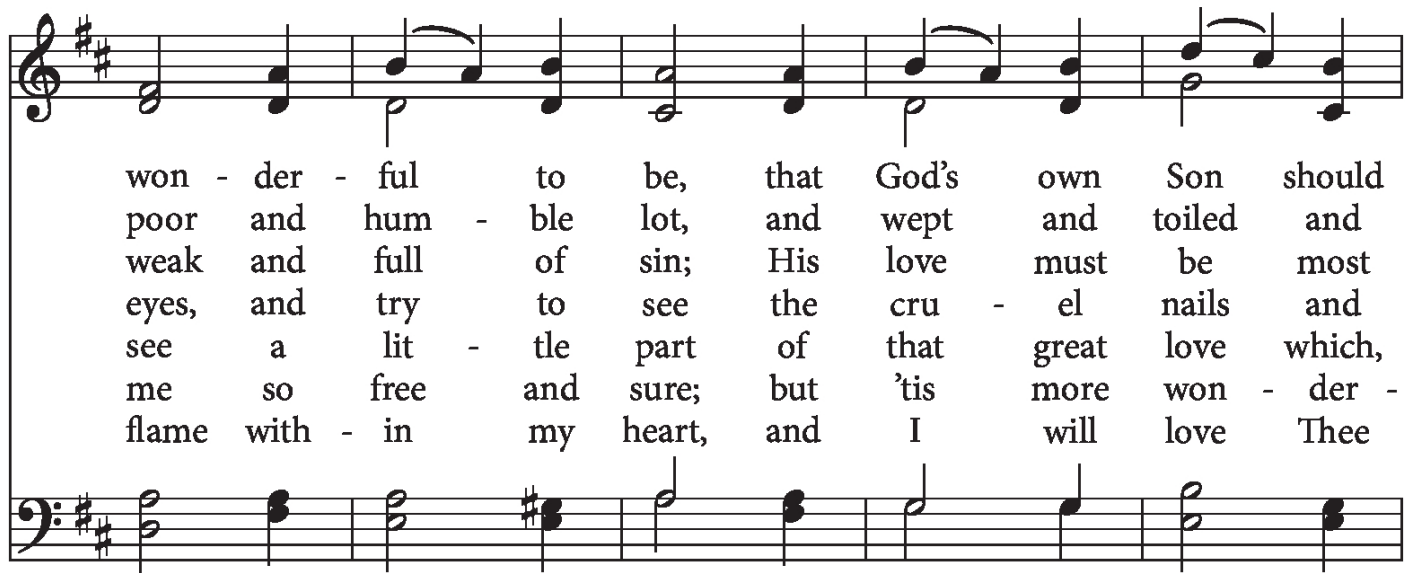
The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

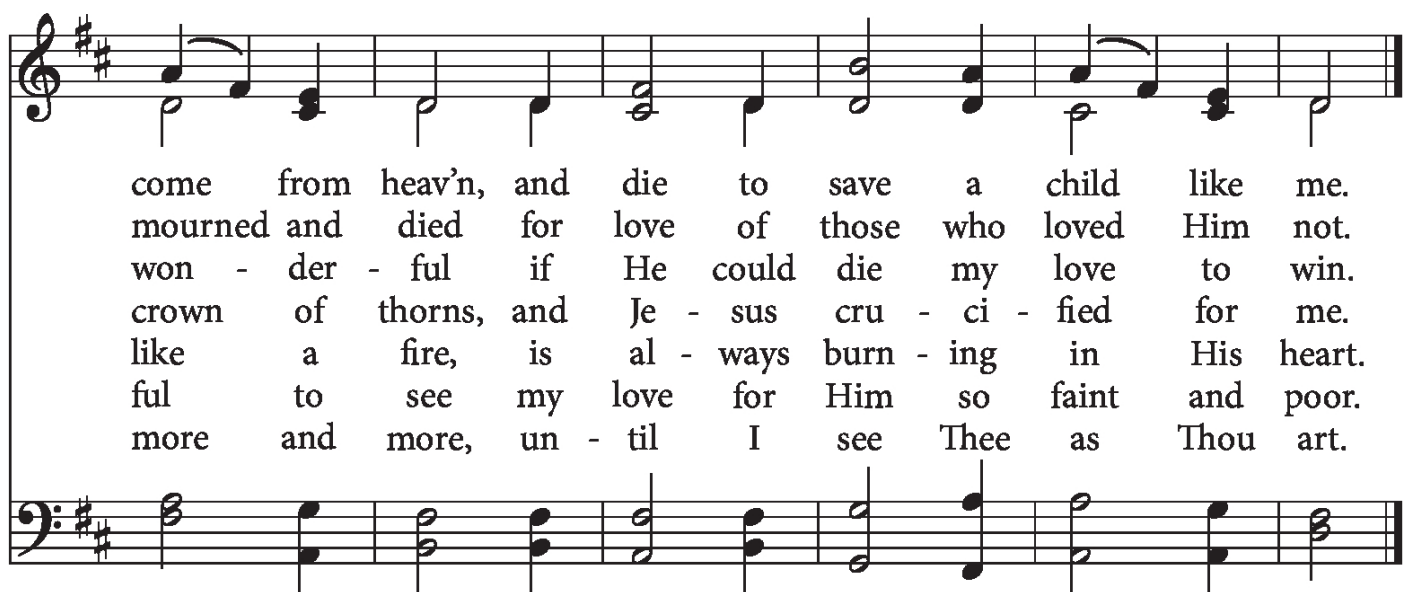
*The People respond:* Thanks be to God.



1. It is a thing most won - der - ful, al - most too  
 2. And yet I know that it is true: He chose a  
 3. I can - not tell how He could love a child so  
 4. I some - times think a - bout the cross, and shut my  
 5. But e - ven could I see Him die, I could but  
 6. It is most won - der - ful to know His love for  
 7. And yet I want to love Thee, Lord; O light the



won - der - ful to be, that God's own Son should  
 poor and hum - ble lot, and wept and toiled and  
 weak and full of sin; His love must be most  
 eyes, and try to see the cru - el nails and  
 see a lit - tle part of that great love which,  
 me so free and sure; but 'tis more won - der -  
 flame with - in my heart, and I will love Thee

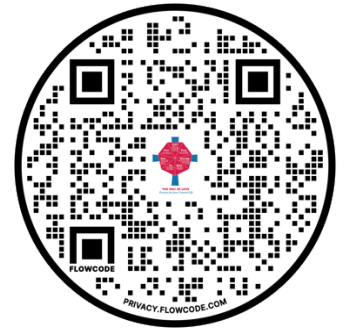


come from heav'n, and die to save a child like me.  
 mourned and died for love of those who loved Him not.  
 won - der - ful if He could die my love to win.  
 crown of thorns, and Je - sus cru - ci - fied for me.  
 like a fire, is al - ways burn - ing in His heart.  
 ful to see my love for Him so faint and poor.  
 more and more, un - til I see Thee as Thou art.



**March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday (B)**  
**Week 6: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent**

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at [iam.ec/lifetransformed](http://iam.ec/lifetransformed) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



**Week 6**  
**Sunday, March 24**

*Today's Practice:* Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at [iam.ec/lifetransformed](http://iam.ec/lifetransformed) for Week 6. The topic is based on the practice "Worship" and is titled, "The Gathering of God's People".

*Read:* Zephaniah 3:12-20

**Monday, March 25**

*Today's Prompt:* What can you Easter Day say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest, and joy?

*Read:* "Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work: it is a Sabbath to the Lord throughout your settlements." – Leviticus 23:3

**Tuesday, March 26**

*Today's Prompt:* Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this passage speak to the world today?

*Read:* Matthew 4:8-22

**Wednesday, March 27**

*Today's Prompt:* Who can support you in living a Jesus-centered life?

*Read:* "[God] has made us qualified to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." – 2 Corinthians 3:6

**Thursday, March 28**

*Today's Prompt:* How might you share what brings you great joy with others?

*Read:* "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness." – Romans 12:6-8

**Friday, March 29**

*Today's Prompt:* How can you incorporate rest from technology today?

*Read:* "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

**Saturday, March 30**

*Today's Prompt:* How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God?

*Read:* "Let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" – John 7:38

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# GRACE NOTES

March 24 *The Sunday of the Passion ~ Palm Sunday*

## FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

**THE REV. ROWENA KEMP** welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss, and please contact her immediately, should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she should know about. [For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.]

## PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

***A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks. Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).***

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; and Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* **We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will;** for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. Michael's, Litchfield; St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale; and ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry and Donations & Bequests. *The Church of the Province of West Africa.*
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially between Israel and Gaza and in the Middle East; in Sudan; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- *Sick or in need:* Mark; Jerry; Tom, Bonnie & the Burns Family; Megin; Patti; Steve; Walter & Claudia; Adrienne & Ken; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Monica; Antoinette; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, & Soraya; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Sr. Linda Giuli; Leonard; Joy; Anthony & Gail, Cori and the Mackey Family; Brad, Mary, & Leslie; Judy; Peter; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Nazra; Diane; Nina; Ellen and Jim; Lauren, Alexandra & Anna; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Suzanne Travers, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Mardiros Der Sarkissian, Edward J. "Pop" Klemonski, Frederick Nason, +Priest & Rector, Nelson Chowenhill, +Priest & Rector, Helen Phillips, Robert Perron, Alice Sarkesian, and Madeline Beck.

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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT GRACE

## CALENDAR OF MASSES AND ACTIVITIES



### **Palm Sunday, March 24 ~ Sunday of the Passion**

Distribution of palms and Reading of the PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK at both services

**8:00 AM:** LOW MASS

**10:30 AM:** Gather on the Grace Street porch  
Blessing of the palms and procession (weather permitting)  
SOLEMN HIGH MASS (also on Facebook Live)



### **Wednesday in Holy Week, March 27**

**9:30 AM:** Low Mass (also on Facebook Live), followed by breakfast at Effie's

**6:00 pm:** Office of Tenebrae sung by Haven Community

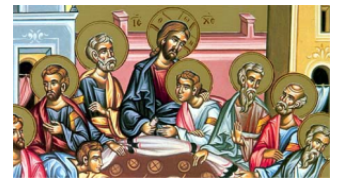
**7:00 PM:** Choir Rehearsal



### **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

**10:00 AM:** "A Place of Grace" food distribution

**6:00 PM:** SOLEMN HIGH MASS (also on Facebook Live)



Stripping of the Altar and Night Watch in the Chapel of Repose follow  
*(Please sign up for your half-hour or more of devotion)*

### **Good Friday, March 29**

**12:00 NOON:** GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY, VENERATION OF THE CROSS,  
& MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED (also on Facebook Live)

**2:00 pm:** Choir Rehearsal

**1:30-2:30 PM:** Confession (Reconciliation of a Penitent) available  
*(Please make an appointment for confession with Rev. Rowena)*

**6:00 PM:** STATIONS OF THE CROSS (also on Facebook Live)



### **Saturday in Holy Week, March 30**

**10:00 AM:** PROPER LITURGY FOR HOLY SATURDAY (also on Facebook Live)

### **EASTER EVE**

**7:00 PM:** THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL AND THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER  
*(also on Facebook Live)*

Followed by Reception *(please sign up in Parish Hall)*

### **EASTER DAY, Sunday, March 31**

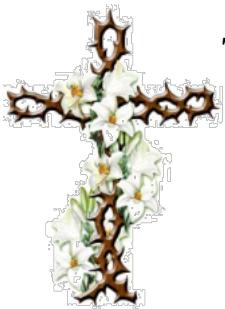
### **THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION**

**8:00 AM:** LOW MASS WITH HYMNS

**10:30 AM:** PROCESSION and SOLEMN HIGH MASS (also on Facebook Live)

with music for organ, strings, and choir  
featuring Mozart's *Missa brevis in F, K 192*

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## TENEBRAE ~ A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

*Sung by Haven Community*

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

*Hosted by Grace Episcopal Church*