

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*The Sunday of the Passion ~ Palm Sunday*

April 13, 2025

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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**ELCOM**E** 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.

*Cover: Christ's Entry into Jerusalem, Albrecht Durer*

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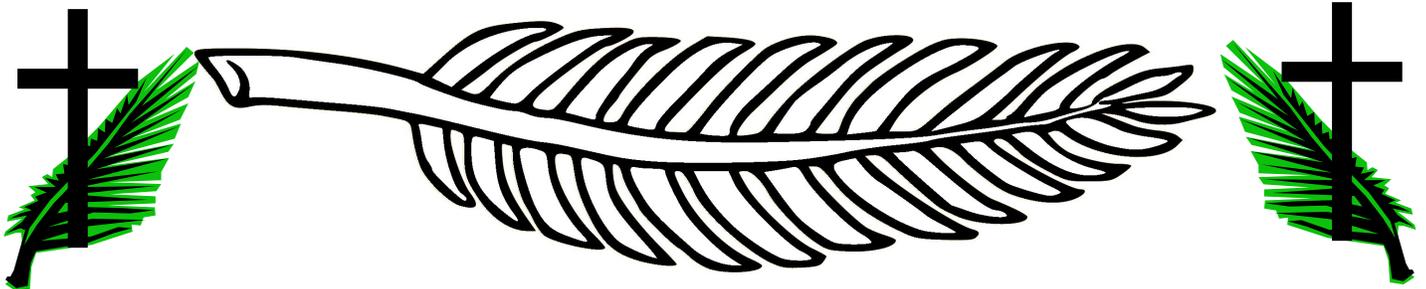
Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

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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.*  
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### 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.  
HO 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: Luke 19: 28-40 [*NRSV*]

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

*People:* ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**J**ESUS went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

*Deacon:* 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.*

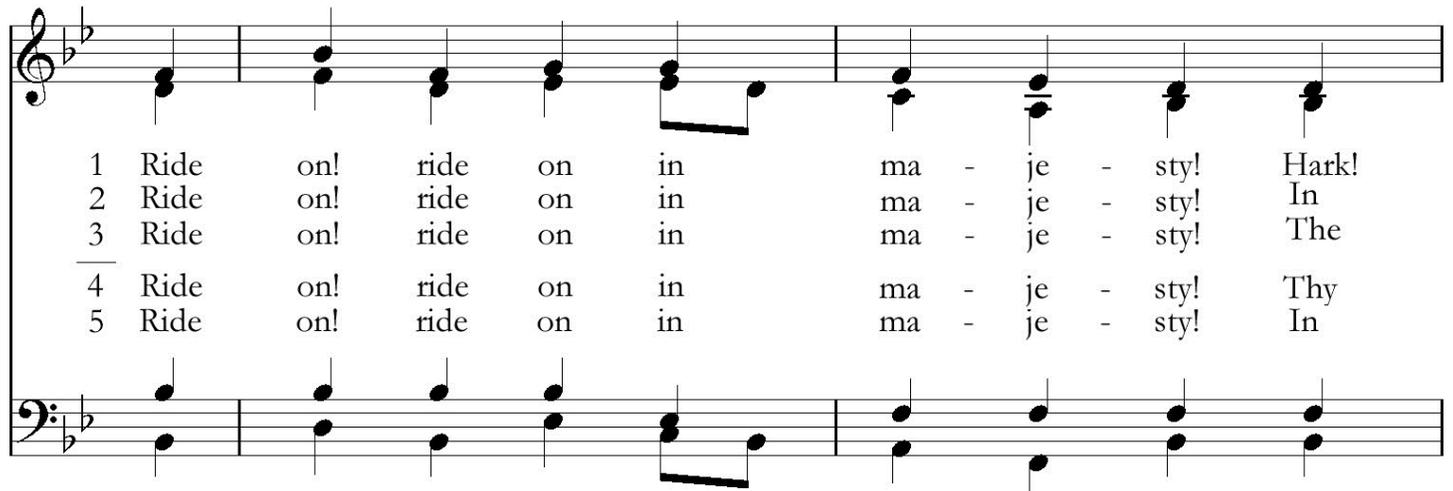
The Collect at the Door

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

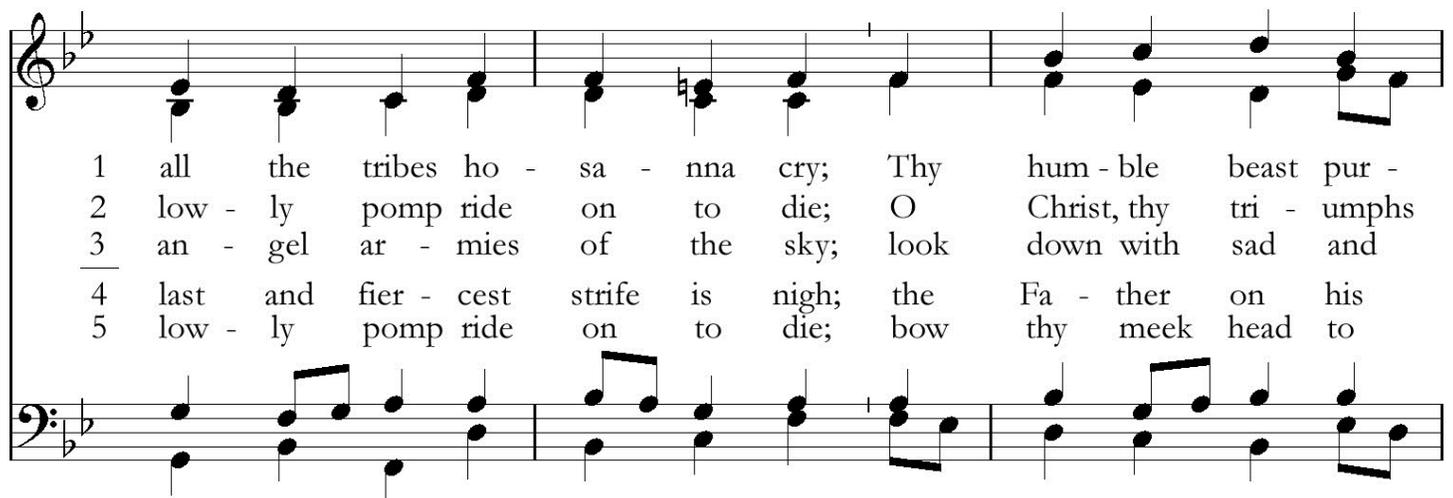
*People:* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*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.*

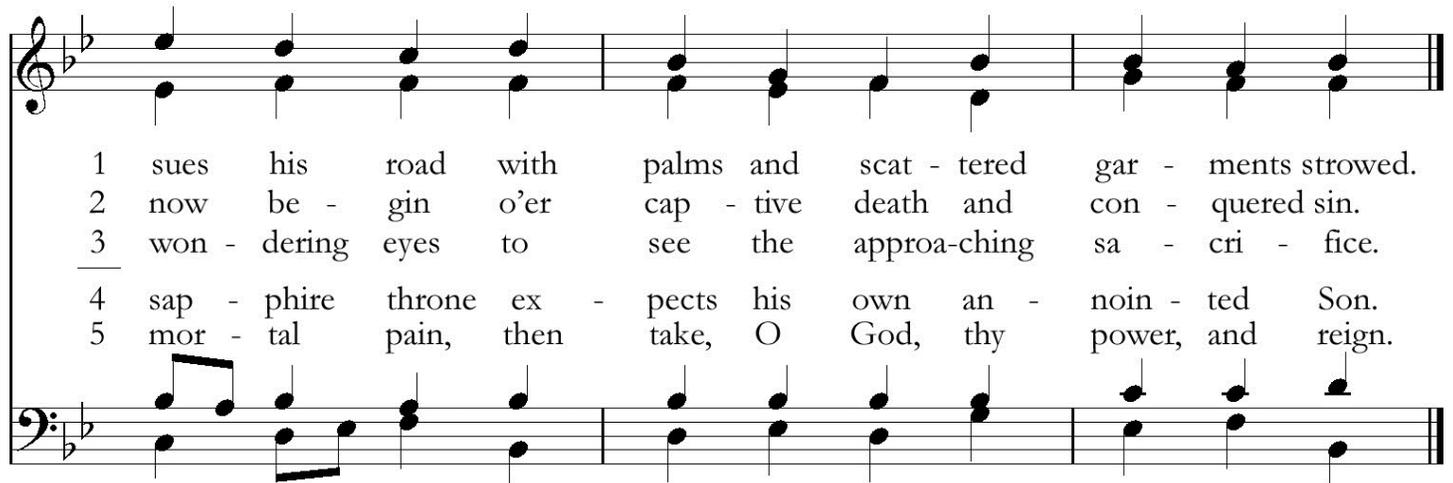




1 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! Hark!  
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! In  
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! The  
 4 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! Thy  
 5 Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! In



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 approa - 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**LMMIGHTY 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.

**A**LMIGHTY 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.*

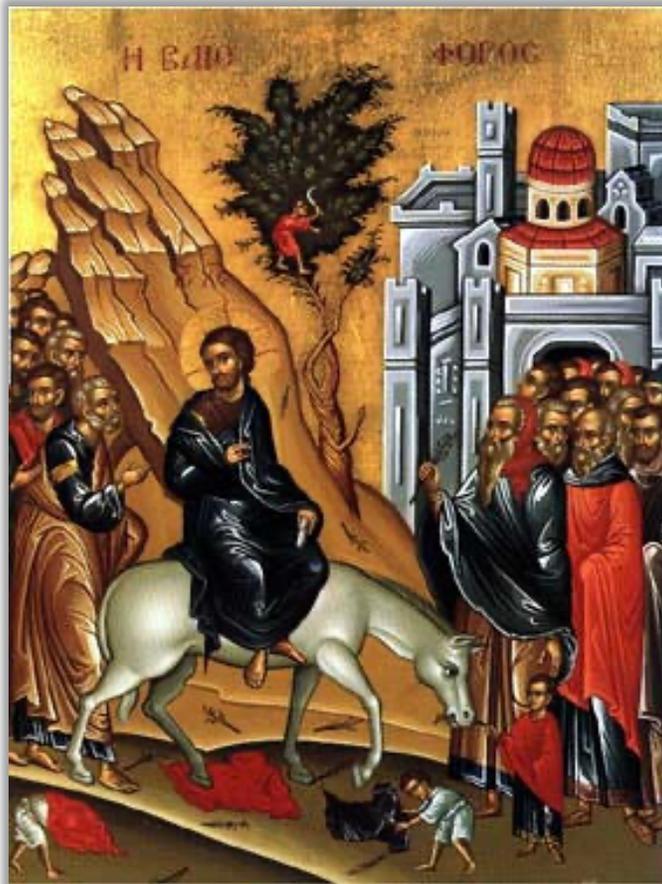
The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4-9a [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

**T**HE 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 brokën ves^sel.
- 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.

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.

*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 LUKE [23: 1-49] ✠

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

*The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at the place that is called The Skull, all stand.*

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

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

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

*Elders* We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

*Narrator* Then Pilate asked him,

*Pilate* Are you the king of the Jews?

*Narrator* He answered,

*Jesus* You say so.

*Narrator* Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

*Pilate* I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

*Narrator* But they were insistent and said,

*Elders* He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

*Narrator* When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

*Pilate* You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

*Narrator* Then they all shouted out together,

*Crowd* **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

*Narrator* (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

*Crowd* **Crucify, crucify him!**

*Narrator* A third time he said to them,

*Pilate* Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

*Narrator* But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

*Jesus* Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us;" and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

*Narrator* Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

*All stand.*

*Narrator* When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

*Jesus* Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

*Narrator* And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

*Elders* He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

*Narrator* The soldiers also mocked him coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

*Soldiers* If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!

*Narrator* There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

*1<sup>st</sup> Thief* Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

*Narrator* But the other rebuked him, saying,

*2<sup>nd</sup> Thief* Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

*Narrator* Then he said,

*2<sup>nd</sup> Thief* Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Narrator* He replied,

*Jesus* Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

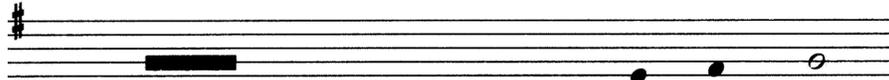
*Narrator* It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

*Jesus* Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

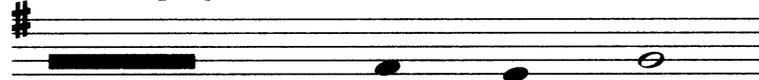
*Narrator* Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

*Centurion* Certainly this man was innocent.

*Narrator* And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.



*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.*

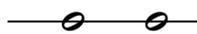
*Leader:* We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (*Silence*)  
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*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. *Amen. People*



*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

The 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.

Hymn 168 (*sung by all*)

“O Sacred Head Sore Wounded”

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

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

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender  
A-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  
Bunto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*

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A- men.



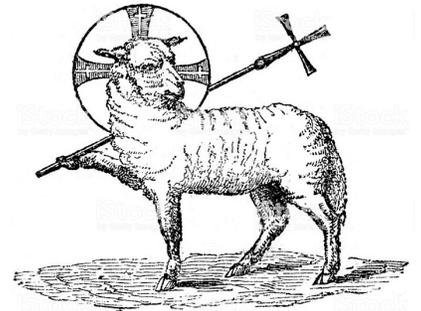
The Lord's Prayer

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

The Fraction

*Celebrant:* Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-fic'd 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)

**C**HRISTUS 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.

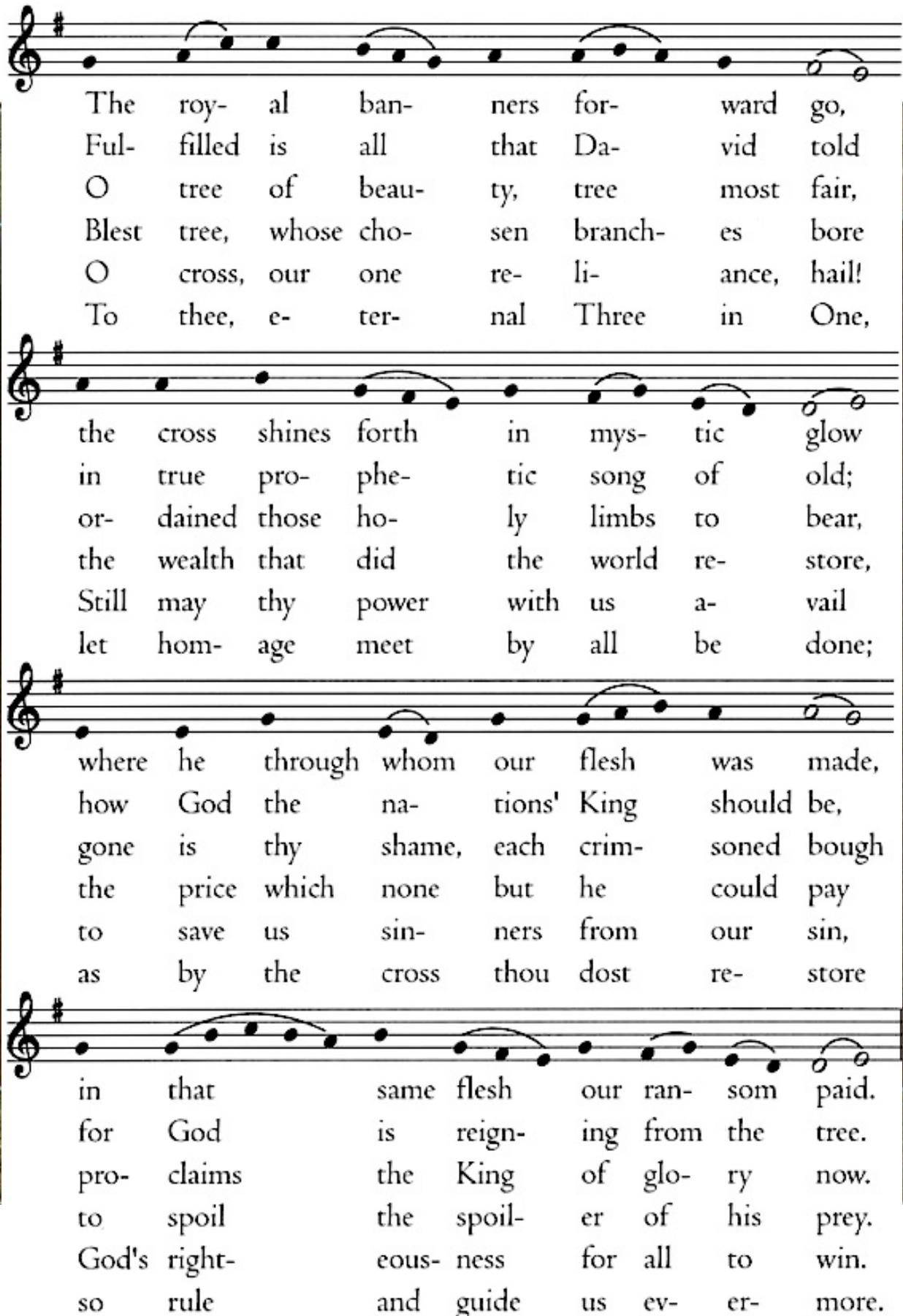
The Blessing

**T**HE 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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

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

*The People respond:* Thanks be to God.



The roy- al ban- ners for- ward go,  
 Ful- filled is all that Da- vid told  
 O tree of beau- ty, tree most fair,  
 Blest tree, whose cho- sen branch- es bore  
 O cross, our one re- li- ance, hail!  
 To thee, e- ter- nal Three in One,  
 the cross shines forth in mys- tic glow  
 in true pro- phe- tic song of old;  
 or- dained those ho- ly limbs to bear,  
 the wealth that did the world re- store,  
 Still may thy power with us a- vail  
 let hom- age meet by all be done;  
 where he through whom our flesh was made,  
 how God the na- tions' King should be,  
 gone is thy shame, each crim- soned bough  
 the price which none but he could pay  
 to save us sin- ners from our sin,  
 as by the cross thou dost re- store  
 in that same flesh our ran- som paid.  
 for God is reign- ing from the tree.  
 pro- claims the King of glo- ry now.  
 to spoil the spoil- er of his prey.  
 God's right- eous- ness for all to win.  
 so rule and guide us ev- er- more.

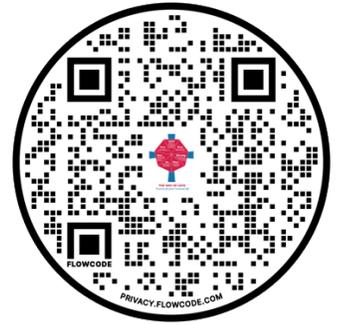


## BULLETIN INSERTS

**April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday (C)**

**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, April 13

*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, April 14

*Today's Prompt:* Listen to the daily office today at [missionstclare.com](http://missionstclare.com)

*Read:* "Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he will hear my voice." - Psalm 55:17

#### Tuesday, April 15

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

*Read:* "Our competence is from God, who has made us competent 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

#### Wednesday, April 16

*Today's Prompt:* When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open?

*Read:* "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but it finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order." - Matthew 12:43-44

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#### Thursday, April 17

*Today's Prompt:* How do you want to prepare people to remember you?

*Read:* "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God." - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

#### Friday, April 18

*Today's Prompt:* How did you turn back towards God's love when you made a big mistake?

*Read:* "I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.'" - Luke 15:18

#### Saturday, April 19

*Today's Prompt:* Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God?

*Read:* "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." - Psalm 119:105

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# GRACE NOTES

April 13 *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; Sean, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Marta, our curate.
- *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. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe; hospital chaplains, Stephen Ministers, pastoral care groups, ministries of healing, wellness programs, and recovery ministries. *The Church of England.*
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially between Iran, 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:* The Rivera Monclova Family; The Sessions Family; Rev. Rowena, Keegan and Kane; Heather; Antoinette; Kenneth & Adrienne; The Vela Cruz Family; David; Neil; Mark; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Lea; Megin; Walter & Claudia; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Mary; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, Soraya & Rapael; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Kathy; Patti; Delores; Nancy; Marcolina; Peter; Sr. Linda; Leonard; Joy; Cori and the Mackey Family; Judy; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; 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 José Rivera Monclova, Arielle Kimchi, Shira Sangamuang, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Charles Bevan Jr., Charles William Knapp, Betty Phillips, Robert "Ben" Morse, Ruth Buckner, Richard Norris, Mary Jane Bowman, and Gary Hryb.

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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT GRACE

## CALENDAR OF MASSES AND ACTIVITIES



### **Palm Sunday, April 13 ~ Sunday of the Passion**

Distribution of palms and Reading of the PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE 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, April 16**

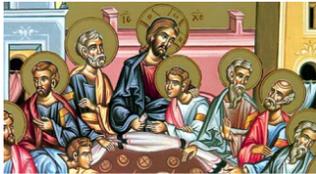
**6:00 PM:** OFFICE OF TENEBRAE presented by *Haven Religious*

**7:00 PM:** Choir Rehearsal

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

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

**7:00 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)*

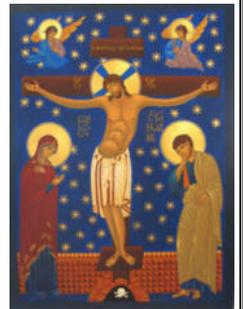
### **Good Friday, April 18**

**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, April 19**

**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, April 20**

### **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 D minor, K. 65, and Regina Coeli, K. 321*

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invite you to join us for

## **TENEBRAE ~ A LITURGY OF SHADOWS**

*All are welcome*

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

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