

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

**8am & 10:30am
Holy Eucharist**



PALM SUNDAY

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Welcome to St. John's Church

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples.

We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.

If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.

If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.



Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy some fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children are welcome at all services

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

The Ministry of the Word

The Liturgy of the Palms

When circumstances permit at 10:30am, the congregation will gather at the front of the school.

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Opening Hymn 154

All glory, laud and honor

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 stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Collect of the Day

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 People are seated

8AM

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

10:30AM

Gloria WPL 838

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 2/2 time. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system of music has the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." written below the notes. The second system of music has the lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." written below the notes.

Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Her-liebster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), alt.
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Isaiah 50:4-9a

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 31:9-16

- 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."

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

The Holy Gospel of our Lord According to Mark 11:1-11

People Glory to you Lord Christ

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said

to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

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

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

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Henry McQueen

The Prayers of the People

Prayers of Intercession

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean
spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in
Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be
ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and
encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace. After the peace, the People are seated.

Anthem: In Monte Oliveti

Pavlechko

In monte oliveti oravit ad Patrem: si fieri potest, transeat a me calix iste. Spiritus quidem promptus est, caro autem infirma; caro autem infirma: fiat voluntas tua.

[On the Mount of Olives he prayed to the Father: if it is possible, let this chalice pass from me. The Spirit indeed is ready, but the flesh is weak: Your will be done.]

The Holy Communion

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God, for in wondrous love you cast stars into space, and in meek obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails. With loving-kindness you called your people in Abraham, and in covenant with Moses you bound up your life in theirs.

Through exile you stayed close to them, and in Jesus you came among them bearing the fullness of grace and truth. Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty, and death, yet in resurrection you exalted him, and in sending your Spirit you shed glory on all people.

And so we rejoice with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, singing the song of your unending praise.

8AM

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

10:30AM

Sanctus and Benedictus, S 130

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

10:30AM

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The first system of the hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, starting on a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, a half note B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a half note G2, a half note B1, and a half note D2. The system ends with a double bar line.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The second system continues the melody from the first system. The treble staff starts with a half note C5, followed by a half note B4, a half note A4, and a half note G4. The bass staff continues with a half note G2, a half note B1, and a half note D2. The system ends with a double bar line.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The third system continues the melody. The treble staff starts with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, a half note B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff continues with a half note G2, a half note B1, and a half note D2. The system ends with a double bar line.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The fourth system continues the melody. The treble staff starts with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, a half note B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff continues with a half note G2, a half note B1, and a half note D2. The system ends with a double bar line.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

The fifth system continues the melody. The treble staff starts with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, a half note B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff continues with a half note G2, a half note B1, and a half note D2. The system ends with a double bar line.

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The sixth system concludes the hymn. The treble staff starts with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, a half note B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff continues with a half note G2, a half note B1, and a half note D2. The system ends with a double bar line.

The Celebrant continues

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One.
Your Son comes on a donkey in your name.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins, enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body.
Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread, and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that together they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status but emptied himself.

Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church, on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member, on all who are emptied of hope, faith, or love.

As you highly exalted your Son who had become a slave, highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness, or grieve those they have cherished, or bend the knee to one who does not honor them.

Fill the earth with your justice and peace, until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess that you are the joy of their desiring, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God, in all ages and forevermore. **Amen.**

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

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

Vater unser im Himmel,
geheiligt werde dein Name;
dein Reich komme;
dein Wille geschehe,
wie im Himmel so auf Erden.
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,
wie auch wir vergeben unsern
Schuldigern;
und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,
sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.

Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept, after which the following is said:

8AM

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

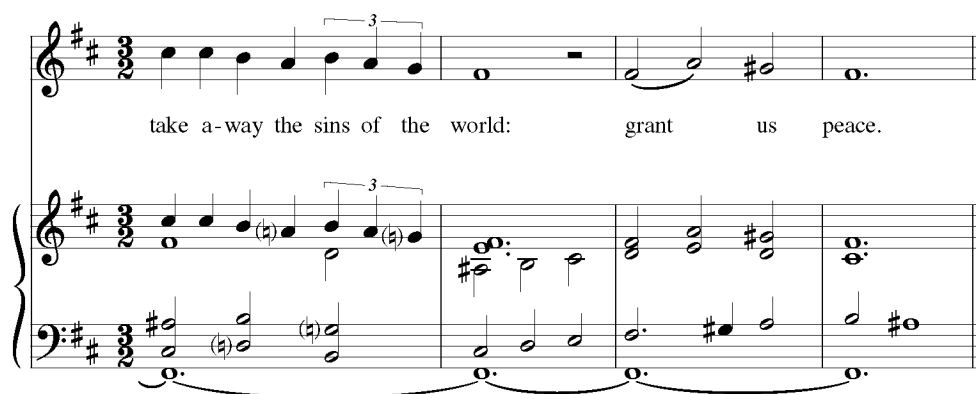
10:30AM

Agnus Dei, WLP 871

Ronald Arnatt

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



The Gifts of God for the People of God

This is God's table; communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread, and wine, or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from chalice. For health reasons, we do not intinct (deep) the bread. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

The people are seated.

Communion Music

Celebrant Let us pray.

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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.**

The children are invited to go with Mother Shivaun to the Parish Hall to learn about Holy Week.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

At the verse which mentions the place that is called The Skull the congregation stands.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 14:1-15:47

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

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

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again, he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

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

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they

testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am; and

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

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

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

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

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). *Please stand.*

And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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

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

The congregation exits quietly. Stations of Holy Week are in the Parish Hall for your personal pilgrimage.

TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org.

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If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: pastoralcare@stjec.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Share a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by the beautiful service of Tenebrae**
- **Collecting goods for Migrants through IRC** – As part of the Diocese partnership project with IRC, we are gathering household goods for arriving migrant families in 4 category packets - Kitchen, Linens and Household goods, Cleaning Supplies, and Toiletries. We are working with other churches in our region to gather complete sets. Please see Deacon Nancy for a list of items required in each category and you can sign up for items you have to share on the link in the Bell Tower. Our goal is to do a drop off/pick up by the second week in April. THANK YOU!!
- **Pantry Needs** – Meal kits, canned chicken, dried potatoes, beef stew.
- **CPR TRAINING OFFERED AT S. JOHN'S** - Interested in learning CPR or need a refresher? St. John's will be offering training through a basic life support program which teaches CPR and AED skills approved by the American Heart Association on **Saturday May 18th**. Certified instructor(s) will provide training from **9am-1pm**, provided there is enough interest. The training fee will be covered for parish volunteers, for all others it is \$69.99 per person. If you are interested in the **May 18th training**, or in future training please contact [Julie Metcalf](#) to reserve your seat.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

+ PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24 @ 8am & 10:30am

+ TENEBRAE

Wednesday, March 27 @ 7:30pm

+ MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28 @ 5:30 & 7:30pm

- ♦ Casual Family Service with Dinner @ 5:30pm
in the Parish Hall. Especially designed for families.
- ♦ Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Foot Washing @ 7:30pm
- ♦ Prayer Vigil "*Won't you Pray with Me?*" @ 9pm-Midnight

+ GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29 @ 12 Noon & 7:30pm

- ♦ Stations of the Cross @ 12 Noon
- ♦ Good Friday Liturgy @ 7:30pm

+ EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31 @ 6:30am, 9am & 11am

- ♦ Easter Vigil @ 6:30am
- ♦ Family Interactive Service @ 9am
- ♦ Traditional Festive Easter Morning Worship @ 11am

LOOKING AHEAD

WEDNESDAY March 27

- Soup and Bread Supper @ 6:30pm
- Tenebrae Service @ 7:30pm

THURSDAY March 28

- Maundy Thursday Casual Family Services @ 5:30pm
- Maundy Thursday Liturgy with foot washing @ 7:30pm
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FRIDAY March 29

- Church office CLOSE March 29th Through April 2
- Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm
- Good Friday Service @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY March 31 – Easter

- The Great Vigil of Easter @ 6:30am
- No Adult Forum
- Family Interactive Service at 9:00am
- Children Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00am
- Festive Easter Morning with Brass @ 11:00am

SUNDAY April 7

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum @ 9:00am
- Holy Household @ 9:30am
- Resurrection Stories and Songs @ 10:30am
- Youth Group @ 12 – 1:30pm
- Esther Deel Meeting @ 10:30am – Parish Hall



Easter Altar Flowers

Return completed form along with your check for **\$40** made payable to:
St. John's (Easter Flowers on the memo line)
place in Sunday's Collection Plate, Bookkeeper's mailbox or mail to church office.

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Easter Music

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