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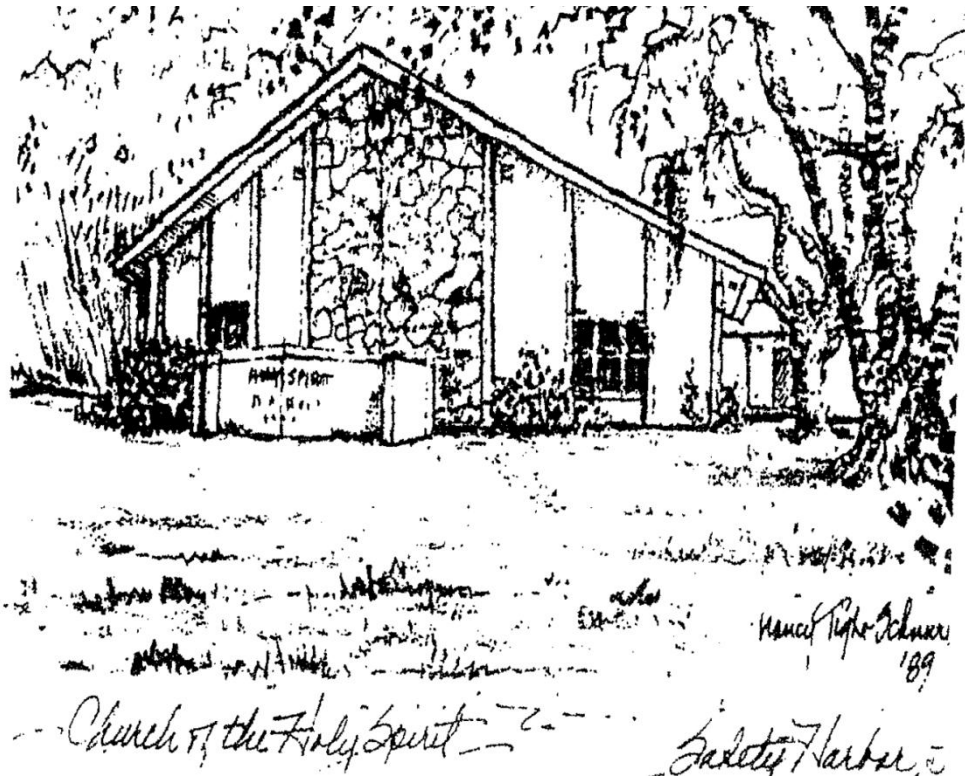
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The Mission of Our Diocese

Honor our Tradition, Build for the Future, Mercy in Mission

The Vision of Our Parish

To be the Body of Christ here and now—reaching out to welcome all, witnessing to God's love in our lives, and sharing that love with others.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Reverend Raynald S. Bonoan, Rector

The Reverend Joseph H. Diaz, Assisting Priest

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026

Holy Communion—Rite II

Liturgy of the Palms

The Word of God

Kyrie

The Collect

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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.*

First Lesson

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.

The Psalm

Psalm 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."

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

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

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel (The Passion)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY (ALLELUIAS OMITTED)

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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.*

Matthew 21:1-11

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

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant Continues.

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

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us go in peace.

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

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

(John 18:1 – 19:37)

(C=Congregation)

N: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

N: Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them,

J: Whom do you seek?

N: They answered him,

C: **Jesus of Nazareth.**

N: He said to them,

J: I am He.

N: Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I am he," they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them,

J: Whom do you seek?

N: And they said,

C: **Jesus of Nazareth.**

N: Jesus answered them,

J: I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go.

N: This was to fulfill what he had said, "Of those whom thou gavest me I lost not one." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

J: Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?

N: So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter,

M: You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?

N: He said,

P: I am not.

N: Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm. The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him,

J: I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.

N: When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said,

O: Is this the way you answer the high priest?

N: Jesus answered him,

J: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

N: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him,

C: **You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?**

N: He denied it and said,

P: I am not.

N: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

S: Didn't I see you in the garden with him?

N: Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed. Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said,

Pi: What accusation do you bring against this man?

N: They answered him,

C: **If he were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over.**

N: At this, Pilate said to them,

Pi: Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law.

N: The Jews said to him,

C: **It is not lawful for us to put any man to death.**

N: This was to fulfill the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he was to die. Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and he said to him,

Pi: Are you the King of the Jews?

N: Jesus answered him,

J: Do you say this on your own accord or did others say it to you about me?

N: Pilate answered,

Pi: Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?

N: Jesus answered,

J: My kingship is not of this world. If my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews. But my kingship is not from this world.

N: So Pilate said to him,

Pi: Then you are a king?

N: Jesus answered,

J: You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.

N: Pilate said to him,

Pi: What is truth?

N: After he said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them,

Pi: I find no crime in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Will you have me to release for you the King of the Jews?

N: They cried out again,

C: **Not this man, but Barabbas!**

N: Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and clothed him in a purple robe, and they came to him and said,

C: **Hail, King of the Jews!**

N: And struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pi: See, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no crime in him.

N: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pi: Behold, the man!

N: When the chief priests and the officers saw him they cried out, saying,

C: **Crucify him, crucify him!**

N: Pilate said to them,

Pi: Take him yourselves and crucify him for I find no crime in him.

N: The Jews answered him,

C: **We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God.**

N: When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid, entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus,

Pi: Where are you from?
N: But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,
Pi: You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I power to crucify you?
N: Jesus answered him,
J: You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin.
N: Upon this, Pilate sought to release him; but the Jews cried out,
C: **If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar.**
N: When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews,
Pi: Behold, your king!
N: They cried out,
C: **Away with him, away with him, crucify him!**
N: Pilate said to them,
Pi: Shall I crucify your king?
N: The chief priests answered,
C: **We have no king but Caesar.**
N: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

All Stand.

N: So they took Jesus, and, he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place of a skull which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,
C: **Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'**
N: Pilate answered,
Pi: What I have written, I have written.
N: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic, but the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom. So they said to one another,
C: **Let's us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.**
N: This is to fulfill the scripture, "*They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.*" So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary

Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother,

J. Woman, behold, your son.

N: Then he said to the disciple,

J. Behold, your mother.

N: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, knowing that all was now finished, to fulfill the Scripture, he said,

J. I thirst.

N: A bowl of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said,

J. It is finished.

N: And he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

Silence shall be kept for a time.

N: Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness - his testimony is true; and he knows that he tells the truth - that you also may believe. For things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: *“Not a bone of him shall be broken.”* And again another says: *“They shall look upon him whom they have pierced.”*