

Holy Eucharist Rite III
Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.



Emmanuel Episcopal Church
of Orcas Island

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL!

We are glad you are here. Our mission at Emmanuel is to love God and God's creation, and our neighbors as ourselves. We are a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship and prayer, study and formation, compassion and service, fellowship and community, to welcome all people just as God created them. We welcome you wherever you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered. We welcome you regardless of your age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, economic condition, physical condition, or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation, and so do we. We welcome you to our inclusive family; come share the journey.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING AND HOPE

O Great Spirit, God of all people and every tribe, through whom all people are related. Call us into the kinship of all your people. We give thanks for the Coast Salish peoples, especially the Lummi and Samish, and for their continued faithful care of these lands and waters. Grant us vision to see, through the lens of our Baptismal Covenant, the brokenness of the past, especially the Doctrine of Discovery that blessed conquest, sanctioned dispossession, and treated Indigenous peoples as less than fully human. Help us to listen to you and to one-another in order to heal the wounds of the present. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom to work together for healing and hope with all your people, now and in the generations to come. Mend the hoop of our hearts, and teach us to live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, who comes to all peoples, that all may live in dignity. Amen.

Adapted from the Indigenous Episcopal Ministry 2012 Lent resource: "Seeking God's Justice for All" p. 41.

~ MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE ~

Presider ~ Fr. Berto Gándara

Eucharistic Minister ~ Vicki Clancy

Healing Ministry ~ Antoinette Botsford

Lector 1 ~ Sharon Nelson

Lector 2 ~ Mary Poletti

Usher ~ Lori Oakes

Altar Guild ~ Chris Kennady and Karen Blinn

Flower Guild ~ Vicki Clancy

We gather in the Parish Hall for this part of the Eucharist to receive the branches of palm.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Presider: Beloved in Christ, for these forty days we have journeyed with Jesus from the wilderness up to the gates of Jerusalem. As we join with all the faithful and celebrate his entry in both triumph and humility, let us welcome him with cries of “Hosanna,” and may his praise be on our lips even as we walk with him toward the cross and the grave, confident in God’s power to save.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **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.**

Presider: Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

(Matthew 21:1–11. CEB)

Lector 1: When Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them.” He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, Say to Daughter Zion, “Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey’s offspring.” The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them. Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. “Who is this?” they asked. The crowds answered, “It’s the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Presider: Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Presider: Hosanna to the Son of David.

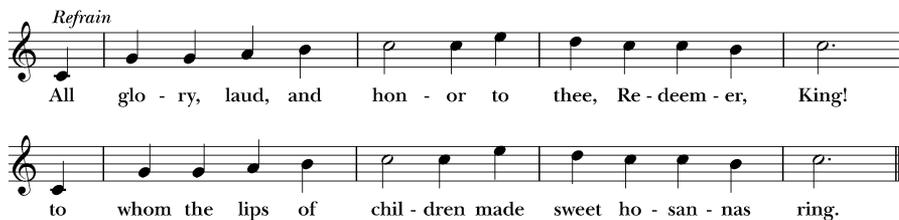
People: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

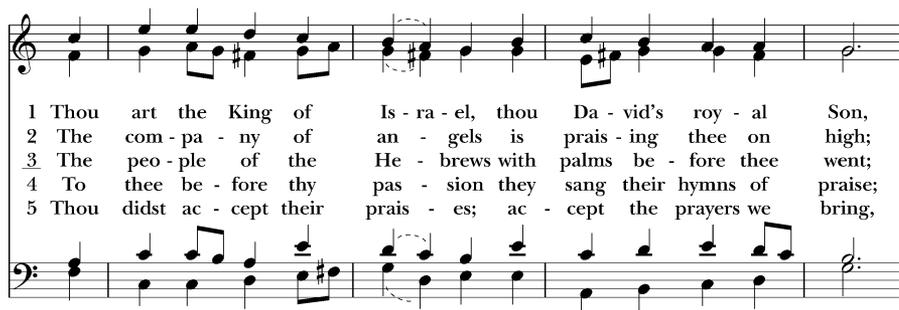
People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

We process towards the church holding branches in our hands, and singing,

Refrain

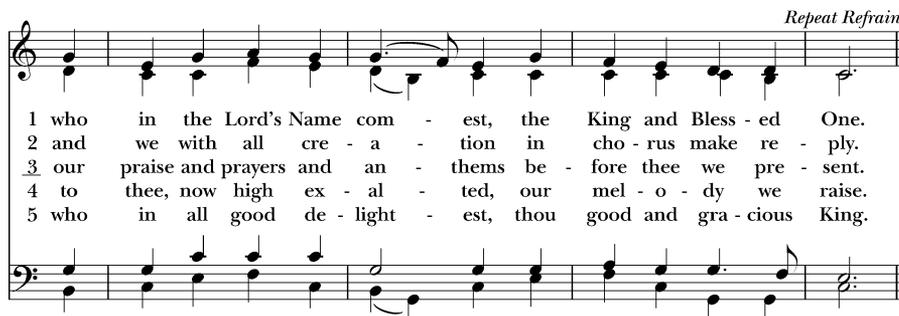


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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.

We enter the church singing and when all arrive the Presider begins with the Salutation and the Collect.

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejection and death into triumph. Grant us the steadfast faith to enter the gates of righteousness, that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens of your holy realm. Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Chant **Listen, listen, wait in silence listening.
For the One from whom all mercy flows.**

1st Lector: A reading from the book of Isaiah [50:4-9a NRSV^{ue}]

The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens, awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

After a period of silence, the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1st Lector: **A retelling of Psalm 31:9-16.**

The Lector chooses the manner of praying the Psalm or Canticle and explains it to the congregation:

Direct Recitation: *prayed in unison.*

Antiphonal Recitation: *one side of the congregation and the other.*

Responsive Recitation: *the Lector alternating with the congregation.*

Be a comfort to me, Beloved, for I am in distress; my eyes are dim from weeping, my soul is deep with grief.

For my life is worn away with sorrow, and my years with sighing. My body has weakened and my bones waste away with misery.

All my fears rise up to mock me, my neighbors turn away. My friends dread to see me and flee from my sickness of soul.

My mind, too has left me like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

Yes, I hear the voices around me whispering of my plight—fears rise up on every side!

Isolation, rejection, fear surround me and conspire to overwhelm me. Still I trust in You, O Beloved, I repeat, “You are my Life.”

My life is in your hands; deliver me from the fears which separate me! Let your face shine on me; hold me in your steadfast love!

Let me know your forgiveness, O Love, for I call upon You; let my fears be cast out, let them be transformed.

2nd Lector: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

[2:5-11 NRSV^{ue}]

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to 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.

After a period of silence, the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion, until the arrival of Jesus at Golgotha.

*The Passion Gospel is dramatized. The congregation is invited to take the role of **Disciples, Priests, Witnesses, and Crowds** reading aloud the text in bold. The other Passion parts are read by:*

*Matthew - Narrator ~ Sharon Nelson
Jesus ~ Vicki Clancy*

Pontius Pilate ~
Pilate's wife ~
Centurion ~
Peter ~
Judas ~
High Priest ~ Mary Poletti
Servant Girl 1 ~
Servant Girl 2 ~
Two Witnesses ~

Disciples, Priests, Witnesses and Crowds ~ the congregation

Matthew (narrator): The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

The usual response is omitted today.

(26:14 – 27:66)

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

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

Matthew: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

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

Matthew: Jesus said,

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

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

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

Matthew: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples: Surely not I, Lord?

Matthew: Jesus answered,

Jesus: The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

Matthew: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas: Surely not I, Rabbi?

Matthew: Jesus replied,

Jesus: You have said so.

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

Jesus: Take, eat; this is my body.

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

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

Matthew: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

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

Matthew: Peter said to him,

Peter: Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

Matthew: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Matthew: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Matthew: And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Matthew: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

Matthew: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

Matthew: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Matthew: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

Matthew: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Matthew: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

Matthew: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas: Greetings, Rabbi!

Matthew: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Friend, do what you are here to do.

Matthew: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

Matthew: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Matthew: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Witnesses: This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’

Matthew: The high priest stood up and said,

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

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

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

Matthew: Jesus said to him,

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

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

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

Matthew: They answered,

Priests: **He deserves death.**

Matthew: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

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

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

Servant Girl 1: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Matthew: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

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

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

Servant Girl 2: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Matthew: Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man.

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

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

Matthew: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man!

Matthew: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Matthew: But they said,

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

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

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

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

Matthew: Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Matthew: Jesus said,

Jesus: You say so.

Matthew: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Matthew: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's wife: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Matthew: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Matthew: And they said,

Crowd: **Barabbas.**

Matthew: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: All of them said,

Crowd: **Let him be crucified!**

Matthew: Then he asked,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Matthew: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: **Let him be crucified!**

Matthew: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Matthew: Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd: **His blood be on us and on our children!**

Matthew: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

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

Matthew: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

Please stand, as you are able, as Jesus arrives at Golgotha.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

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

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

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

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

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Matthew: that is,

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

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

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

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

Crowd: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

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

*Please kneel as you are able.
A minute of silence is kept.*

Please stand as able.

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

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Matthew: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

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

Matthew: Pilate said to them,

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

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

The usual responses after the Gospel are omitted today.

Please be seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON

Presider: Let us pray,
Merciful God, your strength and courage pour forth to sustain the witness of your faithful people. Awaken in us the humility to serve wherever creation is broken and in need, that we may follow in the way of our brother, Jesus, die as he did to all that separates us from you, and with him be raised to new life. Amen.

We keep a time of silence after the sermon.

WE PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

Please stand as you are able as the 2nd Lector leads us in prayer.

Intercessor: The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. So, let us cry out to our Lord, saying, “Crucified King, have mercy on us.” Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We have been unwilling to share the gospel with our friends and families.

Silence

Crucified King,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord—especially those who are threatened by your message of love and justice. Have mercy on us for our silence and complicity.

Silence

Crucified King,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Have mercy on those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Have mercy on us and teach us to love what you have called good.

Silence

Crucified King,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Have mercy on us, O Lord. Teach us to value what you value. Increase in us love for our neighbors.

Silence

Crucified King,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen those whose strength fails them. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants.

We mention their names silently or aloud...and we also lift up the names of those on our parish prayer list:...**Bill & Jane...Heather...Jan... Cheryl... Ian...James...Dick...Renee... John...Nick...Sara...David... The Rev. Pam...Dart and Laura...Skipper...Cynthia & Bruce...Wes & Carol... Bruce...Helen...Diane...Chris...Lynn...Margaret...Sam...Nick... Maria...Ali...Debbie...Carol...Julia...Catherine...**

Silence

Crucified King,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Merciful Lord, you know the pain of death—even death on a cross. Have mercy on the dying and the dead. Bring them to the joy of everlasting life in you.

Silence

Crucified King,

People **Have mercy on us.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME OF VISITORS

Please be seated. If you are visiting us this morning, we warmly welcome you! You may introduce yourself if you would like. We invite you to join us at coffee hour after the service in Benson Hall. Sign up for our weekly eNews by scanning this QR code:



WE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you

People **And also with you.**

We share a sign of peace with those around. Please be mindful of other people's boundaries.

WE PREPARE THE ALTAR AND PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence

When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NRSV^{ue})

The gifts of bread and wine and our offerings for our parish's support are placed on the offering plate. We thank you for your generous financial support. Checks may be made out to Emmanuel Parish. If you are not a pledging member, we invite you to consider making a yearly pledge to Emmanuel. Ask for a pledge card. You can also donate online at: <https://bit.ly/donateEmmanuel>



Please stand, as you are able, when the offering plate is brought forward and we sing

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

Doxology: Old 100th

WE PRAY THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

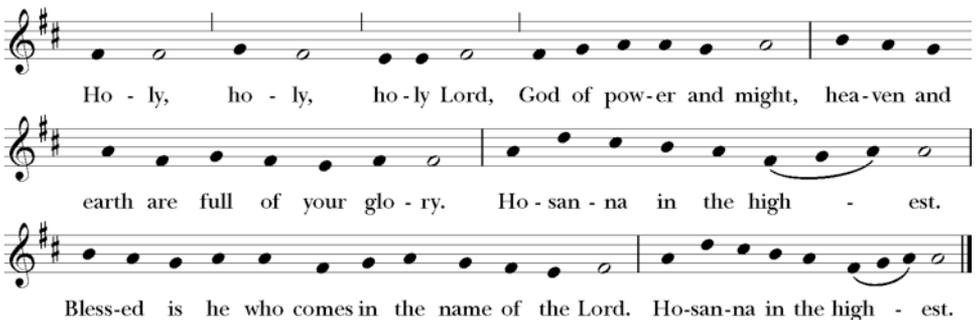
Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider thanks God, on our behalf, for the goodness and beauty of creation and for the story of liberation, particularly in the life of Jesus Christ, and then invites us to chant.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues praying, asking the Holy Spirit to transform us, along with the bread and wine, into the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus' words from the Last Supper are spoken over the bread and wine.

The Presider will then invite us to respond to the memorial by saying,

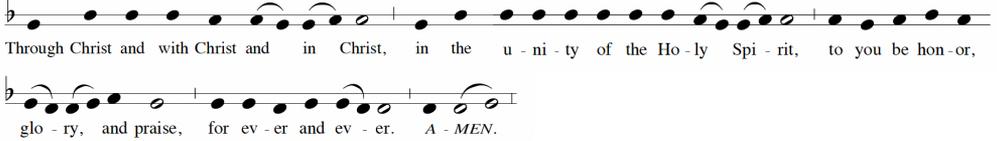
Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The Presider will now pray for the world and church, concluding with the doxology



Presider 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence is kept.

✠ Lamb of God, both human and divine, taking away the sins of the world,

✠ **Have compassion on us.**

✠ Beloved, affirming the worth and beauty of creation,

✠ **Accept us in love forever.**

✠ Healer, carrying the pain and the sins of the world,

✠ **Give us and all creation your wholeness.**

✠ Pour mercy upon us,

✠ **Whisper your love, give us your peace.**

INVITATION FOR COMMUNION

Presider 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.

All are welcome to receive Christ's sacramental presence in Holy Communion. Our Catechism (BCP p. 860) says that what is required is that we examine our lives and commit to the transformation of our hearts and lives, striving to live in love with God, all people, and creation. If, for personal reasons, you feel you cannot receive Communion at this time, you are nonetheless welcome to come to receive a blessing; indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. If you want to request the sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, or Reconciliation/Confession, speak with one of our priests.

Receiving the Bread, the Body of Christ: *You can kneel or stand at the Communion rail, filling it from right to left. The tradition is to receive the Body of Christ, forming "a throne" with your hands, your two palms open, one on top of the other in a receptive position. To the minister's words, "the Body of Christ, the bread of heaven," it is customary to respond: Amen.*

Receiving the Wine, the Blood of Christ: *If you wish to dip the Bread in the Wine, leave it in your hand, and the minister will come by to offer you the chalice. If you want to drink directly from the Chalice, consume the Bread before the minister arrives, and they will provide you with the cup to drink directly from; please guide and tip the chalice so you can drink comfortably. If you would not rather partake of the Blood of Christ, cross your hands over your chest. To the minister's words, "the Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," it is customary to respond by saying: Amen.*

Receiving Communion in your pew: *If you would like the ministers to bring Communion to your seat, please let the usher know, and we will be glad to do so.*

Healing Ministry: *A healing minister will be available to pray for you or a loved one. They are seated towards the right of the altar rail, behind the priest's chair. Feel free to approach them and share your intentions.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us prayer.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Presider says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel, if able, or bow their heads, and the Presider says

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Prayer is resting in love, returning to love,
Trusting that love is the unceasing stream,
The unceasing stream.

Carrying us, guiding us; home,
Home to our hearts, and into this world.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to join us for fellowship and coffee in Benson Hall.

Please follow the group through the door on the right of the nave.

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Bill & Jane Newchurch, Heather Smith, Jan Koltun, Cheryl Danskin, Ian McDonald, James Hardman, Dick Thompson, Renee Hill, John Ehrmantraut, Nick Redfield, Sara Gerakaris, David Liebenberg, The Rev. Pam Tinsley, Laura and Sherwood (Dart) Botsford, and Skipper (James Lawrence) Botsford, Cynthia & Bruce Hubert, Wes & Carol Burger, The Rev. Bruce Freeman, Helen Menefee, Diane Gillespie, Chris, Lynn Jenssen, Margaret Black, Sam Staatz, Nick DiZinno, Maria Bullock, Ali Walker, Debbie Durand, Carol Wright, Julia de Peyster, and Catherine Pederson.

Holy Week Services Schedule

March 29: Palm Sunday: 8 am & 10 am

April 2: Maundy Thursday: 5:30 pm

April 3: Good Friday: 5:30 pm

April 4: Easter Vigil Part I: Fire & Readings: Saturday at 8 pm

April 5: Easter Vigil Part II: Renewal of Baptism & Eucharist: Sunday at 6 am

April 5: Easter Day Eucharist: Sunday at 10 am

Calendar for This Week:

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| Sun | Mar 29 | 8 & 10 am | Eucharist Services Palm Sunday | Church |
| Sun | Mar 29 | 9 am | Choir Rehearsal | Parish Hall |
| Sun | Mar 29 | 11:30 am | Peace Vigil | Main St. |
| Wed | April 1 | 12-2 pm | Peace Meditation-Letter Writing | Church/BH |
| Wed | April 1 | 5 pm | Inquirer's Group | Benson Hall |
| Thu | April 2 | 12:15 pm | NO Lectio Divina | Benson Hall |
| Thu | April 2 | 1:00 pm | NO Book Club | Benson Hall |
| Thu | April 2 | 5:30 pm | Maundy Thursday Eucharist | Church |
| Fri | April 3 | 12:15 pm | Centering Prayer | Church |
| Fri | April 3 | 1 pm | Devotional Chanting | Retreat Room |
| Fri | April 3 | 5:30 pm | Good Friday Service | Church |
| Sat | April 4 | 8 pm | Easter Vigil Part I | Church |

Calendar for Next Week:

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| Sun | April 5 | 6 am | Eucharist Vigil Part II | Church |
| Sun | April 5 | 10 am | Eucharist Easter Sunday | Church |
| Sun | April 5 | 9 am | Choir Rehearsal | Parish Hall |
| Sun | April 5 | 11:30 am | Peace Vigil | Main St. |
| Wed | April 8 | 12-2 pm | Peace Meditation-Letter Writing | Church/BH |
| Wed | April 8 | 5 pm | Inquirer's Group | Benson Hall |
| Thu | April 9 | 12:15 pm | Lectio Divina | Benson Hall |
| Thu | April 9 | 1:00 pm | Book Club | Benson Hall |
| Thu | April 9 | 7 pm | Movie night: Bonhoeffer | Parish Hall |
| Fri | April 10 | 12:15 pm | Centering Prayer | Church |
| Fri | April 10 | 1 pm | Devotional Chanting | Retreat Room |
| Sat | April 11 | 10am | All Island Reads | Parish Hall |

12-Step Meetings in Benson Hall

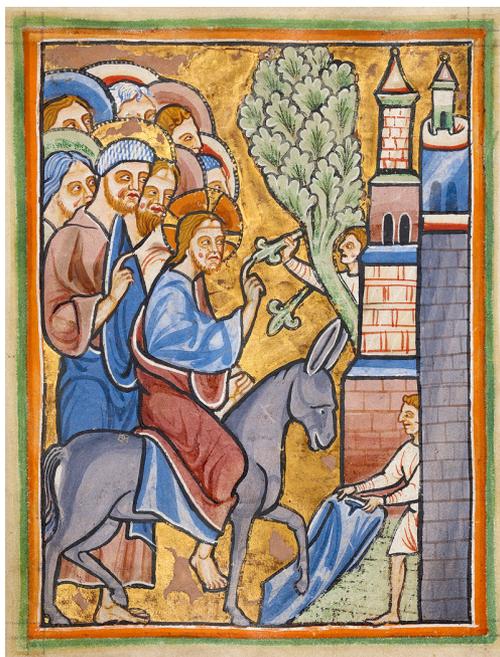
- Sundays at 5:30 pm AA open meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Mondays at 5:30 pm AA open meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Tuesdays at 1 pm AlAnon meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Tuesdays at 5:30 pm AA Women's meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Tuesdays at 7 pm AA Men's meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Thursdays at 5:30 pm AlAnon meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Fridays at 5:30 pm AA open meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Fridays at 7 pm AA open meeting (*in person only*)
- Saturdays at 8 am AA open meeting, (*hybrid*)

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