

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant
 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.*

At this time the children of the parish will distribute the blessed Palms to the congregation.

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

Hymn All glory, laud, and honor **H 154**

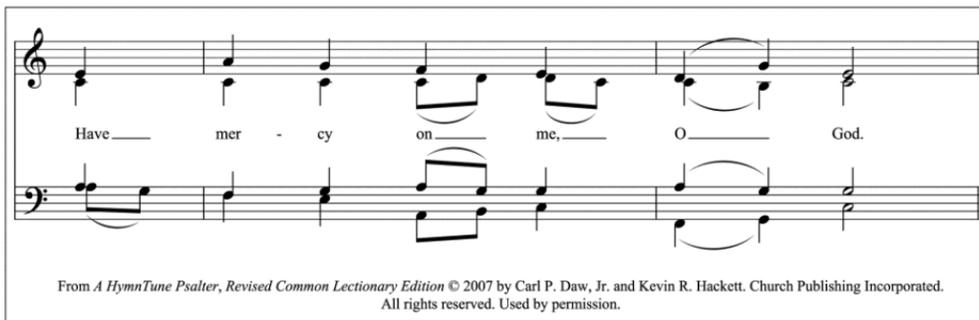
The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*
 Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk 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 Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament 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?

RCL Palm Sunday ABC Psalm 31: 9-16



The Choir will sing the antiphon first, followed by the congregation, then all together at those points noted.

- 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. **Antiphon*
- 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. **Antiphon*
- 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. **Antiphon*
- 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." **Antiphon*

New Testament Lesson *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.

Hymn *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* **H 436**

Gospel Lesson *Luke 19:28-40*

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People **BCP 388**

We pray together as the people of God

Confession & Absolution **BCP 360**

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace *We share the joy of the Good News!*



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory *Ride on! Ride on in majesty*

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 to thee be every prayer addressed,
 who art in three-fold Name adored,
 from age to age, the only Lord*

Eucharistic Prayer "C" BCP 369
Sanctus Words in BCP, Musical Setting is H-S130
 The Lord's Prayer Traditional version, found on BCP 364
 Fraction Anthem H-S153

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

Strengthen for Service, Lord H 312
O sacred head, sore wounded H 168
And now, O Father H 337

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *At the Name of Jesus* H 435



The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

You are invited to be seated until the passage which mentions Golgotha is read. At that point, please stand until the conclusion of the reading. The Altar Party will retire in a silent recessional and the congregation is dismissed with no further words.

The palms are given by Mike and Sloane Hunter in loving memory of Mrs. Betsy Davis and Mrs. Ann Hillier.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by David Hardin and Terry Whittington. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

Attendance Last Sunday 58

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Becky Beckett Will Puckett
Lectors Bernadette Dragotto Teresa Paine
Chalicists Becky Beckett Teresa Paine
Altar Guild Sandy Moir Chris Justice Patricia Taylor
 Linda Thomas Betty Nash Emma Slater

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Kerrigan Farmer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Debbie Wells, Michelle Parks, Debbie Faber, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Margaret Westfall, Paul Anderson, Shelby Hawthorne, Deane Family, Donna Fortune, Eddie Perkins

Birthdays This Week:

Cameron Clement, Becca Steorts, Phil Mahood, Betty Nash, Jeff Brannon, Macon Clement, Will Puckett, Tom Coughlan

Calendar of Events

Wednesday – April 17 Finance Report & Vestry 6 pm
 Thursday – April 18 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am
 Maundy Thursday Foot Washing 5:30pm
 Seder Meal 6:00pm
 Friday – April 19 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12 noon
 Vigil in St. Margaret's Chapel 12-3:00pm
 Solemnity 7:00pm
 Sunday – April 21 Easter Sunday

Announcements:

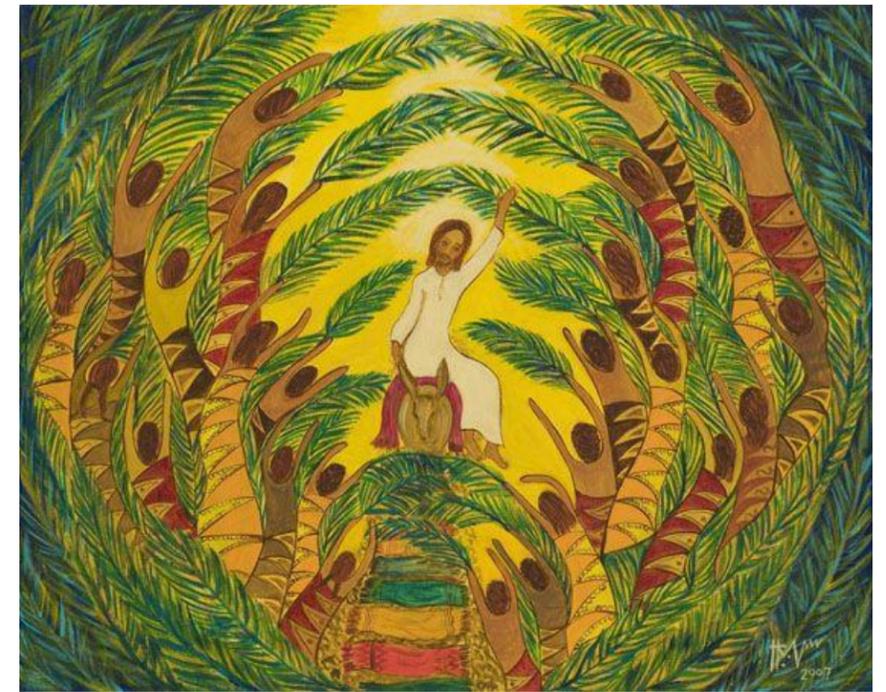
Finance Presentation: Representatives from our investment bank for the St. Lucy Fund will give a report on Wednesday, April 17, at 6 pm here at the church. Dinner will be provided.

Seder Meal: Our Maundy Thursday Memorial of the last Supper will be a Christian Seder. A Full Meal will be provided. Donations will be accepted. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex TODAY so we can have an accurate count for food preparation. Thank You!

Food Pantry Needs: We are collecting personal care items for the Food Pantry in April. We really need: Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, and Shampoo! Thanks!

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater Rector
 Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster
 Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator
 Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton
 Becky Beckett Senior Warden
 Tom Coughlan Junior Warden



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Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

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.*