



PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

All gather on the church lawn

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 270

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

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 900

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 him 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

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The congregation processes into the church, following the cross.

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 *read in procession, responsively by whole verse*

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever”

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches
up to the horns of the altar.

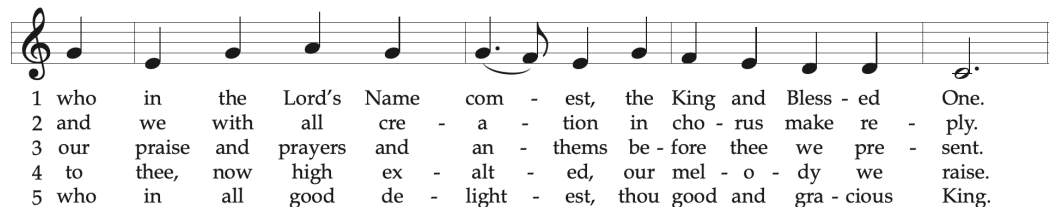
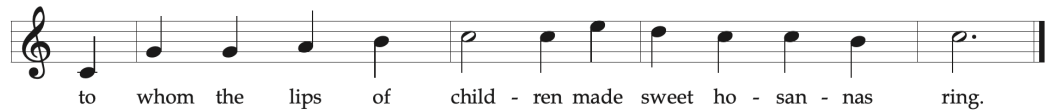
28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Processional Hymn 154 “All glory, laud, and honor to thee”

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

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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

Children's Anthem

"Here Comes Jesus on a Donkey"

Here comes Jesus on a donkey riding, oh, so slow!
 All the children run before him, singing as they go.
Hosanna, hosanna, singing all along.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus loves their song.

People lay their coats before him
 as they ride along,
 waving branches, loudly singing,
 hear their happy song. *Refrain.*

In God's house their voices ringing,
 praising loud and long;
 though men try to stop their singing,
 Jesus wants their song. *Refrain.*

The children leave for the Children's Chapel

The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p.667

Commentary: This is the third Servant Song in Isaiah, songs that spoke to the circumstances of the prophet's original audience while also looking ahead to the work of the ultimate Servant, Jesus Christ. The Servant's words had come to Him through daily, direct interaction with the sovereign Lord. God had given His Servant the desire and the ability to hear, and to respond obediently to what He heard. The Servant willingly suffered abuse and disdain for His obedience to God, but He did not turn back. The Servant trusted in God's vindication for His faithfulness to His calling. He suffered not because of His guilt, but in spite of His innocence. Through it all, the Servant continued to model steadfast reliance on God.

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 31:2, 9–16

In te, Domine, speravi

Antiphon *(The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)*



Psalm chant



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in / **trouble**; *
 my eye is consumed with sorrow,
 and also my throat and my / **belly**.
 For my life is wasted with grief,
 and my years with / **sighing**; *
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones are con-/**sumed**.

Antiphon

I have become a reproach to all my enemies
 and even to my neighbors,
 a dismay to those of my ac-/**quaintance**; *
 when they see me in the street they a-/**void me**.
 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of / **mind**; *
 I am as useless as a broken / **pot**.

Antiphon

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
 fear is all a-/**round**; *
 they put their heads together against me;
 they plot to take my / **life**.
 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O / **Lord**. *
 I have said, "You are my / **God**."

Antiphon

My times are in your / **hand**; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who / **persecute me**.
 Make your face to shine upon your / **servant**, *
 and in your loving-kindness / **save me**.

Antiphon

Commentary: Paul turned to the perfect example, Jesus Christ, to encourage humility and unity within the Philippian church. Jesus, the Son of God, voluntarily and willingly adopted a manner of existence different from His Father, that of God-man. He chose not to use His powers to lift Himself above ordinary human limitations. Jesus did not lay aside the form of God, He added on the form of a man, of a servant. Jesus appeared just as any other man and He was willing to endure death by crucifixion, an unspeakably brutal means of execution. The Son was submissive to the depths of humiliation and God the Father raised Him to the height of exaltation. Some day, every knee will bow in recognition that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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 PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW.

The congregation is seated; the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator

- NARRATOR: 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 Jesus to you?”
NARRATOR: 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?”
NARRATOR: He 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.’”
NARRATOR: 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.”
NARRATOR: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
DISCIPLES: “Surely not I, Lord?”
NARRATOR: He 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.”
NARRATOR: Judas, who betrayed him, said,
JUDAS: “Surely not I, Rabbi?”
NARRATOR: He replied,
JESUS: “You have said so.”
NARRATOR: 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.”
NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

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

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: 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.”

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

JUDAS: “Greetings, Rabbi!”

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

JESUS: “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

NARRATOR: 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?”

NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: 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,

ACCUSERS: "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"
NARRATOR: The high priest stood up and said,
HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"
NARRATOR: 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."
NARRATOR: 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."
HIGH PRIEST: "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"
NARRATOR: They answered,
CHIEF PRIESTS: "He deserves death."
NARRATOR: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,
CHIEF PRIESTS: "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"
NARRATOR: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,
SERVANT GIRL: "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."
NARRATOR: But he denied it before all of them, saying,
PETER: "I do not know what you are talking about."
NARRATOR: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,
SERVANT GIRL: "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."
NARRATOR: Again he denied it with an oath,
PETER: "I do not know the man."
NARRATOR: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,
BYSTANDER: "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."
NARRATOR: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,
PETER: "I do not know the man!"
NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:
JESUS: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."
NARRATOR: 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."
NARRATOR: But they said,
CHIEF PRIESTS: "What is that to us? See to it yourself."
NARRATOR: 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,
CHIEF PRIESTS: "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."
NARRATOR: 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." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

CONGREGATION: "Barabbas."

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

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

NARRATOR: All of them said,

CONGREGATION: "Let him be crucified!"

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CONGREGATION: "Let him be crucified!"

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,

CONGREGATION: "His blood be on us and on our children!"

NARRATOR: 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!"

NARRATOR: 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.

(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)

NARRATOR: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. 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,

BYSTANDERS: "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."

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

CHIEF PRIESTS: "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.'"

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: that is,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

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

BYSTANDERS: "This man is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: 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,

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

NARRATOR: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. 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!"

NARRATOR: 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,

CHIEF 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."

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

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

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

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

...Crucified King. **Have mercy on us.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

George Frederic Handel
from Messiah

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows
he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities:
the chastisement of our peace was upon him.

~ Isaiah 53:5-6

Presentation Hymn 143

“The glory of these forty days” *fifth verse only*

Erhalt uns, Herr

O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to
thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in - three - fold
Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord’s Prayer

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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

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Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem: S-161 “Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant _____ us peace.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Music at Communion

Motet “God So Loved the World” John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

~John 3:16-17

Hymn 158 “Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended” *Herzliebster Jesu*

Hymn 458 “My song is love unknown” *Love Unknown*

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**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 Blessing

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel

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.**

Closing Hymn 164 “Alone thou goest forth, O Lord”

Bangor

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “Jesu, meine Freude”

Johann Sebastian Bach



Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Children's Chapel: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

THIS EVENING

- **BREAD BREAKERS: TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME** *April 2 | 1:00 p.m. | UNCW*
 - **SJP YOUTH: GUARDIAN ANGEL CELEBRATION** *April 2 | 5:00-7:00 p.m. | The Great Hall*
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HOLY WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., APRIL 3-7

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, APRIL 3

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- LIVING WELL IN GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or via Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- MEN'S AL ANON
5:15PM | Lippitt Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

- SJP YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

MAUNDY THURSDAY

- MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
7:00 PM | St. James Parish

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

GOOD FRIDAY

SJDS CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- STATIONS OF THE CROSS & GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
12:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

HOLY SATURDAY

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON
7:45 - 10:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- SECOND SATURDAY CLEAN UP WITH
CAPE FEAR RIVER WATCH
9:00 AM | Location TBA
- THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
8:00 PM | St. James Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

EASTER DAY

- TOWER SERVICE
6:30 AM | St. James Tower
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- PARISH CELEBRATION & EASTER
EGG HUNT
10:15 AM | Parish Grounds
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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