

ST. PAUL'S
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PALM SUNDAY
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

"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."

Today is the first day of Holy Week and the last Sunday in Lent, known as Palm Sunday or the Sunday of the Passion. The day begins by marking Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Many churches participate in the Liturgy of the Palms, first offered in The Episcopal Church in the 1960 Book of Offices. In this liturgy, the celebrant blesses palms or other branches, and, following a reading from the Gospels, leads the congregation in procession into their church—often singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" or "Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!"

This liturgy evokes the early observances of Palm Sunday. By the year 381, the faithful would process from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem, waving palm or olive branches. As they processed, they sang songs from Scripture – including the exultant antiphon of Psalm 118 sung at Christ's entrance into the city: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

After the Liturgy of the Palms the tone of the service shifts noticeably. In contrast, Psalm 31, appointed for today, cries, "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." The Gospel reading is likewise sorrowful, recalling the events of Jesus' Passion (that is, the events and suffering before and during his death). Still, we are reminded throughout the difficult days ahead that this is not the end of the story. Despite the Savior's death on the cross, he promises to rise again. The Man of Sorrows remains the one at whose name, "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" (Philippians 2:10-11).

May this sacred week be one that draws you into the loving heart of God.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Please silence all electronic devices before the service begins. Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

All rise as able.

ACCLAMATION

BCP 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.**

GOSPEL OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Matthew 21:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

BLESSING OF THE BRANCHES *All hold up their branches.*

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.**

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.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands and wave them. Prior to entering the church, the procession halts while the following Collect is said

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The procession enters the church to find their seats.

Refrain

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SALUTATION

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 219

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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Response

Notes: After the organ introduction, the congregational response is first demonstrated by the choir and then repeated by the congregation. It is then sung when indicated in the text.



In - cline your ear to me, O LORD; make haste to de - liv - er me.

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.

Congregational Response

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."

Congregational Response

SECOND 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 158

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Herzliebster Jesu



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew. At the verse which mentions the arrival at the place that is called The Skull [Matthew 27:33], all stand.

Narrator	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew. One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
Reader I	What will you give me if I betray him 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,
Reader II	Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?
Narrator	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.'
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,
Reader II	Surely not I, Lord?
Narrator	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.
Narrator	Judas, who betrayed him, said,
Reader I	Surely not I, Rabbi?

Narrator	Jesus 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,
Reader II	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,
Reader II	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,

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

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Reader I 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,

Reader II 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,

Reader I Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

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

Reader I 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.

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

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

Narrator They answered,

Reader II He deserves death.

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

Reader II 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,

Reader I You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Narrator But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Reader II 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,

Reader I This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator Again he denied it with an oath,

Reader II I do not know the man.

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

Reader I Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Reader II I do not know the man!

Narrator 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,

Reader I I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Narrator But they said,

Reader II 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,

Reader II 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.' Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Reader I 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,

Reader I 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,

Reader I 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,

Reader II 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,

Reader I Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Narrator And they said,

Reader II Barabbas.

Narrator Pilate said to them,

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

Narrator All of them said,

All (yelling) Let him be crucified!

Narrator Then he asked,

Reader I Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

All (yelling) 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,

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

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

Reader II 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,

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

The Congregation Stands

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,

Reader I 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,

Reader II 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,

Reader I 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,

Reader II 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,

Reader I 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,

Reader II 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,

Reader I 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.

The Congregation is seated for a period of extended silence in response to the Gospel.

Said in unison

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our Bishop; Tammy, our Rector; Ashley, our Associate; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for the clergy and people of St. Christopher's Havelock; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who suffer, the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, remembering especially those who have commended themselves to our prayers: especially Joyce, Greg, Jack, Roman, Johanna, Alicia, Elaine, Vivian, Michael, Rick, Lee, Thomas, "Bull", Judy, Patti, Sophia, Dave, Brinn Louise, George, Linnie, Toni, Pat, Charlie, Lorri, Patsy, Emily, Jim, Joe, Jennie, Ellen, Ben, Elaine, William, Phil, Diane. Are there others?

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Morfydd, George, Richard, Gareth, and Robert.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes the prayers by saying

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and in our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

HYMN 458

My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

1. My Song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 3. Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a
 6. In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in
 7. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine: ne -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be, O
 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to — their King. Then
 made the lame to run, he gave the blind — their sight. Sweet
 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life — they slay. Yet
 death no friend - ly tomb but what a stran - ger gave. What
 ver was love, dear King, ne - ver was grief — like thine. This

who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 "Cru - ci - fy!" is on their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 stead-fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.
 may I say? Heaven was his home; but mine the tomb where - in he lay.
 is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A
BCP 361

The people remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD: *Sanctus*

HYMNAL S 124

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again;

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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

BCP 364

Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All are welcome at God's table. People who are searching for a deeper understanding and relationship with God who do not wish to partake are invited to receive a blessing. Kneeling at the rail, simply cross your arms over your chest. Those who are baptized are invited to receive the bread and the wine. To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered. To indicate a gluten free wafer, cross your hands one on top of the other.



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 * 5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 * 6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



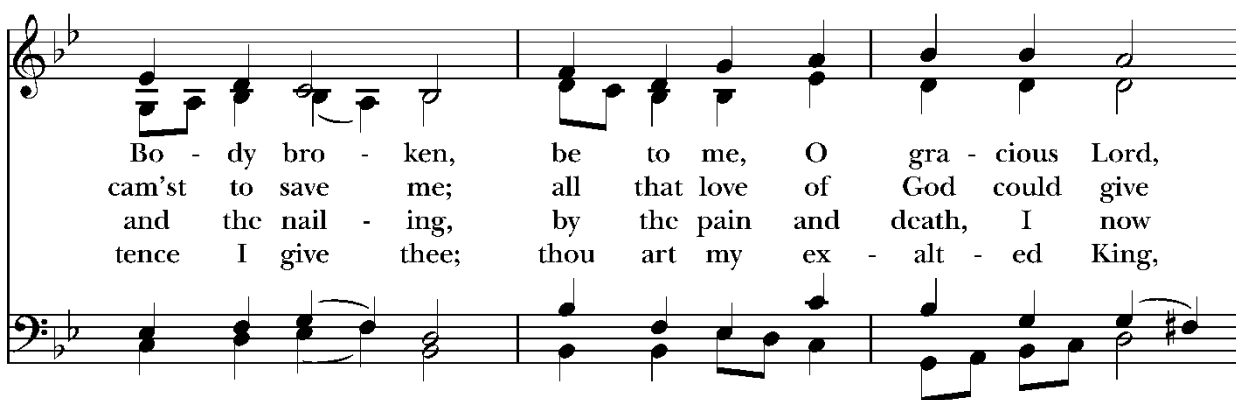
1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



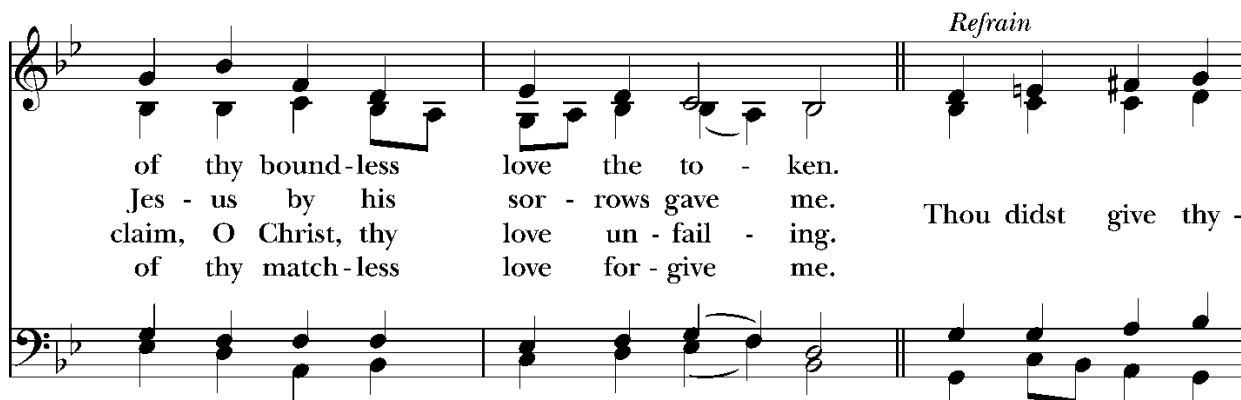
1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.



1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -



Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,



Refrain

of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match-less love for - give me.



self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Said in unison

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE SOLEMN COLLECT

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

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

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

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

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO DEPART QUIETLY AND REFLECTIVELY.

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
 Morfydd and George Wetherill, Richard Ziglar, Gareth Wetherill and Robert Martinat
 and in honor of their families by Megan & Will Ziglar.*

UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 3 - Monday in Holy Week

Noon Holy Eucharist, Rite I

April 4 - Tuesday in Holy Week

Noon Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 5 - Wednesday in Holy Week

*Noon Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 6 - Maundy Thursday

*7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with
Foot Washing and stripping of the Altar

April 7 - Good Friday

*Noon Good Friday Liturgy
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

April 8 - Holy Saturday

*9:00 am Holy Saturday Liturgy

April 9th The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

6:00 am The Great Vigil of Easter (with music)

*9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with Choirs and Flowering of the Cross)

*11:15 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with Choirs)

- **Services will be live streamed and available to watch on-demand following the service on St. Paul's Facebook page and St. Paul's YouTube channel.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Visitors and Newcomers: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us in person and online. To learn more about membership, baptism, or confirmation, or to receive emails about upcoming St. Paul's events, email the church office at church@stpaulsbeaufort.org, fill out the card in the pew pocket in front of you and place in the offering plate, or visit our website www.stpaulsbeaufort.org.

Special thank you to Joe and Nancy Smith for collecting the palms for use in the church and palm crosses today. Also, thank you to Altar Guild members who volunteered their Saturday morning to make the palm crosses.

Lilies and Special Music - Easter is a special time at St. Paul's and you are invited to contribute to the flowering of the church and the special music. You may give either in memory of or in thanksgiving for friends and loved ones. The suggested donation is \$25.00. **The deadline to submit names for inclusion in the Easter Day bulletins is today, Sunday, April 2.** Forms are available in the back of the church or in the church office. You may also submit names via email to: church@stpaulsbeaufort.org and drop a check in the mail.

Flowering of the Cross will take place during the 9:00 am service on Easter Sunday. Everyone is encouraged bring flowers to the service.

Please join us for Coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. If you would like to volunteer to host, the master schedule is in the Parish Hall or go to www.stpaulsbeaufort.com, click on Parish Ministries and sign up online. Duties include preparing coffee, lemonade, and simple refreshments such as pretzels and cookies.

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, April 9th. Adult classes will meet on Sunday, April 16th. Children and youth Sunday School will resume on Sunday, April 23rd after spring break.

Wednesday Bible Study—4:45 pm - led by George Hirasawa--Gospel of John.

The Patti Dill Scholarship The ECW is so proud and thankful for all of our students and their contribution to St. Paul's. As a thank you for all your hard work we would like to offer a \$1000 scholarship to our graduating seniors as they continue their education. If you are a graduating senior, a member of St. Paul's Church, and continuing your education, please stop by the office and get an application. The application must be **completed by May 1st** and returned to the office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Tricia Phillips at 252-241-6363 or email cjp101445@gmail.com. Thank you for all your dedication to St. Paul's Church.

April Outreach: Family Promise of Carteret County St. Paul's is one of 14 Carteret County Churches that have provided housing and assistance for homeless parents and their children. Based in a house at 1500 Arendell St. in Morehead City, the program provides job training and child rearing coaching while helping the families to find homes.

If you would like to donate to Family Promise of Carteret County, please do so through "Online Giving" on our website, www.stpaulsbeaufort.org. Alternatively, you may donate with a check payable to St. Paul's Church with Family Promise in the memo line. Checks also may be mailed to the church.

Parish Emails are sent weekly to keep you informed about all matters St. Paul's. If you have provided us with your email address and are not getting these emails, please double check your spam, junk, or "all mail" folders. If you have changed your email address, please contact the church office at church@stpaulsbeaufort.org so we can get you added to the email recipients list.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

for members of the St. Paul's Family: Rachel Chaplain, Holton Eastman, Anne Eastman, Ben Green, Jack Gardner, Ginny Costlow, Alicia & Carl Ragsdale, Sandy Brock, Lee Phillips, Elaine Glover, Judy Mercer, Patti Otten, Michael and Joy Rave, Joe Ustach, Pat Pitts, William Moore Davis, Jennie Jeffries, Elaine Barber, Thomas "Bull" Bullock, Phil Morris, Diane Meelheim.

for friends: Linda Gerlock (friend, Barbara Bryan), Elinor King (friend, Barbara Bryan), Thomas Goodson (brother, Bill Goodson), Allison Merante (daughter, Dorothy Kirtley), Danny Owens (friend, 5 Loaves), Joey Smith, Randy Hondros (friend, Jim and Cindy Cash), Bob Long (friend, Wade Gardner), Becky Wilkerson (friend, William Moore Davis), Patty Fowler (friend, Harriet Lassiter), Dave Keefe, George Sherman (father, Frank Sherman), Brinn Louise Bitner (close friend of the Whitt family), Toni Phillips (daughter, Wade Gardner), Beth Bradley (sister, Kathi Dunn), Lorri Rowe (daughter, Bob Gallo), Patsy Salter (friend, Donna and Bob Ivey), Jeff Van Meter (nephew, Nancy Ustach), the family of Nancy Neill Spencer (friend of Will Ziglar) and the family of Ritzy Weld (friend of Will Ziglar).

To add your name or the name of a loved one to the prayer list, contact the St. Paul's Office at 728-3324 or email church@stpaulsbeaufort.org. Individuals will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. To keep the person on the list longer, simply contact the Office with that request at the end of the thirty days. The person to be listed must give permission for their name to be included in this public prayer request list.

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