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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

Today we begin the great journey with Jesus to his passion, death, and resurrection, and we hope that this commemoration of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem is a meaningful part of your observance of Holy Week and Easter.

The Liturgies of Holy Week are full of drama, movement, symbolic action, and remembrance. They all fit together into an entire liturgical experience, and they offer profound riches to those who give themselves to the entire cycle of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve, and Easter Day. It may seem like a lot of church for one week, but these services bring us to the heart of our Christian faith, and we shall never begin to understand that faith unless we are willing to walk with Jesus now. As you enter into the mystery of this week, let the actions, words, symbols, music and drama carry you along. Little

by little, step by step, the truths that Holy Week reveals to us become a part of our living conversation with God.

Our Holy Week services first took shape in fourth-century Jerusalem after the time of Constantine, when it became possible for Christians to worship at the sites which have been traditionally associated with Jesus' last days, and these observances were taken by pilgrims back to their churches at home.

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday begins on a triumphant note, as we bless palms and remember the cheering crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. But very quickly we are reminded, in the reading of the Passion Gospel, that this same crowd had turned against Jesus by the end of the week

We invite you to walk this ancient Way of the Cross with us this Holy Week.

All Saints'. All Welcome.

The liturgy starts with all gathered in the Close Garden.

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.**

THE PALM GOSPEL MARK 11:1-11

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The People hold up their palm branches for the blessing

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 our 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

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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

People: Hosanna in the highest!

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

People: Rejoice! The King is here!

The people follow the procession of the Cross from the Close to the entrance of the church, the People waving their palms in joy.

OPENING HYMN

HYMNAL 154

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King! to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessèd One.

Refrain

The company of angels is praising thee on high; and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

After Stanza 4 of the hymn, with the clergy at the front of the altar, the Celebrant says the following Collect and then the People conclude singing with Stanza 7.

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.**

7 Within that blessèd City thy praises may we sing, and ever raise hosannas to our most loving King.

Refrain

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please remain standing as you are able.

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.

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

2:5-11

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

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31

Fr. Chrysogonus Waddell

The Antiphon will be introduced each time by the choir



In you, take refuge.

Let me never be put to shame.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.
It is you who will redeem me, Lord
Eli, Eli, lama azabhtani

Antiphon

In the face of all my foes I am a reproach, an object of scorn to my neighbors, and of fear to my friends.

Eli, Eli, lama azabhtani

Antiphon

Antiphon

Those who see me in the street
Run far away from me.
I am like a dead man, forgotten in men's hearts,
like a think thrown away.
Eli, Eli, lama azabhtani
Antiphon

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord;
I say: "You are my God.
My life is in your hands,
deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.
Eli, Eli, lama azabhtani
Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your love.
Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord.
Eli, Eli, lama azabhtani

O Beyadhka aphqidh ruhi.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark 14:1-15:47

Please stand for this opening sentence.

Deacon:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted this day. Please be seated.

It was two days before the Passover Narrator

and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

C. Priest Not during the festival, or there may

be a riot among the people.

Narrator While Jesus was at Bethany in the

house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one

another in anger,

Bystander 1 Why was the ointment wasted in this

wav?

Bystander 2 For this ointment could have been

> sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the

poor.

Narrator And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus Let her alone; why do you trouble

> her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told

in remembrance of her.

Narrator Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of

> the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them.

When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed,

Jesus' disciples said to him,

Disciple Where do you want us to go and make

the preparations for you to eat the

Passover?

Narrator So Jesus sent two of his disciples,

saying to them,

Jesus Go into the city, and a man carrying a

> jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator So the disciples set out and went to

the city, and found everything as Jesus had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus

said,

Jesus Truly I tell you, one of you will

betray me, one who is eating with me.

Narrator They began to be distressed and

to say to him one after another,

Disciple Surely, not I?

Narrator Jesus said to them,

Jesus It is one of the twelve, one who is

> dipping bread into the bowl with me. For 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 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; this is my body. yet, not what I want, but what you Then he took a cup, and after giving Narrator thanks he gave it to them, and all of Narrator Jesus came and found the disciples them drank from it. He said to them, sleeping; and he said to Peter, This is my blood of the covenant, Simon, are you asleep? Could you not Jesus Jesus keep awake one hour? Keep awake which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God. willing, but the flesh is weak. When they had sung the hymn, they Narrator Narrator And again Jesus went away and went out to the Mount of Olives. And prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found the Iesus said to them, disciples sleeping, for their eyes were You will all become deserters; for it is very heavy; and they did not know Jesus written, "I will strike the shepherd, what to say to him. and the sheep will be scattered," But after I am raised up, I will go before Jesus came a third time and said to you to Galilee. them, Narrator Peter said to him, **Iesus** Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands Peter Even though all become deserters, I will not. of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand. Narrator Jesus said to him, Narrator Immediately, while Jesus was still Truly I tell you, this day, this very speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, Jesus night, before the cock crows twice, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from you will deny me three times. the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given Narrator But Peter said vehemently, the crowd a sign, saying, Peter Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you. Judas The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard. Narrator And all of the disciples said the same. Narrator So when Judas came, he went up to Jesus at once and said, They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his Rabbi! disciples, Iudas Jesus Sit here while I pray. Narrator and kissed him. Then the crowd laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his Narrator Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed sword and struck the slave of the high and agitated. And he said to the three priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus disciples, said to them, I am deeply grieved, even to death; **Jesus** remain here, and keep awake. Have you come out with swords and **Iesus** And going a little farther, Jesus threw clubs to arrest me as though I were a Narrator himself on the ground and prayed bandit? Day after day I was with you that, if it were possible, the hour in the temple teaching, and you did might pass from him. He said, not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled. Abba, Father, for you all things are Jesus possible; remove this cup from me;

Narrator	All of Jesus' followers deserted him and fled. A certain young man was	Council	Prophesy!
	following Jesus, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. The crowd caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and	Narrator	The guards also took Jesus over and beat him.
	ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed Jesus at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.		While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,
		Servant	You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.
	Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony	Narrator	But Peter denied it, saying,
	against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against Jesus, saying,	Peter	I do not know or understand what you are talking about.
		Narrator	And Peter went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,
Witness	We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another,	Servant	This man is one of them.
	not made with hands."	Narrator	But again Peter denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to
Narrator	But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest		Peter,
II D.	stood up before them and asked Jesus,	Bystander 1	Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.
H. Priest	Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?	Narrator	But Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,
Narrator	But Jesus was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,	Peter	I do not know this man you are talking about.
H. Priest	Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?	Narrator	At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to
Narrator	Jesus said,		him,
Jesus	I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power," and "coming with the clouds	Jesus	Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.
	of heaven."	Narrator	And Peter broke down and wept.
Narrator	Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,		As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him
H. Priest	Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?		away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,
Narrator	The whole council condemned Jesus	Pilate	Are you the King of the Jews?
	as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike	Narrator	Jesus answered him,
	him, saying to him,	Jesus	You say so.

Then the chief priests accused Jesus of Narrator many things. Pilate asked him again, Pilate Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

Narrator

Now at the festival Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then Pilate

But Jesus made no further reply, so

that Pilate was amazed.

answered them,

Pilate Do you want me to release for you the

King of the Jews?

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate

Pilate spoke to them again,

release Barabbas for them instead.

Pilate Then what do you wish me to do with

the man you call the King of the Jews?

Narrator The crowd shouted back,

Crowd Crucify him!

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Crowd Crucify him!

Narrator So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd,

released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, Pilate handed him over

to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed Jesus in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began

saluting him saying,

Soldier Hail, King of the Jews! Narrator

They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

The soldiers compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry Jesus' cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then the soldiers brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

Chorale from the St Matthew Passion Sung by the choir:

I. S. Bach

When comes my hour of parting, Then part not Thou from me. When shades of death are dark'ning, Thy steps my guide shall be.

When anxious fears shall rend me, And close my heart enchain, Oh then do Thou befriend me Through Thine own grief and pain.

All stand.

And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And the soldiers crucified Jesus, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Jesus. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews," And with Jesus they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by derided Jesus, shaking their heads and saying,

Passer-by Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself,

and come down from the cross!

In the same way the chief priests, along Narrator

with the scribes, were also mocking Jesus among themselves and saying,

C. Priest He saved others; he cannot save

himself.

Scribe Let the Messiah, the King of Israel,

come down from the cross now, so

that we may see and believe.

Narrator Those who were crucified with Jesus

also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried

out with a loud voice,

Jesus Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Narrator which means,

Jesus My God, my God, why have you

forsaken me?

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard

it, they said,

Bystander 1 Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Narrator And someone ran, filled a sponge with

sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it

to Jesus to drink, saying,

Bystander 2 Wait, let us see whether Elijah will

come to take him down.

Narrator Then Jesus gave a loud cry and

breathed his last.

Silence may be kept.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way Jesus

breathed his last, he said,

Centurion Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator There were also women looking on

from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow Jesus and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Then Pilate wondered if Jesus were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus had been dead for some time. When Pilate learned from the centurion that Jesus was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Joseph then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

There is no response at the end of the Passion Gospel.



THE SERMON

Please stand or kneel as you are able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FORM IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O God, you have called us to be your children, and have promised that those who suffer with Christ will be heirs with him of your glory: Arm us with such trust in him that we may ask no rest from his calling, and have no fear in his service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please be seated for the Offertory anthem.

THE OFFERTORY

Ave verum corpus

W.A. Mozart

Please stand as you are able when the offerings are brought forward to the altar.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And also with you. People: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. People:

SANCTUS

HYMNAL S-124



Following the Sanctus, please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

THE PROCLAMATION

Celebrant and People:

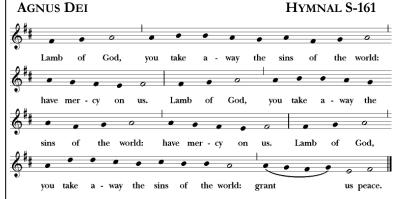
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

Please remain standing or kneeling.



Please be seated while the congregation takes communion.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who hunger for God are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament. Follow the ushers' instructions when and where to go. Place one hand over the other to receive the bread. Wine is available via intinction into a chalice with a small amount of wine, so that fingers cannot come into contact with the wine. If you prefer, you may come forward instead for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Please let the clergy know if you need a gluten-free host.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Kommt, ihr Töchter, helft mir klagen, from the St. Matthew Passion J. S. Bach Come, you daughters, and help me to lament

> Kommt, ihr Töchter, helft mir klagen, Sehet - Wen? - den Bräutigam, Seht ihn - Wie? - als wie ein Lamm! Sehet, - Was? - seht die Geduld, Seht - Wohin? - auf unsre Schuld; Sehet ihn aus Lieb und Huld Holz zum Kreuze selber tragen!

Come, you daughters, help me to lament, See - Whom? - the bridegroom, See him - How? - like a lamb! See - What? - see his patience, See - Where? - our guilt; See how from love and grace He bears the wood of the cross himself!

Choristers:

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig Am Stamm des Kreuzes geschlachtet, Allzeit erfunden geduldig, Wiewohl du warest verachtet. All Sünd hast du getragen, Sonst müßten wir verzagen. Erbarm dich unser, o Jesu!

O Lamb of God, innocent Slaughtered on the beam of the cross, Always found to be patient No matter how much you were despised. All our sins you have borne Otherwise we would have to despair. Have mercy on us, O Jesus.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing or kneeling.

THE PALM SUNDAY BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant:

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Please stand. **DISMISSAL**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Congregation waits for the Procession to depart in silence. Then they may leave also in silence.

THIS SUNDAY: Honoring Mary Brooks! Our Deacon Intern.

We thank Mary for her six months of intensive, hands-on training at All Saints'. We have gotten to really know and love her. We will honor her—at announcements—at 10am this Sunday, and there will be special refreshments in her honor at Coffee Hour. So please join us and when you see dear, Mary - wish her Godspeed back to her parish (St. John the Baptist in Glendale in Fr. Tim Yanni) and thank you.







EASTER DAY:
PLEASE BRING SOME FRESH CUT FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN-OF ANY STYLETO PUT IN THE FLOWERING CROSS.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was driving southbound on the 51 Freeway last week when I spotted a unique bumper sticker on the car in front of me. "Hope is not a plan" is all it said, and immediately I felt frustration building inside me. Technically, the bumper sticker is correct: Hoping that everything will simply work out—and doing nothing else to facilitate the desired outcome—is not a plan. But I did not think that was the spirit in which this bumper sticker was written. I took the statement as a disparagement of hope, an outright denial of the value that hope brings to our lives.

As Christians, we are people of hope. As St. Paul puts it in the letter to the Ephesians, hope is the very thing to which we are called:

I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. Ephesians 1:18-19, CEB

The Light of Hope is essential to our identity as believers, but it's not a passive, just-hope-for-the-best kind of hope. It is the hope that we have because of the overwhelming greatness of God's power working in us and through us.

At All Saints', we will have many opportunities to share the Light of Hope during the final weeks of Lent and all 50 days of Easter. It starts with our art show, *Straight from the Heart*, running March 16 - April 6. This show features original art created by women incarcerated at the Perryville Prison complex west of Phoenix, and all proceeds from the sale of the artwork support our prison ministry as well as the artists and their families navigating incarceration.

During Holy Week (March 23-30), we will have services every day to walk with Jesus through the days of his passion and resurrection. It starts with our Palm Sunday services (March 23 & 24) featuring palm branches, palm crosses, and the Choirs and Choristers of All Saints' singing selections from *St. Matthew's Passion* at the 10AM Sunday service. Services that week include:

Monday & Tuesday: A brief Eucharist at **6PM** in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents.

Wednesday: A **12noon** Eucharist in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents. (Note: not our normal healing service)

Thursday: All are invited (but none are obligated) to participate in our Maundy Thursday footwashing service at **7PM**. We will have incense and the full choir for this solemn commemoration of Jesus's Last Supper. After the service, we will gather in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents at the Altar of Repose for one hour of Centering (silent) Prayer.

Friday: We will have a choral Stations of the Cross at **12noon** featuring the Choirs of All Saints'. At **7PM**, we will observe the traditional Good Friday liturgy with the Solemn Collects, veneration of the cross, and Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament.

Saturday: The Great Vigil of Easter will begin at sundown, **6:48PM**, with candlelight, incense, and the Choirs of All Saints'. This service will last approximately 90 minutes and include a baptism and the first Eucharist of Easter!

On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will have three celebratory services:

7AM in the Close featuring the Handbell Choir of All Saints'.

9AM in the Day School Amphitheater (featuring choir and a brass ensemble) with an Easter Egg hunt and sweet treats for all ages following the service.

11AM in the church with full choir and instrumental music.

You can help us share the Light of Hope by inviting your friends and loved ones to attend any of our services with you! The **9AM** service is family friendly, but we will have childcare available at both the **9AM** and **11AM** service for those who need it.

But it doesn't end there...as Eastertide continues, we will continue to shine the Light of Hope. On **April 28**, the Phoenix Women's Chorus will join the Choirs of All Saints' for a special afternoon concert to benefit Magdalene House, a program designed to help women released from prison continue their journey of healing and rehabilitation. Please mark your calendars now and plan to bring a friend to this **free** concert that will include a moving talk from one of the women.

I know I say it almost every week, but it's true: All Saints' is only able to share the Light of Hope because so many people give generously of their time, talents, and financial resources to make our ministry happen. But during this Easter season, rather than asking you to give more, I encourage you to come and be a part of what God is doing here in this community – and bring a friend. I know that many of you will continue to support our ministries financially, and for that I am grateful, but it's time for us to begin to tell the story of the Good News in the All Saints' way.

Even though hope is not our plan, it is the fuel that ignites the passion of this community, the energy of the Spirit working in us and through us. **Hope is our calling**, and as we continue to see the overwhelming greatness of God's power at work at All Saints', that calling will become evident to all who enter this place.

Together, we walk in the Light of Hope to the glory of God.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ALL SAINTS'

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PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 23-24

5:00pm Saturday Holy Eucharist *in the Chapel Begins in the Chapel Garden*

8:00am Sunday Holy Eucharist in the Church Begins on the Church Patio

10:00am Sunday Holy Eucharist *in the Church* Begins in the Close Garden

HOLY MONDAY, MARCH 25

6:00pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

HOLY TUESDAY, MARCH 26 6:00pm Holy Fucharist in the Chape

6:00pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

HOLY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 12:00pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00pm Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Last Supper, the Footwashing, Stripping of the Altar, *with incense* and the Choir of All Saints' in the Church

8:15pm

The Watch in the Chapel for one hour after the service.

"Could you not stay awake with me for even one hour?"



GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:00pm Stations of the Cross & Choral Devotional *in the Church*

7:00pm

The Liturgy of Good Friday and Veneration of the Cross in the Church

EASTER EVE, SATURDAY, MARCH 30 6:48pm (Sunset)

The Great Vigil of Easter with the First Eucharist of Easter with incense and the Choir of All Saints' in the Church

EASTER DAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:00am Outdoor Easter Eucharist in the Close

9:00am Outdoor Easter Eucharist in the Day School Pavilion

Traditional Easter Egg Hunt following the service

11:00am Festival Easter Eucharist in the Church

No incense at any Easter Day service. Nursery Care available at the 9:00am & 11:00am services





WORSHIP & FORMATION

Saturday 5pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Sunday 8am Holy Eucharist in the Church
Sunday 9am Education and Formation for All Ages
Sunday 10am Holy Eucharist in the Church + Livestream
Wednesday 12pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Don't Forget to Take the (Tuition) Tax Credit!

Did you know that under Arizona law, both individuals and corporations get a dollar-for-dollar credit on their taxes for contributions made to non-profit school tuition organizations or STOs? For individual contributions, All Saints' partners with the Arizona Episcopal Schools Foundation (AESF). Gifts made to AESF directly support our Indexed Tuition Program, making a substantial impact on our entire school community. So what does this mean? How can you participate in the

Tuition Tax Credit Program? We are here to help! Please feel free to contact Wendy Granier at wgranier@allsaints.org. The deadline to designate your 2023 tax dollars is April 15, 2024.





Easter 2024 Flowers & Music Memorial Dedications

	Your Name:
Remember your loved ones this Easter season.	
This not only supports the Holy Week & Easter services, but these ministries year-round.	
LAST DAY TO RETURN this coupon with your donation	
by MARCH 25 at 4pm.	
All memorials received by this day will be included in the Easter Day bulletins.	
In Loving Memory: <i>please choose</i> □ altar flowers or □ music	Phone or Email