



**Liturgy of the Palms &
Holy Eucharist Rite I
Church of the Advent**

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026, 8 AM

Welcome to Advent. Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope you meet God here today. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children of all ages are welcome in the service. You can find coloring sheets and children's bulletins in the narthex.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in the racks. The 1982 Hymnal is the blue book; the hymnal "S" pages appear in the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black and red hymnal at both the pews' ends.

Our services are live-streamed and available to the public via our YouTube channel. Please speak to an usher if you prefer not to be on camera.



New or Visiting This Morning?

We would love to pray for you by name this week and have the opportunity to get to know you. Please, fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

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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.

People **Amen.**

The Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2** 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. **3** If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ **4** This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

5 ‘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.’

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; **7** they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. **8** A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** 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!’

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ **11**
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.**

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.**

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, saying the following

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Psalm is read responsively in half-verses while processing with palm branches.

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever!

² Let Israel say,

‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
**that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

When the congregation gathers in the narthex, the following Collect is prayed.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose 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.

People **Amen.**

The procession resumes.

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

The Word of God

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson

The Book of Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah:

⁴ 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.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards.
⁶ 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.
⁷ 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;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.

⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.
¹⁰ **For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.**
¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;

those who see me in the street flee from me.

**¹² I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**

¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—

as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

**¹⁴ But I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, ‘You are my God.’**

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Philippi

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ 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

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Deacon The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The congregation reads the highlighted parts in their Passion Insert. At verse 23:33, all stand.

Silent Contemplation of the Passion of our Lord Christ

Please stand as able

The Nicene Creed

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Please kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

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The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The royal purple has been torn off, and the red donned as Royal Blood has been shed. His glory and our shame, His unstained heart and our bloodied hands, His mercy and our mercilessness have met here. And we are changed!

Please stand as able.

The Peace

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Please sit.

The Holy Communion

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The Welcome and Announcements

The offering plates are on either side of the center aisle by the front pew.

You may also give online through the QR code to the right.



The Offertory Sentence

People **All Things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own, have we given Thee.**

Eucharistic Prayer I

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Please kneel or stand as able.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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This table is not the Church's but God's. It is prepared for those who cherish God and those whose hearts yearn to love God more deeply. Therefore, come, you of unwavering faith and you whose faith flickers. Come, you who are familiar here, and you who have been absent long. Come, you who strive, and you who stumble. God will meet you here.

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The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Dismissal

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Thank you to our servers today.

Deacon: *The Rev. Suzie Johnston*

Lector: *Janet Brown*

Chalice: *Betty Douglass*

Acolyte & Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*

Vestry: *Valerie Stogdill*

Live Stream: *Nancy Allen, Hunter McCarty, Joshua McVey*

Altar Guild: *Janice Rice, Debbie Atkinson, Pat Smith*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, NOON & 6:30 PM

Noon, Holy Eucharist (spoken)

6:30 pm, Tenebrae: This service includes readings from Lamentations and the Psalms, and the extinguishing of 15 candles. *Live-streamed.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 6:30 PM

Choral Eucharist with footwashing and the stripping of the altar. *Live-streamed.*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, NOON & 6:30 PM

The Good Friday Liturgy with the Passion Gospel, Veneration of the Cross, & the Solemn Collects. *Live-streamed.*

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 10 AM

The Holy Saturday Liturgy is held outside at the Columbarium and includes prayers for those who have died outside.

EASTER DAY SERVICES, APRIL 5

CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE I, 8 AM, *followed by a festive reception*

CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II, 10:30 AM, *followed by a festive reception*

Children's egg hunts will begin at Noon.

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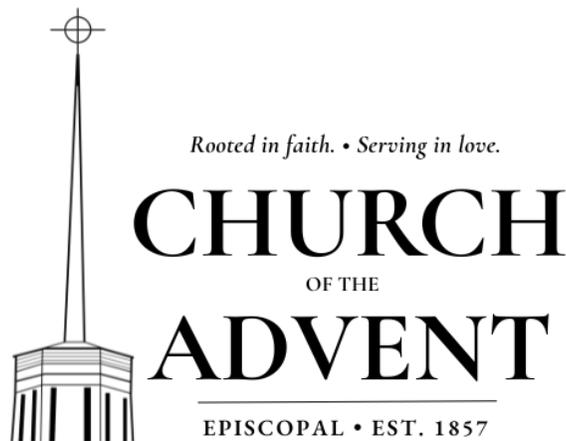
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