

The people stand or kneel as 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:

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

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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

People and Celebrant

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

Agnus Dei S-158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant then says

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.

Music for Communion

Hymn 158 Ah, Holy Jesus

Hymn 337 And Now, O Father

Hymn 458 My Song is Love Unknown

Hymn 474 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Herzliebster Jesu

Unde et Memores

Love Unknown

Rockingham

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Procession Hymn 435 At the name of Jesus

King's Weston

The Dismissal

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

The Postlude Were You There

C. Callahan

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar of the Church

are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for

the clergy and staff, both past and present

By Fred and Laura Roe

The flowers on the Altar of the Little Church

are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for

my children, grandchildren, great grandchildren,

and for almost 99 years of life and 85 years in St. Paul's Chapel

by Betsy Rambeau

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 10:00 a.m. Service

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*Welcome and Christ's grace and peace be with you.
May He inspire our worship and empower our witness to the world.*

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. M. Bonds

Danielle Portis and Joyce Sylvester

The Liturgy of the Palms

BCP 270

Celebrant Blessed is the King who come 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 Gospel of Matthew 21:1-11

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."

Blessing of the Palms

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

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

Hymn 154 All Glory, Laud and Honor

Valet will ich dir geben

The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

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.*

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.**

Hosanna to the Son

J. Lindh

Angel, Preparatory, Youth, and Handbell Choirs

Children will leave for Sunday school

Psalm 31:9-16 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

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.

**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."**

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and will be for ever.

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.**

The Passion Hymn 172 (verses 1-2) Were You There *Afro-American Spiritual*

The Passion Gospel according to Matthew (*See insert*)

The Passion Hymn 172 (verses 3-4) Were you there *Afro-American Spiritual*

Homily The Reverend Bradford L. Clark

The Prayers of the People, - Form III

BCP 387

Celebrant We continue with the Prayers of the People, kneeling as you are able.
The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all the bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the
world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We remember John Pitman, John Marshall
and Phyllis Sylvester Gilliam

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

Leader We pray for all the blessings of this life, including the birth of
Allen Hill Robinson III

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray especially for those on our prayer list; for those serving in the military at home and abroad, especially William, Tobin, Samuel, R.E. Hutton, and Brady from our Parish; and for our construction workers

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's Peace and then are seated.

Welcome and announcements

The Holy Communion

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive the sacraments.
Others are invited to come forward for a blessing.
Gluten free wafers available. Ask the priest.*

The Offertory Pie Jesu

M. Archer

*Danielle Portis and Joyce Sylvester, vocalists
Adult Choir*

Presentation

The Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

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.**

The Celebrant continues.

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:

Sanctus

S-130

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**