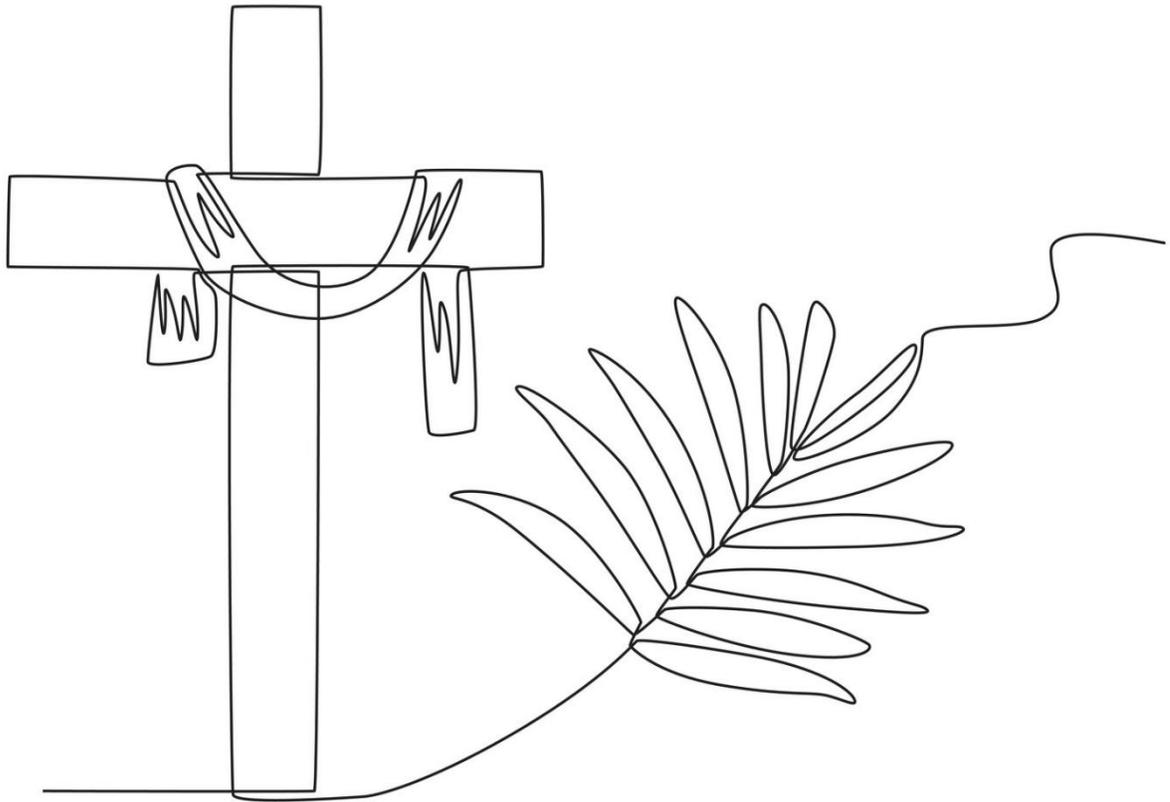


The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



Palm Sunday **The Sunday of the Passion**

March 29, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Please observe silence during the musical prelude.

The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Holy Week 2026 at ECOTA

Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter, is a time of profound reflection and remembrance that focuses on the final days of Jesus' life leading to his crucifixion and resurrection. Below is more information about Holy Week and our services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday, March 29 (Services @ 8am & 10am)

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday in Lent. The day commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a blessing of palms and a procession in which the whole congregation carries palms. The day is also marked by reading the story of Jesus' passion (the definition of the word *passion*, when it is used to describe Jesus' death, comes from an older meaning of the word: "suffering").

Tenebrae, Wednesday, April 1 (Service @ 7pm)

Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows," and it is an ancient Christian service in which increasing shadows recall the somber events of Holy Week. During the *Tenebrae* service, candles are extinguished one by one as scripture and music tell the story of Jesus's final days from the Last Supper and to his burial.

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 2 (Service @ 7pm)

"Love one another, as I have loved you." This is the new mandate (commandment) Jesus gave to his disciples this night. He washed their feet as a servant, and gave to them, and to us, the Holy Meal of The Eucharist (Communion). Jesus was shaping his disciples in servanthood to one another, the least and the outcast. And this servanthood is grounded on holy fellowship, with God and all humanity at the table he set for us. Maundy Thursday was only the beginning! We are called to be servants, Maundy Christians, every day.

Good Friday, Friday, April 3 (Services @ 12pm & 7pm)

What's good about a Friday when Christ dies? The goodness is found in the Passion story in the Gospel according to John, a story we always read on Good Friday, one where the cross is not a defeat, but a victory over the powers of death, sin, and darkness. We leave the church this day in silence. It is an opportunity for each of us to meditate on Jesus' Passion and his great love and sacrifice for each of us.

"Love is at the heart of the meaning of the cross. Love is at the heart of the life Christ calls us to live. Love is at the heart of the movement Jesus began and which we live in our own time." —The Right Rev. Michael Curry

Holy Saturday: The Great Vigil, April 4 (Service @ 7pm)

The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the oldest known rites of the Christian church, dating back to the second century. It brings worshippers, literally and symbolically, from darkness into light. Beginning in darkness after sunset on Holy Saturday, the vigil starts with the lighting of a fire, illuminating the darkness. The service is comprised of four parts: The Service of Light; The Service of Lessons; Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist (Holy Communion). It has been observed that the four sections of the service can be compared with fire, air, water, and earth, the four primal elements of the cosmos. The vigil's history evokes that sense of the primal, of foundational beginning. The drama and ancient beauty of the Great Vigil of Easter opens for us the mystery and wonder of God in the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

Easter, the Day of Resurrection, Sunday, April 5 (Services @ 8am & 10am)

Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday, the third day following his crucifixion, is at the heart of Christian belief. This is the day when we mark that Christ is alive, and through his resurrection, we, too, are given the gift of life. Jesus breaks the bonds of death, breaking them on our behalf. Let the joy of our Alleluias ring!!

Before the 10:00 am service, we begin by gathering outdoors (weather permitting) for the Procession of the Palms. Meet in the parking lot near the playground at 9:45am.

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider 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.**

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Here is read 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."

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Procession of the Palms *(at 10am service only)*

The bells are rung and all process around the church saying:

Presider Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

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

Entrance Hymn 154, vss. 1-3

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Palms are distributed to the congregation while the hymn is sung.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

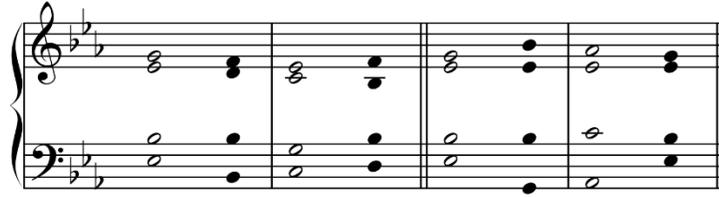
The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck 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.**

Psalm 31: 9-16

Spoken at 8:00 am. Chanted at 10:00 am.



- 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 con/**sumed**.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to | those of my ac/**quaintance**; *
when they see me in the | street | they a/**void me**.
- 12 I am forgotten like a | dead man, out of **mind**; *
I am as useless | as a | brok/en **pot**.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all a/**round**; *
they put their heads together against me; they | plot to | take my **life**.
- 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 | per/**secute me**.
- 16 Make your face to shine u/pon your **servant**, *
and in your | lo/ving-| kind/ness **save me**.”

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

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.**

Gospel Hymn 495, vss. 1 & 2

Sung at 10:00 a.m.

Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus

The Gospel

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion Gospel is printed on the insert.
The Congregation reads the parts indicated for them

The Prayers of the People

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially for St. Francis Episcopal Church, Holden; the Lay Employees of our diocese; Clergy spouses and families; the Episcopal Church Missionary Community; the Society of Saint John the Evangelist; and the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Miguelina, our Bishop-elect; Sandi, our priest; and for all other bishops and ministers;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our president; Maura, our governor; and Michael, our mayor; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially remembering Al and remembering The Rev. Theodore Gaetz & Joyce Gaetz, and Cele Hahn, in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp burns, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *The People may add their own petitions*

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The priest offers a collect.

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of "our life and labor," which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations in person. You may also give online at Tithe.ly or scan the QR code located in the pew.

Offertory Anthem

Tell the Daughter of Zion

Clifton J. Noble

1. Six days before the Passover
 Jesus came to Bethany
 And had supper with Mary and Martha
 And Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.
 Jesus sent two disciples
 Into the village, where they found a donkey.
 People asked them why they took the donkey.
 They replied, "The Lord has need of it."

2. Jesus rode into Jerusalem,
 The people spread palm branches in the
 roadway;
 And they loudly proclaimed "This is
 Jesus
 The prophet of Nazareth in Galilee."

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Then Jesus said:
 "Tell the daughter, the daughter of Zion
 Your King is coming to you.
 Humble, and riding on a donkey.
 "Tell the daughter, the daughter of Zion
 Your King is coming to you.
 Humble, and riding on a donkey.
 The people cried
 "Hosanna, hosanna to the son of David!
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Presentation Hymn 158

Ah Holy Jesus, How Hast Though Offended

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts

Spoken at 8:00 am; Chanted at 10:00 am

Sursum corda

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

The musical notation is arranged in four staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is split between 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The second staff is also split. The third and fourth staves are for 'Celebrant' and 'People' respectively. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Spoken at 8:00 am; sung at 10:00 am.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Anna Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) © Church Pension Fund

The Presider 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 all 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,

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Spoken at 8:00 am. Sung at 10:00 am.

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

Sanctus S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Re - deem - er, re -

deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God is uniquely present with us in the Bread and the Wine—and we also believe that receiving only Bread or only Wine does not limit God. Bread is offered in the form of a small wheat wafer. Gluten-free wafers (wrapped to prevent cross contamination) are available—ask for one if you need it. All are welcome to take a small sip from the Common Cup or you may intinct (dip the bread) into the cup. Please cleanse your hands with the alcohol-based hand cleanser in the dispensers at the foot of the stairs leading to the altar rail prior to receiving. Thank you.

Spiritual Communion

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)

Communion Meditation

After Communion, the Presider says
Let us pray.

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

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People stand & sing:

Concluding Hymn

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty



1. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry; Thy
2. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die: O
3. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies of the sky Look
4. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and fier - cest strife is nigh; The
5. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die; Bow



hum - ble beast pur - sues his road With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.
Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
down with sad and won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne Ex - pects his own an - oin - ted Son.
thy meek head to mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Morning Round

The Handbell Choir

PERMISSIONS

Except as noted within the text of the service leaflet: The structure and words of our service are taken from The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language; Enriching Our Worship; The Book of Occasional Services; Liturgy for the Whole Church, by Susan K. Bock, and Prayers for an Inclusive Church, by Steven Shakespeare; Hear Our Prayer by Jon White and Lisa Graves (all by Church Publishing). Today's Greeting and Call to Worship are from the World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18 November 2023. The Biblical texts of the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Hymns are taken from The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing II, and Wonder, Love, and Praise (all by Church Publishing) and Songs & Prayers from Taizé, (GIA Publications, Inc.). Permission to print/post hymns for congregational use is granted by Rite Song and/or One License and permission to podcast/stream the music in this service is granted by One License: #A-723294.

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Counters	Kathy DeJean, Alice Ehresman
Office Angels	Gail Meehan, Kathy DeJean
Closer	Gary & Sue Cole

	8:00 am	10:00 am
Altar Guild	Lesley Frazar	Tanya Kellogg
Greeter(s)	Chris Steger	Rich Howitt
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Holly Rodriguez	Sue Cole, Phil Siska
Lector(s)	Jerry Noble	Mary Hull Margaret Hannigan Phil Siska
Usher(s)	Chris Steger	Mark Mueller
Stream Team	NA	Holly Rodriguez

PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.*

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Al and remembering The Rev. Theodore Gaetz & Joyce Gaetz, and Cele Hahn.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Diocesan Prayer for the Church of God; especially for St. Francis Episcopal Church, Holden; the Lay Employees of our diocese; Clergy spouses and families; the Episcopal Church Missionary Community; the Society of Saint John the Evangelist.

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

For these families and individuals Caroline, Liz, Chris, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jonathan, Natalie, Lisa, Elaine, Tracey.

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday March 29

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person

10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person | live-streamed

6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

Monday, March 30

5:00 pm *Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)*

8:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Tuesday, March 31

6:00 pm *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*

6:30 pm *Music Together*

Wednesday, April 1

12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist

1:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm **Taizé Tenebrae Service** (*Sanctuary*)

7:00 pm *Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)*

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

5:30 pm *Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)*

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (*Sanctuary*) | live-streamed

7:30 pm *Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

12:00 pm Good Friday Service (*Sanctuary*)

7:00 pm Good Friday Service (*Sanctuary*) | live-streamed

7:00 pm *Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)*

Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt & Photos with the Bunny

7:00 pm Easter Vigil (*Sanctuary*) | live-streamed

4:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person

10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person | live-streamed

6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

SMGR= Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)

"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"

God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work

in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us.

And together all of us reach out with God's love.



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ECOTA Happenings

March 29, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8am Worship & Holy Eucharist | 10am Worship & Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

Wednesdays: Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 12:15pm

No Bridge Fellowship on Tuesday, March 31

The church office will be CLOSED the week after Easter, April 6-10

Lent Grief Support Group – Tuesday, March 31 @ 2:00pm

Grief expresses itself in many ways, and during the season of Lent, uncomfortable feelings may arise. As a Certified Grief Educator, Lyn Casey will be facilitating an online support group to provide a safe place to share and witness each other's experiences. These sessions will offer a judgment-free space for sharing, as well as an opportunity to learn new ways to navigate loss. The group will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 31. For more information or to sign up, contact Lyn at GriefGratitudeAndGrins@gmail.com.

Egg Hunt Candy Donors Needed

We are seeking donations of wrapped candy to stuff into the eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt this year. Candy donations can be placed in the basket in the Narthex until March 30. **PLEASE: No Candy Including Nuts Or Peanut Butter.** Join us if you can help stuff the eggs on Tuesday, March 31 from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Bunny ~ Saturday, April 4, 11:00am

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the church's front lawn on Saturday, April 4. Registration will be between 10:30-10:45 am; **the egg hunt begins at 11:00 am, rain or shine.** And the Bunny will be on hand for photos with the kids!

Spring Rummage & Bake Sale ~ Helpers and Bakers Wanted!

Rummage Sale Dates: Friday, April 17 @ 4:00 - 7:00 pm & Saturday, April 18 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

We're getting ready for our Spring Rummage Sale! If you have items to donate, please bring them to the Great Hall and place them on the table in front of the stage. **All donations must be clean and usable, in good working order. Please note that we cannot accept furniture (or other large, heavy items), luggage, golf clubs/bags, baby/children's car seats, or items containing oil or other flammable liquids.** We also need people to bake delicious treats for the bake sale, as well as people to help with set up, to run the rummage and bake sales, and clean up after the event is done. If you can help with this major church fundraiser, please sign up on the sheet the Narthex.

Spring Clean-up Day – Date TBD (likely early May)

It's time for ECOTA's annual Spring Clean-up. Can you help? We will be looking for people who can lend a hand removing leaves, trimming and pruning, weeding, mulching, fertilizing, cleaning windows, waking up gardens and otherwise maintaining outdoor spaces to keep the church looking good and standing strong for years to come. Bring your favorite yard tools and join us! We'll put up a sign-up in sheet the Narthex as soon as we finalize the day.

No Coffeehouse in March

Because the end of the month is so close to Holy Week (and there is so much going on!), we will take a month off on the coffeehouse and resume in April.

2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29: Palm Sunday	8:00am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist
April 1: Wednesday	7:00pm	Taize Tenebrae
April 2: Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar
April 3 Good Friday	11:00am	Stations of the Cross
	12:00pm	Worship Service
	7:00pm	Worship Service
April 4 Saturday Easter Egg Hunt	11:00am	
April 4 Saturday Great Vigil	7:00pm	Worship with Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Easter Acclamation
April 5: Easter Sunday	8:00am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist

Ordination of Bishop-Elect Miguelina Howell Saturday, April 25 ~ 10:00 am

Excitement is mounting as the Diocese prepares to welcome its next leader. **Bishop-elect Howell** will be ordained and consecrated in a festive Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral on **Saturday, April 25, at 10:00 am**. Pre-service music begins at 9:30 am; the service should conclude around 12:00 noon. A reception will follow on the museum quadrangle behind the cathedral.

Seating in the Cathedral is limited, so to ensure that every parish has the opportunity to participate, organizers have secured use of the auditorium in the d'Amour Museum immediately adjacent to the cathedral where a high-quality livestream of the service will be broadcast.

Each parish will be given two seats in the cathedral and four seats in the auditorium. Our congregation's seats must be claimed by **April 2**. Parishes are also encouraged to organize local or regional "watch parties" to watch the live-stream broadcast closer to home. For more information, visit the diocesan ordination page (<https://www.diocesewma.org/the-ordination-of-bishop-elect-miguelina-howell>).
