



The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday (Year A)

Trial liturgy developed in the Diocese of Massachusetts

March 29, 2026 – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Good Shepherd
1:00 p.m. – Emmanuel All Nations



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and promotes justice as we journey with Christ in love.*

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Welcome, Guests and Newcomers!

This is Christ's House. Come, you who feel weak and unworthy. Come, you who come often and you who have stayed away. Come, you who love Jesus, and you who wish you could. Come, sinners and saints, women, men, and gender non-conforming, gay and straight, young and old. Come, you who are lonely and long for friendship. Come, you who are homeless and you who have a place to rest your heads. Come, you who are citizens of this land and you who are not. Here you are citizens of the kingdom of God. Come join God's people at the feast prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

In addition to our weekly Sunday morning worship, we consistently offer a variety of other opportunities to connect—for people of all ages.

- Our website: goodshepherdfw.org.
- Our YouTube page: tinyurl.com/gsfwyoutube.
- Sign up for *The Shepherd's Crook*, our weekly newsletter, at tinyurl.com/goodshepemails.
- To go even deeper, join *Realm*, our online community of worshippers: onrealm.org/goodshepfw.
- Shortcut to Realm Resources for parishioners (password-protected): tinyurl.com/gsfwresources.
- Make a financial pledge to Good Shepherd for 2026: tinyurl.com/pledgegoodshep2026.

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We acknowledge that the Church of the Good Shepherd sits on a seasonal campground of the [Puyallup \(puyallup-tribe.com\)](https://puyallup-tribe.com) and [Coast Salish People](https://coast.salishpeople.com), who have lived on and stewarded these lands for thousands of years and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship, and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

How can you make this Land Acknowledgment more than a performative gesture? Go to the tribe's news website (<https://news.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/>) and sign up for their newsletter. Notice what issues are important to the Puyallup people and decide how you can begin to forge a learning relationship.

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Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Josh Hosler

Deacon: Anna Lynn

Organist: Alan Lynch

Cantor: Alana O'Donnell

March 29	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Tech Team		Deb Smith, Jason Armer
Ushers		Lee Hitzeman, Jess Isenberg
Altar Guild		Karen White
Flowers		Palms
Worship Assistant	Shannon Molina	
First Lector	Levi Molina	Alisa Kincade
Second Lector/Intercessor	Shannon Molina	Rick Kincade
Eucharistic Ministers		Judith Perkins, Betsy Grabinski
Coffee Hour	Laura and Tom Jowett	Fellowship Team
Counters		Mary Aronen, Dina Johnson

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Holy Week

While Christmas looms largest in secular understanding as the most important holiday in Christianity, within the Church itself, Holy Week is far more crucial. Christian worship began as a celebration of Christ's Resurrection, and the rest of the church calendar gradually developed around it. In the year 325, the Council of Nicaea settled on a date for Easter (the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox). Lent is the period of penitence and fasting that prepares us for Easter, and Holy Week is the conclusion of Lent.



Today is Palm Sunday, also known as the Sunday of the Passion. The mood shifts violently in the course of this service, from grand celebration as Jesus enters Jerusalem to utter desolation as Jesus is betrayed, arrested, and killed. We hear the entire story of Jesus' Passion and death, and that will set the stage for Holy Week.

Doubtless you have heard of the "high holy days" of Judaism; Holy Week is the equivalent for Christians. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night, we will observe a liturgy called the Triduum ("three days")—one long liturgy broken up into three parts. Each of the three nights is crucial for understanding the whole.

- On **Maundy Thursday** at 7:00 p.m., we will gather to hear again Jesus' new commandment to love one another. We will wash one another's feet, and we will share Holy Eucharist. We also observe that night Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. We strip the altar bare and leave in darkness. Those who choose may stay or return for any portion of the night to pray in the Godly Play room next door.
- On **Good Friday** at both noon and 7:00 p.m., we will observe Jesus' crucifixion and death in John's telling. This service is solemn but does not leave us in isolation. Together we pray at the foot of the Cross. Our noon service will be spoken and on-site only, while the evening service will be hybrid and will include music.
- At sunset Saturday night (8:00 p.m.), we celebrate **the Great Vigil of Easter**. We will gather in the parking lot to light the new Paschal flame and process it into the worship space. By candlelight, we will hear the highlights of the story of our salvation. We will renew our baptismal vows in the darkness of the tomb. Then we will proclaim the coming of Easter and celebrate together!
- On Sunday morning we will continue to celebrate Christ's Resurrection with our usual hybrid services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

One of the unfortunate results of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation was that many such churches stopped using most of the church calendar. Depending on your upbringing, the idea of observing Holy Week may be new to you. You are invited to enter fully into the peak experience of liturgical Christianity at this, the hinge point of the entire year.

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite Two

The Liturgy of the Palms

*At 8:00, this portion takes place just outside the entryway.
At 10:30, as many of us as are able begin the liturgy downstairs in Seaman Hall.*

The Opening Acclamation

Palm branches are distributed to the assembly.

Presider: Beloved in Christ, for these forty days we have journeyed with Jesus from the wilderness up to the gates of Jerusalem. As we join with all the faithful and celebrate his entry in both triumph and humility, let us welcome him with cries of “Hosanna,” and may his praise be on our lips even as we walk with him toward the cross and the grave, confident in God’s power to save.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that as we greet our Savior with joy at his entry into Jerusalem, we may follow him in humility and contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider: Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Deacon: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures forever; and the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter. You have loved righteousness and hated evil. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: 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 forever. **Amen.**

Deacon: Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

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

Hymn: We Are Marching in the Light of God (*Wonder, Love & Praise #787*)

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
march - ing in the light of God, We are march - ing in the
light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, the

light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are

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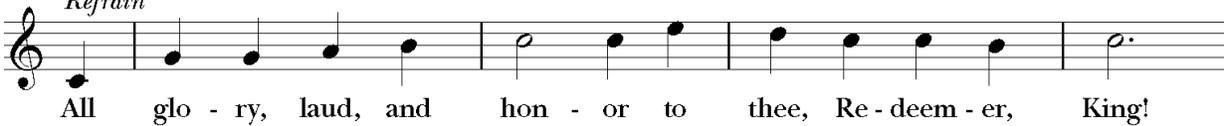
Words: South African; Spanish words, Bernardo Murray (b. 1965). Music: *Siyahamba*, South African.

When we arrive at the doors to the worship space (or at 8:00, when we have reached our seats), the presider leads us in the following prayer. During the hymn, the 10:30 congregation proceeds to their seats.

Presider: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ showed himself to be the true king, reigning with humility and service, and was hailed by the crowd as Messiah. Grant us the faith to know and love him, that we may accompany him on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honor (*Hymnal #154*)

Refrain



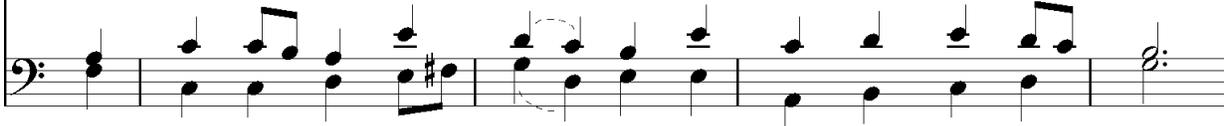
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



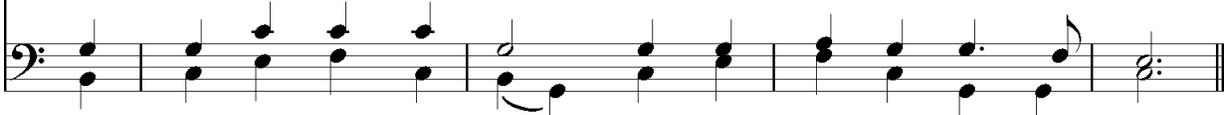
1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.



The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

The congregation is seated.

The Lessons

Our readings from the Bible each week usually include one from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures; a Psalm; one from the New Testament or Christian Scriptures; and a reading from one of the four Gospels, the accounts of the life of Jesus.

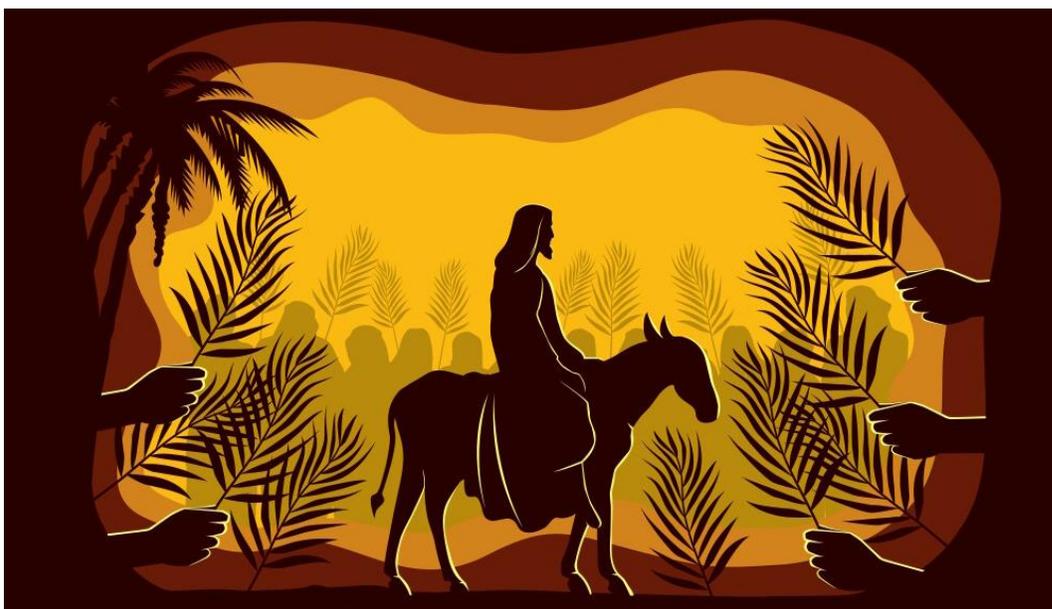
First Lesson (Zechariah 9:9-10)

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

... Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



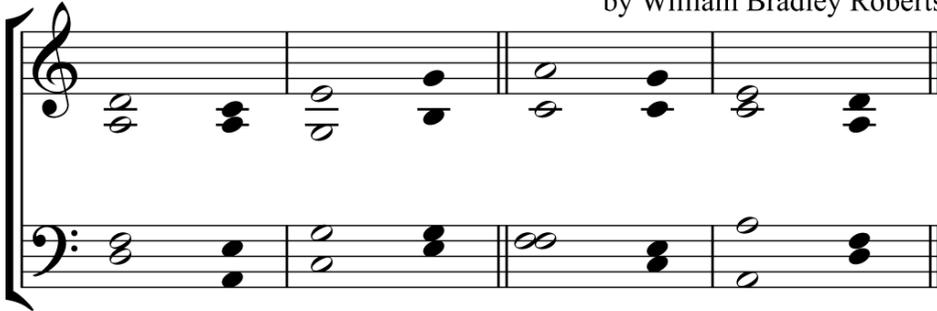
Psalm 118:19-29

At 8:00, the first lector invites us to read the text as follows:

Let us pray the psalm responsively by verse.

At 10:30, the congregation is invited to sing along with the cantor or choir.

Adapted from *Wondrous Love*
by William Bradley Roberts



1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is **good**;
*
his mercy endures for **ever**.

2 Let Israel now pro-**claim**, *
"His mercy endures for **ever**."

19 Open for me the gates of
righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the **Lord**.

20 "This is the gate of the **Lord**; *
he who is righteous may **enter**."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you
answered me *
and have become my sal-**vation**.

22 The same stone which the builders
re-jected *
has become the chief **cornerstone**.

23 This is the Lord's **doing**, *
and it is marvelous in our **eyes**.

24 On this day the Lord has **acted**; *
we will rejoice and be **glad in it**.

25 Hosannah, Lord, ho-**sannah!** *
Lord, send us now suc-**cess**.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the **Lord**; *
we bless you from the house of the
Lord.

27 God is the Lord; he has shined up-**on**
us; *
form a procession with branches up to
the horns of the **altar**.

28 "You are my God, and I will **thank**
you; *
you are my God, and I will ex-**alt you**."

[second half of chant]

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; *
his mercy endures for **ever**.

Second Lesson (Philippians 2:5-11)

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

... Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands as able.

Gradual Hymn: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (*The Hymnal 1982 #156*)



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4 thronc ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

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The Gospel (Matthew 21:1-11)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (*The Rev. Josh Hosler*)

Sermon audio is recorded and made available on our website.

The Prayers of the People

*Every week we pray, using a variety of liturgies, for the world, the church, and those in need. We offer prayers of thanks, and we remember those who have died. We maintain two channels of organized petitionary prayer, the **Prayer List** and the **Prayer Chain**.*

Prayer List: *To have a name read aloud for prayer during our Sunday services on a temporary or ongoing basis, contact the Rev. Josh Hosler at rector@goodshepherdfw.org. A link to this list can be found in the Shepherd’s Crook email.*

Prayer Chain: *To have a name and a concern emailed to a small group of designated parishioners for one-time, immediate prayer, contact Alisa Johnson at alisajohnson@hotmail.com.*

Deacon: Christ, we pray that you would hear our prayers, and graft in our minds the same mind that is in you, that we might be vessels of your humility and grace.

Intercessor: Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself, trading in the form of God for the form of a slave; we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers. Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you.

Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness and were found in human form; we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, and for all who live in the midst of disaster, famine, or terror.

Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, after humbling yourself in your incarnation, you humbled yourself even to the point of death; we pray for our nation, our leaders, and all the people who live within these borders. Bless us with your humility.

Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, your humility and your love for us were so broad and deep, they cost you your life. We pray for those we love who have died, especially those we now name ...

The people add their own intercessions silently or aloud.

As you were highly exalted, may they rise with you in glory.
Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

In your exaltation, O Lord, you were given the name that is above every name; we pray in your name for those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are hurting in any way. Give them your grace.

Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

We also pray, in your name O Lord, for those who are sick, especially those we now name ...

The people add their own intercessions silently or aloud.

Give them the gift of healing, strength, and life.
Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Presider: You humbled yourself in the manger, and you humbled yourself on the cross; and to you, O Lord, we bend our knee with those above and those below, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

- *Adapted from prayers by the Rev. Rick Morley*

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

You may kneel if able. It is customary each week to acknowledge our human faults and failures knowing that God forgives us and desires growth and abundant joy for all of us.

Silence

All [led by Presider]:

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

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

The Peace

The congregation stands.

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

This week only, to preserve the increasing solemnity of the Palm Sunday liturgy, we forgo our usual verbal announcement period and continue directly to the Offertory. Please be sure to take this service leaflet home so you can absorb the announcements printed at the end.

The Offertory

Presider: Reconciled to one another, let us bring our gifts to God. Let us offer our whole selves on this altar, for it has become a table richly laid for the entire world. Come share joyfully in Christ's eternal feast.

The congregation may remain seated until the final verse of the offertory hymn or until motioned to stand.



To make a gift today (not a pledge for 2026) using your mobile device, scan the QR code on the left ... or drop a check in the offering plate ... or mail a check to the Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 3108, Federal Way, WA 98063.

On the third Sunday of each month, offerings not otherwise designated are contributed to the Rector's and Deacon's Discretionary Funds, which are used to help people in immediate need (parishioners or otherwise) or to assist new, as-yet-unbudgeted ministry opportunities.

We give not to "pay for the show," but as a spiritual practice of participation for the good of the world and of our souls. The Church of the Good Shepherd is able to operate because of the pledges of its members. We strongly encourage all members to make an annual pledge, no matter how large or small. **To make a pledge today for 2026**, use the pledge card found in your pew or go to <https://tinyurl.com/pledgegoodshep2026>.



Giotto, The Arrest of Christ (c.1304-1306)

Offertory Hymn: When Jesus Left His Father's Throne (*The Hymnal 1982* #480)



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



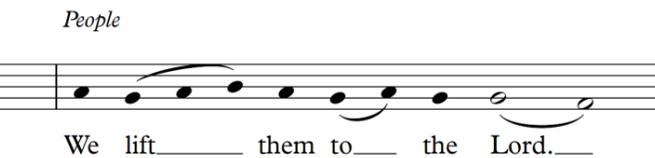
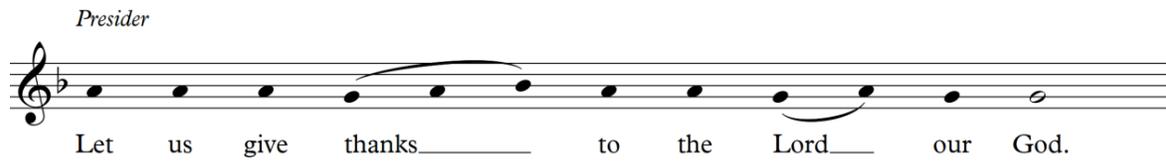
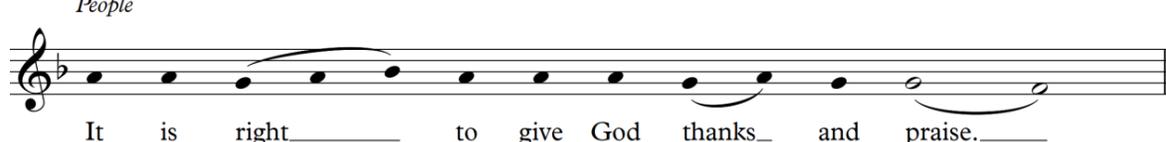
Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

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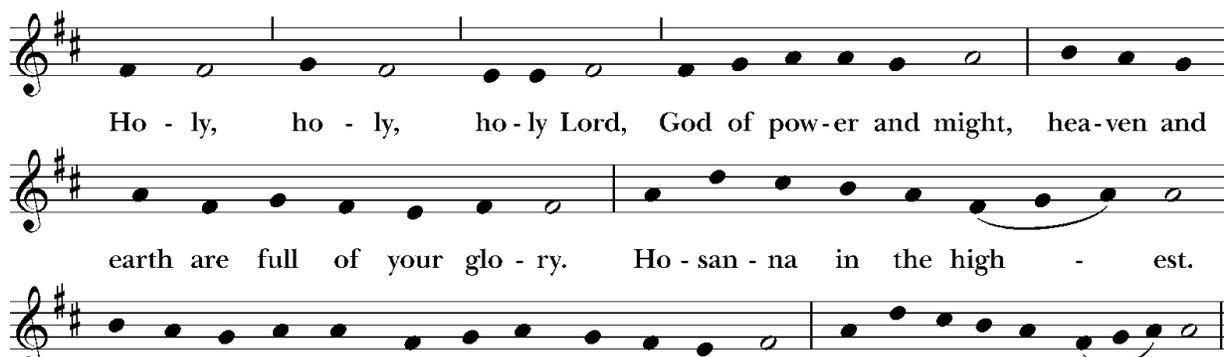
THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE
The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A (inclusive language)

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

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; because you sent your Son Jesus Christ to live and teach among us, and in his last days enter the holy city of Jerusalem riding on a donkey, a sign of triumph and humility. We raise our Hosannas as we proclaim a new kingdom in which justice reigns and the lowly are exalted.

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 (*The Hymnal 1982 #S-124*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people kneel (or continue standing).

Presider: O God, you are holy and gracious: 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, our Rock and our Foundation. Jesus 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, Jesus 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, Jesus 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:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever.

AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

The Lord’s Prayer

**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

Silence is kept.

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

At 10:30:

Fraction Anthem (*The Hymnal 1982 #S-161*)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Presider: 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.

Communion Hymn: A Stable Lamp Is Lighted (*The Hymnal 1982 #104*)



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
 2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
 3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
 4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,
 ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,
 yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,
 low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,



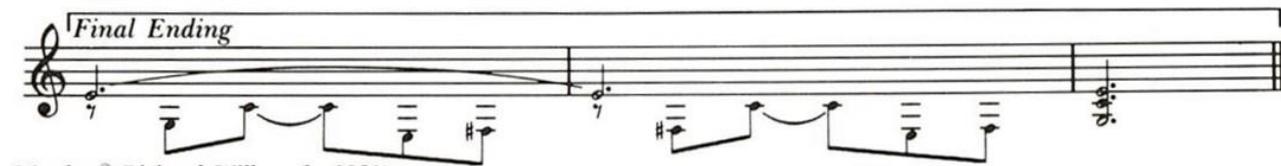
And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry;
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
 Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way
 For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear - head,
 In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be - come a shrine. _____ 2 This
 To pave his king - dom come. _____ 3 Yet
 God's love re - fused a - gain. _____ 4 But
 The worlds are rec - on - ciled. _____



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A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those who cannot be with us on-site to receive Holy Communion may wish to add this private prayer:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united with you and with the Body of Christ. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and to your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me; may I live and die in your love. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

The congregation stands as able.

Presider: Let us pray.

***All:* Lord Jesus Christ, you set your example before us as one who came not to be served but to serve: Give us the courage to be your faithful disciples, following your way even to the cross, and proclaiming you as Savior and King. Amen.**

A note about references to “the Jews” in our Holy Week readings

Jesus of Nazareth was a Jew. Christianity began as a movement within Judaism that took time to form and evolve into the institutional Church of today. There were areas of contention and disagreement among the Jews in Jesus’ time, and the leaders of the early Jesus movement did not shy away from hostile rhetoric against their detractors, as evidenced by a number of New Testament passages.

The Greek term usually translated here as “the Jews” varies in meaning and application, alternately referring to the most powerful Jewish religious leaders; Jews of the region of Judea specifically; or to those Jews who had reservations about Paul’s mission among Gentiles. In essence, “the Jews” functions in the New Testament as “the other” against which Christianity came to define itself.

When the Roman Empire adopted Christianity as its state religion, Christian rhetoric against Jews gained power, and Christian texts inspired anti-Semitism, most notably during the Crusades and the Holocaust. In our modern context, it is important for us to remember that while New Testament writers took issue with Jews who disbelieved in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God, these texts do not take issue with anyone’s race or origin. Nor do they prescribe for us, in contradiction with Christ’s central purpose, mistrust or hatred of non-Christians.

The Passion of Our Lord according to Matthew

(Matthew 26:14–27:66)

Good Shepherd Passion Players

At 8:00: Levy Molina (*Narrator*); Tom Jowett (*Jesus*); plus Ken Christensen, Andy Jowenson, Annarose Jowenson, Nancy Krueger, Shannon Molina, Meg Stone.

At 10:30: Burkley Myles (*Narrator*); Janine Boyer (*Jesus*); plus Frank Crane, Susan Ennarro, Jane Grabinski, the Rev. Ken Grabinski, Ania Malkowska-Leek, Maggie Monaghan.

ALL of us read the boldface type.

The people may remain seated until invited to stand.

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, 'From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.'"

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He

deserves death.” Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, “Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.” After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “**Barabbas.**” Pilate said to them, “Then

what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, **“Let him be crucified!”** Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, **“Let him be crucified!”**

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, **“His blood be on us and on our children!”** So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull) ...

All stand.

... they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel as able or bow deeply.

Presider: 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.**

Choral Anthem: Were You There (arr. Alan Bullard)

Today, as we enter the solemnity of Holy Week, there is no dismissal. We depart in silence.

After the 10:30 service, all are invited to a potluck downstairs in Seaman Hall.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER at Good Shepherd

We are Christians. This is our story. Help us tell the story!

THE TRIDUUM: “Three Days”

Our annual participation in the death and resurrection of Christ is actually one liturgy, taking place over three consecutive evenings.

Part 1: MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Footwashing and the Stripping of the Altar. *On the night of his arrest, Jesus gave us parting instructions. Tonight, we join the apostles to hear and carry out those instructions again.*

Part 2: GOOD FRIDAY, April 3

12:00 noon or 7:00 p.m. The Good Friday Liturgy with the Veneration of the Cross. *Our annual remembrance of the death of Jesus focuses on the Cross as an icon of redemptive suffering, tempered by our faith that even death is no obstacle to God. Our offering from this service will benefit the work of Anglican Churches in the Holy Land.*

Part 3: THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, April 4

8:00 p.m. Gather outside the church. (Bring a bell, drum, or noisemaker to use at the time of the proclamation of Easter.) *This is the night. We light the new Paschal flame. By candlelight, we hear the ancient tales of God's works of salvation. We come to the water to renew the vows of our baptism. We proclaim Easter! And then all are invited to the table, old and young, sinners and saints, to share in the eternal meal of the Risen Christ. Bring the whole family. Bring kids and little ones in pajamas. Bring parents. Bring friends. Bring anyone and everyone who is in need of Good News!*

What's Happening at Good Shepherd?

Because our service leaflet is posted on the Web for all to see, we don't print here parishioners' personal contact information. Members of Good Shepherd are given a printed parish directory. If you'd like to participate in something but don't know how to contact the appropriate person, please contact the church office at office@goodshepherdfw.org.



I Will, with God's Help: Promises of Baptism

Sundays: April 12, 19, 26

9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room

Episcopalians view baptism not as an individual practice, but as a communal one. We all gather around the one to be baptized so that we are prepared to help

him walk the way with Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings early in Easter season to help prepare **Thomas Jowenson** for baptism on the Day of Pentecost. How can you help raise Thomas in the Christian faith and life, and what might his baptism mean for your own baptismal journey?



Emergency Preparedness Training in Federal Way

Wednesdays, April 15–June 10, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at City Hall

You are invited to participate in free basic emergency preparedness training this spring, sponsored by the city's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Learn essential skills to help support First Responders in the event of an emergency such as earthquake, flooding, or other disasters. Anyone in our city community may attend, free of charge. To sign up or ask questions, contact Sharon Green, Federal Way Emergency Management outreach coordinator, at sharon.green@federalwaywa.gov or (206) 930-6645.



Funeral Service for Gay Neal

Monday, April 20, 1:00 p.m.

We'll remember Gay's life with a service of Holy Eucharist, with a reception to follow in Seaman Hall.

Cathedral Day, and Karen's Reception into the Episcopal Church

Saturday, April 25 at St. Mark's Cathedral

Cathedral Day is a "family reunion" for Episcopalians from across western Washington. It's a time for connecting across congregations and experiencing all your cathedral has to offer. Cathedral Day celebrates the idea of pilgrimage, with Saint Mark's serving as your sacred destination. Better yet, our own **Karen Dobbs** will formally become an Episcopalian there! Register at ecww.org/event/cathedral-day-2026/.