

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 | 10:15 am



In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! We are delighted to worship with you this morning.

*This booklet and The Hymnal 1982 (dark blue) provide the resources needed for participation in the service. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.*

Whether a long-standing parishioner, a new member, or someone joining us for the first time, we hope you will sense God's work within you and in this community.

May our worship strengthen, inspire, and guide us this day and always.

Please gather on the Front Circle and take a palm branch from one of the baskets.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

VOLUNTARY

HYMN "Ride on! ride on in majesty"

Winchester New



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark!
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In



all the tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
low - ly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
an - gel ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
last and fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his
low - ly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to



sues his road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, then take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign.

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL OF THE PALMS

Matthew 21:1-11

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE 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 our thanks and praise.**

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

Please sing the following as we process into the church. Repeat stanzas as necessary.


HYMN "All glory, laud, and honor"

Valet will ich dir geben

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! *Fine*



- 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,



to Refrain

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

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A Reading from the Book of 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? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE “Jesus, I will ponder now”

Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein

Children who wish can follow the leaders to Children’s Chapel.

They will return at the Peace, following the Prayers of the People.



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis-tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spi - rit now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and blows and wretch-ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for ev - er.

Please be seated

MEDITATION

The Reverend Andrew Y. Moore, *Senior Associate Rector*

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14–27:66

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

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I betray Jesus 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, “Prophecy 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,

People **“Barabbas.”**

Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said,

People **“Let him be crucified!”**

Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

People **“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,

People **“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.

Please stand

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), 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. 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.

A time of silent prayer is observed.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *Solus ad victimam*

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds, why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win.

This is the night of tears, the three days' space, sorrow abiding of the eventide,
until the daybreak with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be;
heavy with weeping may the three days pass, to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

-Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. Helen Waddell (1889-1965)

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or "2026 Pledges" for a pledge contribution.*



Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Erhalt uns, Herr

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to
cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
thee be ev - 'ry prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold
things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, rev.

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

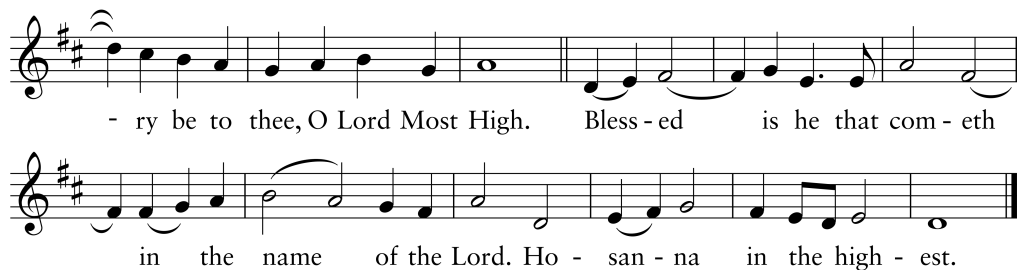
People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
hosts: Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -



Please remain standing or kneel

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

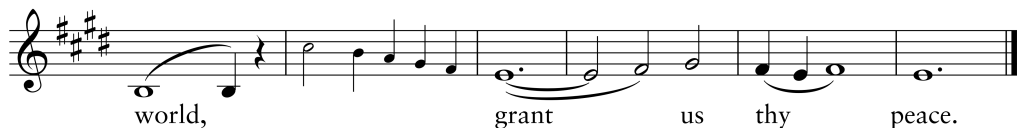
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass 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.

AGNUS DEI

Willan

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

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world: have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and the wine of Holy Communion are God's gifts for God's people. Please follow the directions of the ushers to receive communion at the altar rail.

If you require assistance or wish to receive communion at your seat, please inform the ushers. It is customary to receive communion while kneeling at the altar rail, but remaining standing is also appropriate. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your arms across your chest.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION *Thee We Adore*

T. Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail. Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to us doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on thee, and thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleansing flood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

-Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION 458 "My song is love unknown"

Love Unknown

Please stand

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING 158 “Ah, holy Jesus”

Herzliebster Jesu

VOLUNTARY *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

arr. Pamela Decker (1955-)

**AFTER THE SERVICE, PLEASE JOIN US
FOR FELLOWSHIP IN SHEARS HALL.**

SERVING THIS MORNING

Acolytes	8:00 am	Bobbi Bowman
	10:15 am	JD Bulford and Camilla Saunders
Lay Readers	8:00 am	Nancy Simon
	10:15 am	John Barkmeyer
Chalice Bearers	8:00 am	Nancy Simon and Kevin Swanson
	10:15 am	Maggie Keller and John Barkmeyer
Ushers	8:00 am	Dan Smoot
	10:15 am	Duane Dobson, Greg Dole, Stephanie Simmons, and Roland Saunders
Altar Guild	8:00 am	Carole Reynolds
	10:15 am	Elizabeth Richardson and Bunny Baker
Flower Guild		Lorraine Beaver
Hospitality Hosts	8:00 am	Katherine & Mark Haskell
Vestry Member of the Day		Sarah Lang

PRAYER LIST

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week: Laura Byrd, Benjamin Dacoba, Adriana Haleleh, Greg May, Anne Marie McDonald, Katherine Van Kirk, Judy Mueller, Emma Parrish, Jay Andre, Robin Lineberger, Courtney Anderson, Susan Arthur, Katherine Palmer, Melissa Range, Suzanne Ingram, and Katie Steffee; and for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

PARISHIONERS

Bruce	Judith Mueller	Elizabeth
Dee Smoot	Susan Arthur	Helene Aiello
Barbara Coffin	Mimi Heisey	Aidan Lincoln
Bill and Sandy Silzer	Tim Barwick	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rob Barnes and Family	Jim Dole	Chris Cope
David	Liz	Caroline Zurn
Susan	Jim Griffith	Chris Murray
Karolyn Morigi Armstrong	Judy Watson	Nancy Elliott
Jess and David Hunt	Bruce and Sue Gross	Bona Mitchell and Son
Reilly Clautice	Jim	Lacey
Phyllis Vaughan	Mac	Eloise M. Spencer
Cecil Clark	Michael Marden	Kyle Coker
Carl Lang	Dee and Alice Smith	MA
Kevin Keane	James Yarrison	Paul G. Ruff
Lisa Sierant	Tom Reardon	

We pray for the departed, especially Fran Herron and John Sheehan; and for all who mourn.

To add someone to the Prayer List,
email churchmail@stjohnsmclean.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - APRIL 1

- 7:30 am Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 2

- 6:00 pm – Family Worship in the Community Room - Bring the whole family for this child-friendly service with foot washing remembering Jesus' final meal with his disciples.
- 7:00 pm – Holy Communion with Music and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3

- 12:00 pm – Liturgy of Good Friday with Music including sung Passion
- 7:00 pm – Liturgy of Good Friday with Music - held at St. Francis, Great Falls (9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA, 22066), led by the clergy and choirs of St. John's and St. Francis.

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 4

- 10:00 am – Liturgy of Holy Saturday in the Woodland Chapel - This brief spoken service observes the time between the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY - APRIL 5

- 6:30 am – Sunrise service in the Woodland Chapel - This brief liturgy includes the Lighting of the Paschal Candle, the Easter Gospel, a homily, and the singing of "Jesus Christ is risen today."
- 7:30 am – Festival Eucharist with Brass
- 9:00 am & 11:15 am – Festival Eucharist with Choir and Brass

Following the 9:00 service, an **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on the Great Lawn with refreshments for all ages on the Front Circle. All are invited to bring flowers from home to **Flower the Cross** throughout the morning.

DRIVE OF THE MONTH: SUPPORT DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Since 1971, Doctors Without Borders has provided independent medical care in over 75 countries facing conflict, disease, and disasters. Your donations provide lifesaving aid and help MSF speak out for those in need. To give, please visit bit.ly/DOM-Mar26, scan the QR code, or make checks payable to Doctors Without Borders.



IN SEARCH OF EASTER TREATS! AND BUNNY HELPERS!

On Easter Sunday, won't you please contribute an Easter treat for the festive reception on the front circle after the 9:00 am service? Drop off your favorite Easter snacks on the tables set up outside as you go in to the 9:00 am service. Want to help with setup or cleanup as well? Please contact Katherine Haskell at haskellkz@gmail.com.

EASTER OFFERING – Your generosity through the Easter Offering supports the Missions Committee's designated recipient: Service Trip to Iglesia San Gabriel in the Dominican Republic; as well as the Rector's Discretionary Fund. You may contribute to the Easter Offering online at bit.ly/sj-Easter. A contribution envelope is also available from the rack at the front of each pew.

CARING CLOSE KNIT CRAFTERS (CCKC)

Thursday, April 9 at 10:30 am AND 7:00 pm in Smoot Conference Room

Whether you enjoy knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, painting, or simply need to finish a mending project, bring your current work-in-progress and a friend. All are welcome for creativity and conversation. Questions? Contact the Parish Office or Jayne Swanson at jswan8855@yahoo.com.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION RETREAT

April 11 & 12

Our upcoming Confirmation Retreat is a required, special time of preparation for youth being confirmed during the Bishop's visit on May 3. We will gather from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm upstairs in the Sunday School room, with lunch provided. Additionally, we ask that all participants attend the 10:15 am service on May 12, followed by a closing lunch in the conference room. **Please help us prepare by RSVPing to Sally Benton (sbenton@stjohnsmclean.org) by TODAY.** No youth will be turned away if they decide to join after this date!

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12 at 10:15 am

Calling all youth, grades 5–12! Youth Sunday is when youth will be involved in (almost) all aspects of the 10:15 service. We will have youth readers, acolytes, greeters, and more. If you're willing to fill different roles, please contact Sally Benton at sbenton@stjohnsmclean.org. There will be adults present to offer guidance for every role. Feel free to sign up for something you haven't done before.

SECOND SUNDAY CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, April 12 at 5:00 pm

Join us for this monthly offering, led by an ensemble of twelve professional choristers, featuring music of William Smith, Herbert Sumsion, and Robert Walker. Choral Evensong, a contemplative liturgy, is one of the treasures of the Anglican tradition. At this service, the congregation participates mostly by allowing the clergy and choir to speak and sing on its behalf. Many find this frees them, in a busy world, to offer to God their own thoughts and prayers. A reception with light refreshments follows in Shears Hall. *Sponsored by the Music Fund.*

WOMEN IN FAITH

Tuesday, April 14 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in Brooks Library

As we enter spring and the season of Easter, our topic will be the stories and symbols associated with rebirth and renewal. All women are welcome; come explore the ways in which the turning of the seasons inspires hope for change! Questions? Contact Susan Symington at srsymington@gmail.com.

SUNDAY FORUM: MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE

Sunday, April 19 at 9:15 am in Shears Hall

Join the Mission & Outreach Committee for an update on this year's initiatives and a look ahead to plans for the remainder of the year. Representatives from local non-profits will speak about their partnership with St. John's and participants from the Dominican Republic service trip will share their experiences. Come and learn how Missions & Outreach engagement at St. John's bridges the gap between faith and community action.

THIRD SUNDAY SUPPER CHURCH

Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 pm in Shears Hall

Join us to share a simple meal, enjoy each other's company, explore scripture's relevance to our lives, and partake in communion in a unique way. A \$5 per person suggested donation (\$20 family max) is appreciated for dinner. Please RSVP at bit.ly/sj-supper-church so we know you're coming.

BOOKLOVERS DISCUSSION

Tuesday, April 28 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Join us for a discussion of *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman, a humorous and poignant novel about a failed bank robbery with unexpected results. Please contact Nancy Simon at nancy.simon80@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

ARE YOU RECEIVING *THE PARISH NEWS* WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER AND OTHER UPDATES?

Stay up to date on all that's happening at St. John's Church. Subscribe at bit.ly/sj-News.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) meets Monday through Thursday at noon in our Community Room (on the lower level; enter through the back door adjacent to the playground). Additionally, there is a meeting every Friday at 8:30 pm in the Community Room, or if the weather's good, just outside. You can also call the Northern Virginia AA Intergroup hotline at 703-293-9753 or visit nvintergroup.org for other group listings. Have questions about AA? Contact a fellow parishioner at 571-334-0073.

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