

The Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM



Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the house of God.

**Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service (and during the peace) speak to one another.**

Palm Sunday

What does it feel like to have less than a week to live? That's the situation in which Jesus finds himself when he makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The crowds don't know what's coming. The disciples have been given hints and even outright declarations from Jesus that he will be betrayed into the hands of sinners and killed. But they don't seem to understand. To the disciples and the crowds, this seems like a moment of incredible potential and excitement. The possibilities of kingdoms and empire seem to be within grasp.

What a lonely moment this must be for Jesus, to be surrounded by screaming fans but burdened by the knowledge of how brief the acclaim will be. With the shouts of 'Hosanna to the Son of David', the Roman rulers and the religious authorities can no longer pretend that Jesus is insignificant, that he is just a fad, that he is not dangerous. Jesus is deliberately provoking the crisis that will end with him nailed to a cross.

Holy Week, which begins today, is our opportunity through liturgy and ritual, to immerse ourselves in the move from the false joy of Palm Sunday, a joy that is centered around expectations of power and reward, through the pain of finding that our faith is often so weak when Jesus needs us the most, finally to the deep and profound joy of the day of Resurrection, the day of forgiveness and new life. We have the opportunity this week to walk with Jesus in real time as the hourglass runs out, as he struggles with the knowledge that he has less than a week to live. (The Rev. Whitney Rice – Sermons that Work)

Faithfully, Father Ron

The Liturgy of the Palms

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing

ENTRANCE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (8:30am only) **Hymnal 450**

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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

Here a Deacon or other person appointed read the following

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven! "

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

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

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (10:30am) *Trumpet: Troy Keeney*

Hymnal 450

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all.
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divined, and crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divined, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all.
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Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.
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The Liturgy of the Word

GENERAL ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16



9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;

fear is all around; *

they put their heads together against me;

they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *

I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: A reading from the letter of Saint 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Anthem:

Hosanna – Daniel Barta

Hosanna in the highest!

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

SEE THE HANDOUT

(Children Preschool—5th grade may leave for Kingdom Kids)

A Palm Sunday Reflection

The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

The Prayers of the People Form III

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(said responsively by celebrant and congregation)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Collect After the Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory *All Glory, Laud and Honor – arr. Brian Childers [BELLS]*

At the Presentation

Doxology

Hymnal 380, stanza 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Bidding Prayer

Celebrant: This is the table of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is made ready for all. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been here long, You who have tried to follow and those who struggle to find the path. Come, because it is God who invites you. It is God's will that those who desire to do so should meet God here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (Preface of the day.) Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

S - 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Laud of Rest*, adapt. by Marcia Pruner, © 1990, Church Pension Fund; acc. by Richard Proulx

The people kneel or sit.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Danish 3-fold (10:30) And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem (8:30)

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

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1. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
2. sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

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Celebrant: 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.

Administration of the Sacrament

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hymnal 474

Post Communion Prayer (Celebrant and People)

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

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"My song is love unknown"*

Hymnal 458 (Stanzas 1,2,3)

The Dismissal

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Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary: *All Glory, Laud and Honor* – Alexandre Guilmant

DRAMA AND THE WORD TEAM

Scott Major, Matt Gustis, Jim and Stephanie Heil, Nick and Jan
McDonald, Diana Mushill, Karen Taylor, John Stewart



*To the members of the Drama and the Word team, thank you for
your profound and moving reading of the Passion Gospel.*

SINGERS, RINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS LEADING WORSHIP

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

A huge shout out to our choir, ringers and instrumentalists for your dedication, countless hours of practice, and service in lifting up praises to God. Your ministry provides comfort, joy, and is as a vital ministry that honors God, touches hearts, and enhances worship

Rose Broder

Pat Duggan

Patty Duggan

Priscilla Foley +

Kathryn Graham +

Jeanne Hawkins

Gary Jarvis

Nick McDonald

Michele Moss +

Diana Mushill +

Beckey Smith +

John Stewart +

Michelle Stewart +

Karen Taylor +

Greta Justis

Jessica Gustis

Matt Gustis

Vickie Jordan +

Troy Keeney

Christine Lamano-Scaglione +

Scott Major +

Ringers +

Trumpet Troy Keeney

SPBTL NEWS AND EVENTS

CENTERING PRAYER 10AM, Meets downstairs every Wed. Please join us!

COFFEE HOUR Sign up in Fotinos Hall or call the office.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Chancel Choir rehearsals, Wednesday 7PM in the Nave. **Handbell Choir** rehearsals Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM downstairs in the choir room.

COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY Gather in Fr. Ron's office at 9:30am on Sunday mornings for a relaxed, casual conversation based on questions you may have regarding faith, church, and society. We hope you can join us!

SPBTL Theater Group The Green Room Theater 2026 Season

Sundays at 3:00 p.m. w/lunch \$16.00/ticket

\$10.00/person lunch at 12:15 p.m. in Furr Hall

- Having our Say - The Delaney Sister - 100 yrs 4/12/26
- The Wizard of Oz 5/3/26
- Four Old Broads 6/21/26

All are welcomed. If you have not participated in the past, please join us for good food, fellowship, and entertainment. Contact Cathy Littlejohn @ 704-650-4947 with any questions.

Hello from your Mission Outreach team! Many of you know who we support in the local community and beyond: examples include ELCM, Hesed House, Thompson's, and Haitian Hope. We invite the opportunity to add other local, national, and international 501(c)3's and other types of charitable initiatives of interest to any of our parishioners. At this time, we would like to welcome any funding requests from the parish. There are Support Applications available in the Mission Outreach Mailbox in Fotinos. Please complete and return to the church at your first convenience but no later than April 30, 2026. Mission Outreach will meet in early May to approve requests and make our first disbursements by Memorial Day. [Note: many of you have already sent in your requests; you do not need to do another application.] Please reach out to Libby Motto if you have any questions.



HOLY WEEK

MARCH 29- APRIL 5, 2026



PALM SUNDAY
March 29th

TENEBRAE

Tuesday, March 31st
at 7pm



MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 2nd
at 7pm

Our Prayer Vigil will begin immediately following service and end at 6am. Sign up in the Narthex.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Way of the Cross
April 3rd at NOON



Proper Liturgy for Good Friday
April 3rd at 7pm

SATURDAY

April 4th at 10am
Parish Easter Egg Hunt
and Egg-stravaganza



EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th

7AM Easter Sunrise Service
8:30AM & 10:30AM Easter Day Holy Eucharist Festival Services

9:30AM Please join us between services for our Easter mimosa Bar in Fotinos Hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — Please check your calendars in advance so we don't have missing servants. We will see these Special Servants next week, 4/5/26:

8:30 AM

Chalice Bearer—Michele Moss
Ushers - Tracey Engel
Acolytes - Cathy Melesh
Reader - Cathy Melesh

10:30 AM

Chalice Bearers— Jim & Stephanie Heil
Ushers - Mary Sansbury, Roger Simpson
Acolytes - Madison Ireland, Audrey Prouty
Reader—Jenny Hunter
LLR— Libby Motto
Livestream - Walter Smith, Cha Wuerdeman

From the Accounting Office:

A check has been received from a financial institution for an offering, but it does not identify who originated the check. Without this information, the gift cannot be properly credited to the parishioner. If you recently directed your bank / investment firm to send an offering check to St. Peter's, please check with them to confirm it was sent AND obtain the check number printed on the check. Once you have that information, please reach out to me so we can determine to whom the gift should be applied.

I can be reached by dropping by or calling the church office (704-483-3460, x104), or via email (financeadmin@spbtl.com).

Thank you!

Sherree Brady

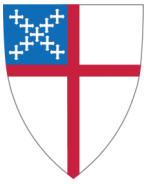
Financial Status as of Feb 28, 2026

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD
Total Revenues	\$77,487	\$79,972	(\$2,485)
Total Expenses	\$82,769	\$79,972	(\$2,797)
Net Total	(\$5,282)	\$0	(\$5,282)

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Please use the "NOTE" field to indicate where the gift is to be directed (pledge, tithe, flowers, etc.)



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Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

Ministers: All members of the Church

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, **Bishop**

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Nick McDonald

Christian Formation Director: Ginia Edwards

Director of Music: David Wilcox

Director of Music Emeritus: Leigh Ann Johnston

Licensed Lay Reader: Libby Motto

Ushers: Tracey Engel, Mary Sansbury, Roger Simpson

Chalice Bearers: Michele Moss, Jim & Stephanie Heil

Acolytes: Cathy Melesh, Madison Ireland, Audrey Prouty

Readers: Cathy Melesh, Jenny Hunter, Drama & The Word

Altar Guild Team 3 – Carmen Hatley, Cathy and Tom Grace, Jean Hatley, Jeanne Hawkins, Cyndi Jarvis, Nancy Pittinaro, Brandy Rudd, Daphne Wagner, Mary Sansbury

Livestream Tech: Walter Smith, Cha Wuerdeman

Coffee Hour:

THE VESTRY

Senior Warden – Stephanie Heil

Junior Warden – Mary Sansbury

Tracey Engel, Pat Higbie, Steve Hiney,
Gary Jarvis, Connie Mathis, Michelle
Moss, John Stewart

Clerk of the Vestry: Daphne Wagner

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MISSION STATEMENT:

BE DISCIPLES:

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