

Sunday March 29, 2026

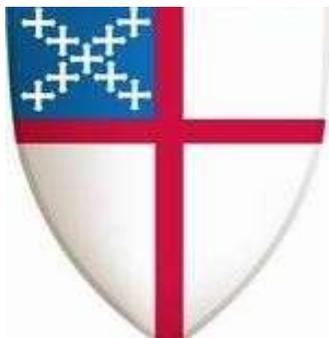
Palm Sunday



HOLY CHILD & ST. MARTIN

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Liturgy of the Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant: *Welcome everyone to the blessing of the Palms as we begin Holy Week.*

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*

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. Amen*

The Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"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 salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
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, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 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 upon 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 exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

The Gospel

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."

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

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

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Bless and 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.**

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

Celebrant: *Let us go forth in peace.*

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



Liturgy of the Word

Entrance song:

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

People: And blessed be God, now and forever.

Informal Introduction

The Purity Prayer

All Pray: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison

People: Kyrie eleison

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People: Christe eleison

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison

People: Kyrie eleison

Collect of the Day

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

The first reading is 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?

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People**

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

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 reading is from Paul's letter to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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), 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!"

Deacon

People

Sermon

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ

Fr. Jureck Fernandez

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We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

People: Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

People: Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

People: Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

People: Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

People: Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

People: Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

We continue to pray

For the blessings our congregation has received and for the continued financial support from the diocese and our givers. For God's blessings on those who celebrate their birthdays this week. We pray for the health of the church members and friends. We pray for the repose of the souls of the departed.

We Ask Your Prayers

For the ministry of our Bishop's Committee, the Music Ministry; the Altar Guild; Lectors and Acolytes, Online Ministry, Bread for the World Ministry

Prayers for Birthdays, Travelers, Wedding Anniversaries, Death

Prayer intention by the families of: Montalvan & Quinere, Villalon, Angustia, Downs, Cayangyang, Rubi, Bowdish, Cruz, Gonzales, Dayrit, Flores, Padua. Gabelo

We pray for those who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week:

We pray for God's blessings on those who celebrate their birthdays this month: Mario Dayrit, Alicia Cruz, Grace Vedad, Theresa Rubi Sadig, Ashley Lamsen, Amel Corpuz, Rico Cabezas, Ellie Billington, Enerico Antonio Santiago, Janessa Manzano, Rosario Tababa, Sherrie Rubi, Virginia Delizo, Giovanni Villalon, Gian Marko Lara, Angelyne Dayrit, Lloyd Francisco, Lee Cahalan, Sally Martinez, Leonardo "Jong" Pailano Jr, Cristina Montalan, Edna Marfori, Inno Gabelo

We continue to pray for the health of: Rosalia Basa, Marietta Flores, Romy and Amy Mijares, Chris Stock, Elizabeth Reece, Edna Marfori, Tita Bartolata, Alona Pailano, Ray Flores,

Frankie Lino, Anna Angustia, Teresita Cochangco, Ellie Billington, Amelia Quinere, Susan Gabelo, Lily Young, Evelyn Busk, Alice Yunevich, Debbie Yunevich, Ken Yunevich, Megan Fifield, Pablit Quinere, Arnold Dayrit, Nelly Sarmiento, Jane Tronoff, Myrna Villalon, Bernaliza Benin Ponco, Marlene Dayrit, Jennifer Downs, Mirella Pumacayo, Karen Gonzalez, Romy Cayangyang, Michael Quinere, Marcia Bowdish, Rev. Lynn Bowdish, Alberto Loreto Sr

We pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, especially: Martha Gerinimo, Gloria Z. Fernandez, Edgardo Franco, Ray Fields, Mary Crow, Marlene Ferrer, Oscar Tesuero, Socorro Cudiamat Kong, Josefina San Gabriel, Henry Goldberg, Amparo Flores, Carino Angustia Sr, Rosendo Fernandez Sr, Rosendo Fernandez Jr, Roberto Herren

Celebrant: Collect Prayer

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

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: In all things that I have shown you that by so toiling, one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and work to the Lord.' **Acts 20:35**

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory song:

The Doxology

(Sung to the tune of Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above the Heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

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

People and Celebrant:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast

Lamb of God: Sung

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.

Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, heavenly Father, we thank you because you have accepted us as living members of the Body of your Son Jesus Christ, and have nourished us with the Sacrament of his victorious life. May your words on our lips speak peace to all people. Send us with vision and courage to love and serve your Son Jesus Christ and your people. So will your name be praised and glorified, now and in time to come, until all be fulfilled in your kingdom. **Amen**

The Blessing

Celebrant: And may the Peace of God which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summary of donations/pledges/plate collection for the month of February

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You may mail you pledges to our church at:

777 Southgate Avenue, Daly City, CA 94015

Thanks also to all our Church volunteers

For their dedication and services to the Church and community

Please submit names for prayer requests (Travels, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Deaths) to Fr. Jureck (650-636-5654) no later than **Wednesday at 6PM**. Prayer requests received after that day and time will be included in the following week's bulletin. Thank you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We give thanks to God for the ministries of:

Our Bishop's Committee, Liturgy and Worship, Music and Livestream, Lectors and Acolytes, Art and Decorations, Altar Guild, Bread for the World Ministry and Volunteers; Church Building and Grounds Maintenance

To all the faithful who join us always in our online worship service.

'To God be the Glory'

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Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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HCSM VISION

“A diverse, welcoming church, embracing all to live and grow in faith, guiding our community to the healing presence of Christ.”



**Holy Week: A moment of prayer, love,
peace, and hope.**

Beloved Community of HCSM Church,

As we enter Holy Week 2026, we journey once more on the sacred path of love poured out for the life of the world. From the palms of this Sunday to the upper room, from the cross to the tomb, we are all invited not simply to remember, but to enter the story of Jesus' Paschal Mysteries of love, hope, and peace.

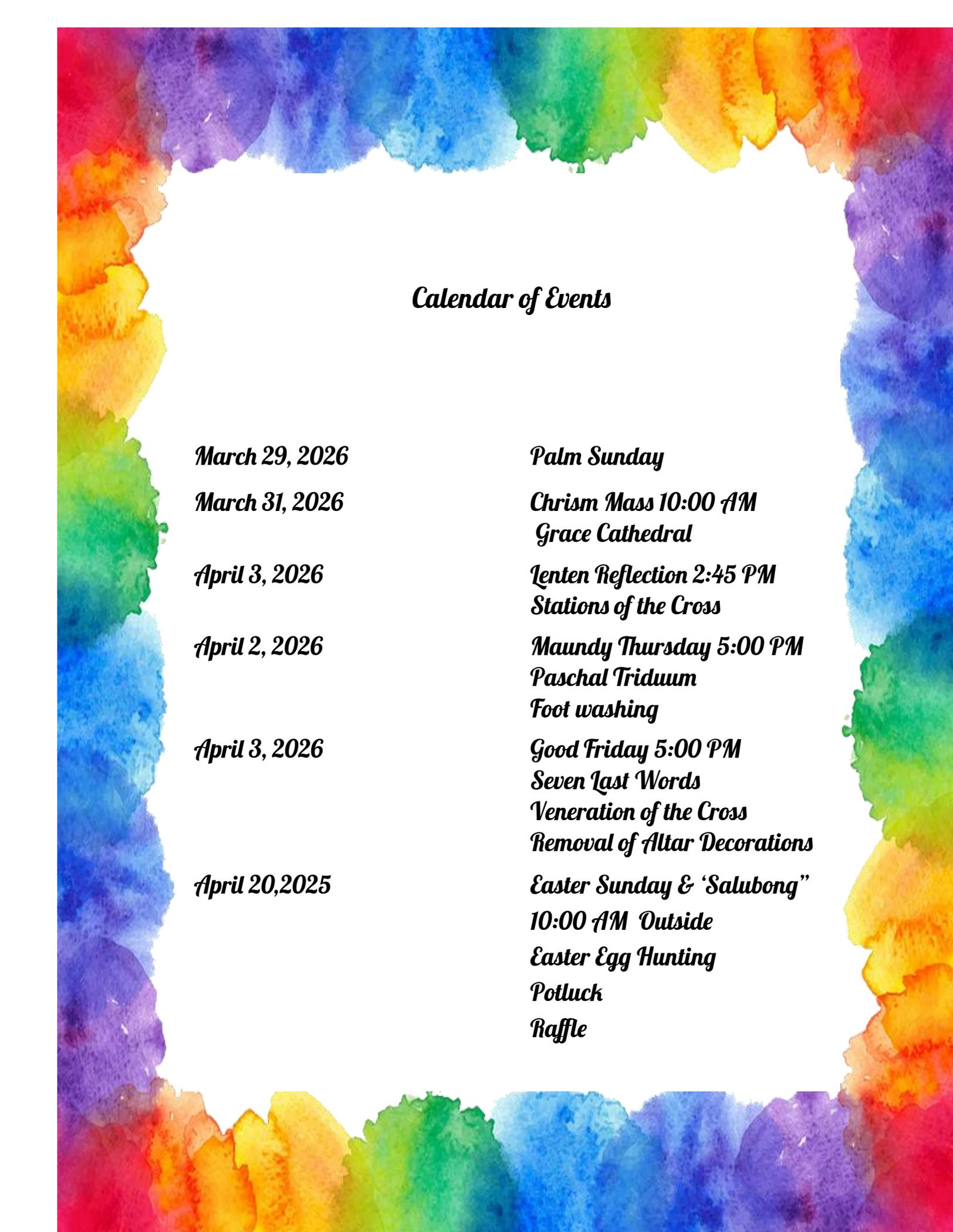
In a time when our world feels unstable and uncertain, when public opinion grows harsh, and hearts grow weary, Holy Week gently draws us back to what is most certain and true: that love is stronger than hate and fear, mercy than division, and hope more enduring than despair.

At the table on Holy Thursday, Christ kneels in humble service, washing the feet of his friends. On Good Friday, he stretches out his arms in costly love. And on the quiet Saturday, we learn to trust that even when God seems silent, God is still at work.

May this holy week's journey renew our compassion, strengthen our faith, and deepen our lives together as one body in Christ.

As your priest, I give thanks to God for each one of you. I give thanks for your prayers, your presence, and your faithful witness in Daly City and beyond. Let us walk these days slowly and reflectively, and together, so that when the dawn of Easter breaks, we may rejoice in gladness and awe with hearts made new. A blessed Holy Week to all.

In Christ,
The Rev. Jureck Z. Fernandez



Calendar of Events

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

March 31, 2026

*Chrism Mass 10:00 AM
Grace Cathedral*

April 3, 2026

*Lenten Reflection 2:45 PM
Stations of the Cross*

April 2, 2026

*Maundy Thursday 5:00 PM
Paschal Triduum
Foot washing*

April 3, 2026

*Good Friday 5:00 PM
Seven Last Words
Veneration of the Cross
Removal of Altar Decorations*

April 20, 2025

*Easter Sunday & 'Salubong'
10:00 AM Outside
Easter Egg Hunting
Potluck
Raffle*

Prayer For Peace and Light

Creator God, we come before you today to bless us with peace and the light of love. We ask you with ardent trust to send us your grace to surround every circumstance we encounter with divine light and peaceful protection. May your joy follow us in every situation, and may all people we meet and engage with feel relief from life's troubles, allowing us to be agents of your presence and care. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen!

