

St. Peter's Church in Plant City

# Holy Eucharist Rite II



10:30 am | March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday The Sunday of the Passion

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*Welcome, Friends! Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or long-time worshippers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we meet at God's table as God's children.*

***The 10:30 service is live streamed on YouTube. Please be aware that our worship includes those worshipping from elsewhere and you may be seen or heard by those online.***

*Prayer books and hymnals are in the pews, but the service can be found in its entirety in this leaflet. Holy Eucharist Rite II begins on p. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

*Restrooms are available in Bender Hall, through the north doors and down the ramp. Individual restrooms are to your left. Men's and women's rooms with changing tables are through the second door and to your far right.*

*A nursery is available from 8:45 – 11:45 each Sunday. Children are always welcome in the church, with their wiggles and noises.*

*Children's books & materials are available at the north door to support the worship experience through options to engage young hands and minds during the service.*

*While we are searching for our new Rector, Fr. Scott and Deacon Denise will be available for pastoral needs, and Senior Warden Patti Booher will cover administrative needs. You can find their email contact information on the back page.*

## Liturgy of the Palms: *on the lawn*

*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.**

### **Gospel Reading: John 12:12-16**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

*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 God 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.**

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

## **The Procession**

*Deacon*          Let us go forth in peace.  
*People*          **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Processional 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.

### **Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honor (H1982 #154)**

**Refrain:** All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

The company of angels are praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain**

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. **Refrain**

# 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. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 awakens-- awakens 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?

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalter: Psalm 31:9-16 (*People respond singing bold text*)**

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**

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A brief period of silence is kept.*

*The congregation remains seated.*

## **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark**

**NARRATOR:** It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

**CHIEF PRIESTS:** "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

**NARRATOR:** While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

**DISCIPLES:** "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

**NARRATOR:** And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

**JESUS:** "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

**NARRATOR:** Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

**DISCIPLES:** "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

**NARRATOR:** So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

**JESUS:** "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

**NARRATOR:** So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

**JESUS:** "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

**NARRATOR:** They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

**DISCIPLES:** "Surely, not I?"

**NARRATOR:** He said to them,



**JESUS:** "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For 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."

**NARRATOR:** While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

**JESUS:** "Take; this is my body."

**NARRATOR:** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

**JESUS:** "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

**NARRATOR:** When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

**JESUS:** "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

**NARRATOR:** Peter said to him,

**PETER:** "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said to him,

**JESUS:** "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

**NARRATOR:** But he said vehemently,

**PETER:** "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

**NARRATOR:** And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

**JESUS:** "Sit here while I pray."

**NARRATOR:** He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

**JESUS:** "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

**NARRATOR:** And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

**JESUS:** "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

**NARRATOR:** He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

**JESUS:** "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

**NARRATOR:** And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

**JESUS:** "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

**NARRATOR:** Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

**JUDAS:** "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

**NARRATOR:** So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

**JUDAS:** "Rabbi!"

**NARRATOR:** and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

**JESUS:** "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

**NARRATOR:** All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

**ACCUSERS:** "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

**NARRATOR:** But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

**HIGH PRIEST:** "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

**NARRATOR:** But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

**HIGH PRIEST:** "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said,

**JESUS:** "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

**NARRATOR:** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

**HIGH PRIEST:** "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

**NARRATOR:** All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

**ACCUSERS:** "Prophecy!"

**NARRATOR:** The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

**SERVANT GIRL:** "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

**NARRATOR:** But he denied it, saying,

**PETER:** "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

**NARRATOR:** And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

**SERVANT GIRL:** "This man is one of them."

**NARRATOR:** But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

**BYSTANDERS:** "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

**NARRATOR:** But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

**PETER:** "I do not know this man you are talking about."

**NARRATOR:** At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

**JESUS:** "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

**NARRATOR:** And he broke down and wept.

**NARRATOR:** As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

**PILATE:** "Are you the King of the Jews?"

**NARRATOR:** He answered him,

**JESUS:** "You say so."

**NARRATOR:** Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

**PILATE:** "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

**NARRATOR:** But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

**PILATE:** "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

**NARRATOR:** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

**PILATE:** "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

**NARRATOR:** They shouted back,

**CROWD:** "Crucify him!"

**NARRATOR:** Pilate asked them,

**PILATE:** "Why, what evil has he done?"

**NARRATOR:** But they shouted all the more,

**CROWD:** "Crucify him!"

**NARRATOR:** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**SOLDIERS:** "Hail, King of the Jews!"

**NARRATOR:** They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)*

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**BYSTANDERS:** "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

**NARRATOR:** In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**CHIEF PRIESTS:** "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

**NARRATOR:** Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

**JESUS:** "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

**NARRATOR:** which means,

**JESUS:** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**NARRATOR:** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**BYSTANDERS:** "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

**NARRATOR:** And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

**BYSTANDERS:** "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

**NARRATOR:** Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

**CENTURION:** "Truly this man was God's Son!"



**NARRATOR:** There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

*A profound silence is observed.*

<i>Gospeller</i>	The Gospel of the Lord
<i>People</i>	<b>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</b>

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## Homily: The Rev. Scott Nonken *(be seated)*

### The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit 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. 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.

### The Prayers of the People

**Deacon:** God of all life, we offer prayers and seek your presence throughout this season of Lent.

**Leader:** Loving God, we ask you to accompany us on our Lenten journey and help us to seek your path and purpose throughout this season.

Give us courage to spend time in the wilderness,

**the place where you bring us face to face with ourselves.**

Help us to recognize temptation in our lives,

**And give us the strength to resist it and the humility to give God the glory.**

As we travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem:

**Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit.**

We pray for the peace of the world and the welfare of the holy Church of God. Let wisdom unfold in our hearts and minds and in the people of every nation. Let us see the foundations for a new harmony within us and between us.

As we travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem:

**Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit.**

We pray for Presiding Bishop, Michael, our bishop, Doug and our clergy as well as those named on the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, especially Retired clergy of the Diocese of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Charities of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Schools in the Diocese of Southwest Florida; Seminarians of the Diocese of Southwest Florida. God of mercy, open our eyes to the injustices around us. May we continue to build the foundation for a world that is honoring and pleasing to you—one that removes fear and values everyone. Direct our hearts that we may all be kind to one another;

Abounding in love and sympathy,

**Keeping back the unkind word,**

Checking the hasty judgment,

**And in all this, being gentle and full of compassion.**

God of healing, we are all in your hands. May your abundant love fill our inmost hearts, healing sorrow, pain, frustration, defeat, and despair. We pray for those near to us who are in turmoil this day and for every family in its brokenness, for the woundedness of our own life, and for every person that is suffering, especially those on our Prayer List (as listed herein) and others we name silently or aloud. *(Silence)*

We offer prayers for those whose journey is particularly difficult at this time, especially those who have recently lost loved ones. Remember those who have departed this life, especially Carolyn Manee. (*Silence—name your remembrances*) We give thanks for all the blessings of this life. (*Silence—name your blessings*)

Grant that we may learn to do more with less,

**And strip away all that is not essential for life in your Son.**

Let us be open to what we can let go of,

**And what needs to be taken up.**

God of grace, invite us to change and grow in fullness of life and greater faith. In the many details of this day and in the life of our St. Peter's community, let us be fully alive. We pray as we search for a new rector saying together: **Almighty God, giver of every good gift; Look graciously on your Church and guide the minds of those who will choose a rector for this parish; that we may, with truly grateful hearts and open minds, receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.** May our journey together towards Easter be one we enter in Spirit and truth.

As we travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem:

**Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit.**

Loving God, we thank you for inviting us on this Lenten journey of faith. In the most ordinary matters of daily life, assure us again of your love as we help others see you clearly in the walk to the cross.

Fill us with your Spirit and your gifts of self-reflection and penitence.

**May we use those gifts to point the way to you.**

Keep us ever constant by your side,

**And help us to re-commit our lives to you,**

Taking your love out of this place into the wider world

**With the hope that we may appear with you at the eternal Eastertide.**

*Celebrant* God of mercy, healing, grace, love, and justice, you are our constant companion in the wilderness of our earthly journey: hear our prayers this day and remind us that nothing in heaven or on earth can separate us from your redeeming love, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **The Peace** *(standing)*

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Welcome & Announcements** *(be seated)*

#### **Prayer for birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones:**

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Anthem: Hosanna to the Living Lord** – *Robert C. Lau*

### **Doxology** *(please stand)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# The Holy Communion

## **The Great Thanksgiving** (*Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p.369 – standing*)

*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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

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

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

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

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

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 only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

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:

*Celebrant and People (H1982 S-130)*

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

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand, kneel, or sit, then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, 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 Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he 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, he 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 many 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,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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. 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.

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

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, 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. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant and 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (H1982 #474)**

When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.



### **Prayer after Communion**

**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 to 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.**

*Deacon* Bow down before the Lord (the people kneel)

*The Priest offers a solemn prayer*

*People* **Amen**

**Hymn:** Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom,  
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

### **Dismissal**

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Ministers serving today:**

Celebrant: The Rev. Scott Nonken

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Organist: Helen Jones

Readers: Mike Booher, Christy Wilson, Sally Fuhrman, Meredith Prokuski,  
John Santosuosso, Sue Perica, Jaysen Richards, Jayden Richards

Eucharistic Ministers:

Acolyte: Karen Price

Ushers: Maureen & Bruce Nichols

Altar Guild

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***Sanctuary Candle given in thanksgiving for the birthdays of  
Jasper, Nikki and Gage by Darlene Nelson***

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## **Holy Week Services:**

**Maundy Thursday** – Join us in Bender Hall at 5:30 for fellowship and a pot luck dinner. This will be followed by a 7pm Eucharist in the church that includes the ceremony of the washing of the feet.

**Good Friday Services:** Noon - traditional service with communion from the reserved Sacrament; 4pm - family service (no communion). The church will also be open from 10am - 4pm for self guided Stations of the Cross or personal reflection (except when services are being conducted). Led Stations of the Cross will be offered at 1pm (following the Noon Good Friday service).

**Saturday 7:30pm** – We will celebrate the great Vigil of Easter, beginning outside to light the first fire, then move into the church to hear of God's saving deeds in history, continue with the service of Holy Baptism, and finally celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

**Easter Day - Sunday, 8:00am — Holy Eucharist**

**Easter Day - Sunday, 10:30am—Festival Eucharist—Family Service with  
choir and hymns**

Are you on our email list? More announcements can be found in our weekly "This Week at St. Peter's" email. Remember that you can also check <https://www.stpetersplantcity.com/calendar> for up-to-date calendar listings.

### Take note:

- Pathfinders: Sundays February 18 – March 24 – Lenten Series led by Fr. Scott
- TruthWalkers: March 24 – (Palm Sunday) – Godly Play, Faces of Easter 6  
March 31 – (Easter) NO Sunday School. Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt; 10:30 Family Service
- Week of 03/10/24: Income: \$3,412.40 Expenses: \$3,793.56
- **Easter Day: Next Sunday our festive Easter breakfast prepared by Heaven's Kitchen runs from 8:45-10:00. Easter egg hunt at 10.**
- Are you looking for something to “take on” during Lent? Please consider adding one of these ministries to your Lenten discipline: Laundry Love, Friends in the Park, The United Food Bank, Pastoral Care.
- The season of Easter, beginning on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, through Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, is a perfect season for baptism. If you or a family member have been considering baptism, please contact the office regarding preparation and planning of the service.
- Envelopes for Easter Flower donations are located in the Narthex of the church and in the pews. They may be placed in the alms plate or taken to the church office. Checks should be payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild. All envelopes and information must be turned in by today, Palm Sunday, **March 24<sup>th</sup>** to be listed in the Easter bulletin.
- Pou Scholarship - Applications must be received by e-mail ([st.peterspc@verizon.net](mailto:st.peterspc@verizon.net)) or hard copy in the church office no later than **3:00pm, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. See TW@SP for details.

### Please Pray For:

- Andres, Ashley, Bernie, Bill, Betty, Bobbie, Carol, Charley, Chris, Christine, Cynthia, Daphne, David, Diego, Erick, Evan, Evelyn, Fred, Gene, Glen, Glenn, Janet, Jason, Jeff & Jule, John & Jane, Jonathan, Judy, Ken; Linda, Gabrielle & Nicolette; Marilyn, Mary Alice, Michelle, Millie, Presiding Bishop Curry, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Sally, Sally, Sarah, Shirley, Thomas, People of the Middle East
- The recently departed: Carolyn Manee
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world

- Those celebrating birthdays: Frederick Varn 03/25, Stephanie Hinson 03/25, Breanna Clark 03/31
- Clergy: Doug, Scott, Denise, John; and Staff: Sarah, Helen, Tony, Celeste
- St. Peter's Vestry: Carolyn, Cindy, Eda, Felix, Patti, Patty, Ron
- Search Committee: Christy, Lyn, Michael, Neal, Sue, Toni, Trey
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces:  
Aden, Andrew, Brendan, Christopher, Dayna, Forrest, Kyle, Logan, Matt, Matthew, Nick, Paul, Robert, Scott, Timothy, Trace, Yasmine

### **Parish Administration:**

**Rector:**

**Priest in Residence: The Rev. Scott Nonken**

**Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy**

**Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean**

**Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones**

**Treasurer: Trey Stevens**

**Asst. Treasurers: Mary Alice Steinke, Sherlyn Eukovich**

**Sexton: Tony Wilson**

**Nursery Leader: Celeste Timmons-Johnson**

**Vestry: Patti Booher (Senior Warden), Carolyn Durst, Ron Everett (Junior Warden),  
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