



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sunday of the
Passion
of
Christ
Palm
Sunday


What Kind of King is This?

Sunday, March 29, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

OPENING ANTHEM (BCP p. 270)

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.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING

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."

BLESSING OF THE PALMS: (BCP p. 271)

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 blessed palms are distributed to the people.

SECOND ANTHEM (BCP p. 271)

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

People: Hosanna in the highest!

THE PROCESSION (BCP p. 271)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

All glory, laud, and honor (H 154)

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

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

Repeat Refrain

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

PROCESSION COLLECT (BCP p. 272)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The collect is the appointed prayer that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 272)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

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.

All may be seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the book of prophet 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

The psalms/canticles are prayers that Jesus used and express the full range of emotion and humanity's relationship with God and one another.

Psalm to be read responsively.

31:9-16

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

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

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.

**I am forgotten like a dead man,
out of mind; I am as useless as a
broken pot.**

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.

**But as for me, I have trusted in
you, O LORD. I have said, "You are
my God.**

My times are in your hand; rescue
me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

**Make your face to shine upon your
servant, and in your loving
kindness save me."**

THE SECOND LESSON

This reading is usually a letter, or epistle, to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

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.

The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* (King's College, Cambridge)

1. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
2. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
3. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons
4. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride

san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur - sue Thy
on to die, O Christ, Thy tri - umphs now be -
of the sky look down with sad and wond - 'ring
on to die; how Thy meek head to mor - tal

road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
eyes to see thap - preach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pain, then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

THE PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14- 27:66

The people may be seated for the first part of the Passion. The congregation plays the part of the crowd. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand as able.

The Passion Gospel is announced without the customary responses in the following manner.

CELEBRANT:

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

EVANGELIST: Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

EVANGELIST: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

JESUS: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

EVANGELIST: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

JESUS: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

EVANGELIST: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: 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.

EVANGELIST: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

JESUS: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

EVANGELIST: 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,

JESUS: 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.

EVANGELIST: 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,

JUDAS: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

EVANGELIST: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

JUDAS: Greetings, Rabbi!

EVANGELIST: and kissed him,

JESUS: Friend, do what you are here to do.

EVANGELIST: 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,

JESUS: 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?

EVANGELIST: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

JESUS: 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.

EVANGELIST: 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,

CONGREGATION: This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

EVANGELIST: The high priest stood up and said,

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

EVANGELIST: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

HIGH PRIEST: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

JESUS: 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.

EVANGELIST: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

CONGREGATION: He deserves death.

EVANGELIST: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

CONGREGATION: Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

EVANGELIST: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

SERVANT-GIRL 1: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

EVANGELIST: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

PETER: I do not know what you are talking about.

EVANGELIST: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

SERVANT-GIRL 2: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

EVANGELIST: Again he denied it with an oath,

PETER: I do not know the man.

EVANGELIST: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

CONGREGATION: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

EVANGELIST: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: I do not know the man!

EVANGELIST: 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.

EVANGELIST: 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,

JUDAS: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

CONGREGATION: What is that to us? See to it yourself.

EVANGELIST: 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,

HIGH PRIEST: It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

EVANGELIST: 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 was 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,

PILATE: Are you the King of the Jews?

JESUS: You say so.

EVANGELIST: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

EVANGELIST: 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,

PILATE: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

EVANGELIST: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement 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,

PILATE: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

CONGREGATION: Barabbas!

PILATE: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

CONGREGATION: Let him be crucified!

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done?

EVANGELIST: But they shouted all the more,

CONGREGATION: Let him be crucified!

EVANGELIST: 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,

PILATE: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

EVANGELIST: Then the people as a whole answered,

CONGREGATION: His blood be on us and on our children!

EVANGELIST: 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,

CONGREGATION: Hail, King of the Jews!

EVANGELIST: 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.

(Here all stand.)

EVANGELIST: 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,

CONGREGATION: 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.

EVANGELIST: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

CONGREGATION: 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."

EVANGELIST: 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,

JESUS: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

EVANGELIST: That is, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

CONGREGATION: This man is calling for Elijah.

EVANGELIST: 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,

CONGREGATION: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

EVANGELIST: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

(Silence is kept for a few moments, during which some may wish to kneel.)

EVANGELIST: At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from the 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,

CENTURION: Truly this man was God's Son!

EVANGELIST: 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.

INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

SILENT REFLECTION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Caught between joy and despair, we yearn for the fulfillment of God's desire beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life. We offer thanksgiving for God's presence with us and petitions for the transformation of the church and the world. With great devotion and gratitude we lift our voices in prayer, responding, "Christ, have mercy."

For Christians throughout the world who are being imprisoned and persecuted for their belief in Christ, that faith may be their shield, courage a mantle upon their shoulders, and love a lantern to their footsteps; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

That we may pass over from weapons of war to the armaments of peace: food, education, meaningful work, security, water, and health care; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Julia, Bishop of our diocese; that through their words and presence we may be guided faithfully through our Holy Week pilgrimage; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

That we may confess the sovereignty of Christ, sharing his unique expression of love, and inviting the un-churched to join in the Paschal Feast; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

That we may prepare ourselves to welcome into the community of faith those to be baptized including baby Jacob Wells who is to be baptized on Pentecost, May 24th, and to support and affirm those who will be confirmed, received, or who will reaffirm their faith; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For those who have departed this life in the fellowship of Jesus and his apostles, including those we name now silently or aloud, that they may reside in his eternal presence; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us who humbly put our trust in you, as we continue our prayers and supplications. We pray for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name now silently or aloud; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember today Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery: Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Provincetown; St. John's Church, Sandwich; Ministries with Older Adults; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant:

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker, day by day you sustain the weary with your word and gently encourage us to place our trust in you. Awaken us to the suffering of those around us; save us from hiding in denials or taunts that deepen the hurt; give us grace to share one another's burdens in humble service. **Amen.**

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the sin that enslaves us, the sin we have done, and the sin done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Lord have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people greet one another with a loving sign of God's peace and gratitude to be joined together in community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

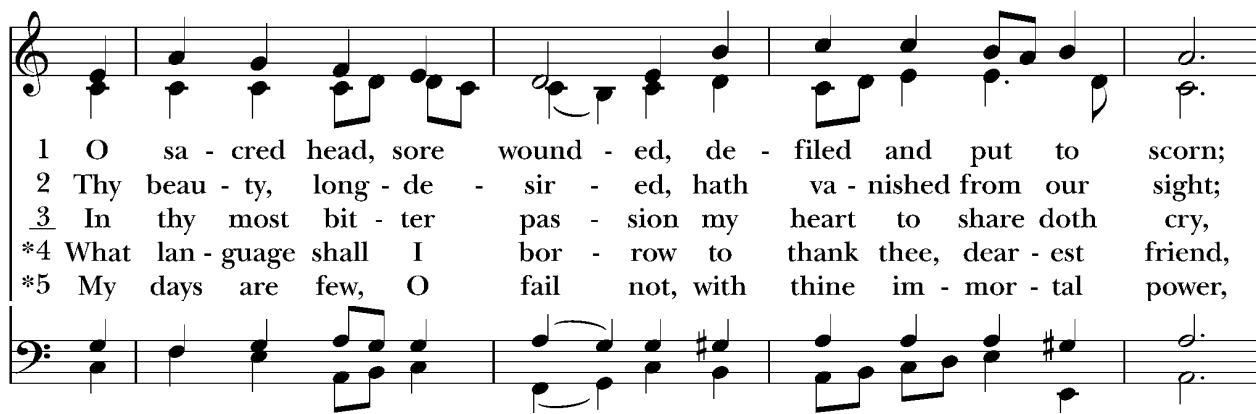
THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SENTENCE:

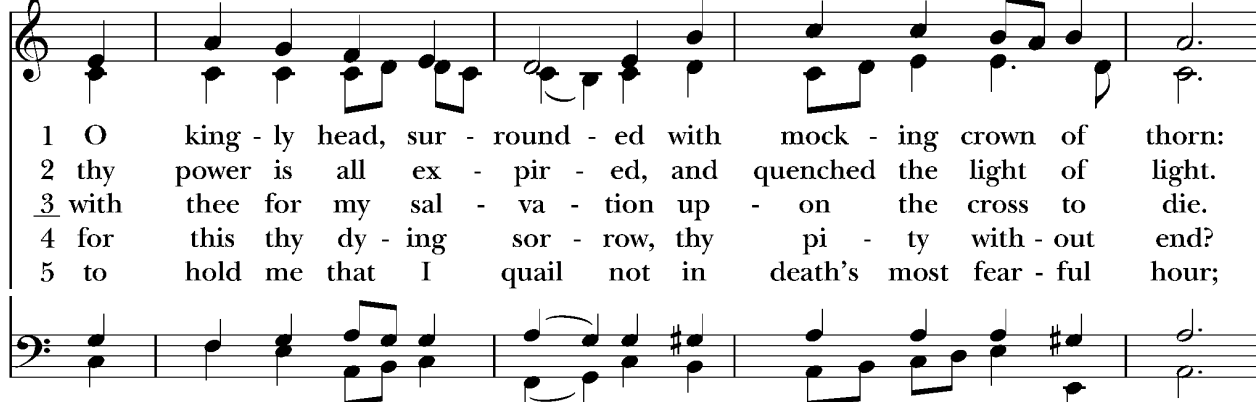
Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself a gift and sacrifice to God.

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support the St. Andrew's ministry of making Kindness Loud, and sharing God's love in many forms. You are invited to make a gift, which the priest will bless and offer to God. You can make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code, or donating online at StAndrewshanover.org.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *O sacred head, sore wounded* (H 168)



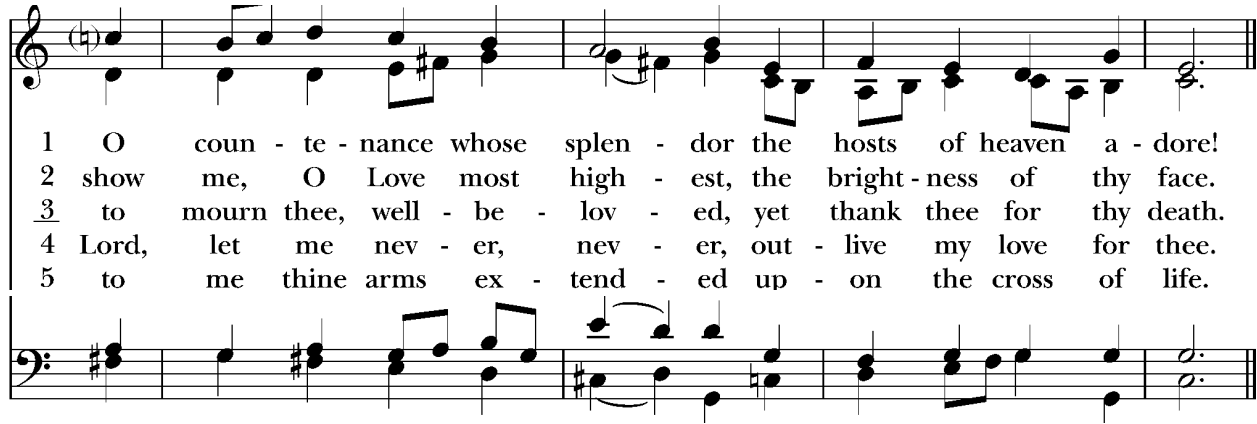
1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

*Children present the donations for the Hanover Food Pantry.
The ushers will bring the gifts forward.*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a-bove, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

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 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:

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy (Mathias) (S128)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The priest says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the last Supper. At the memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave

Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah, Andrew, Mary and Martha and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

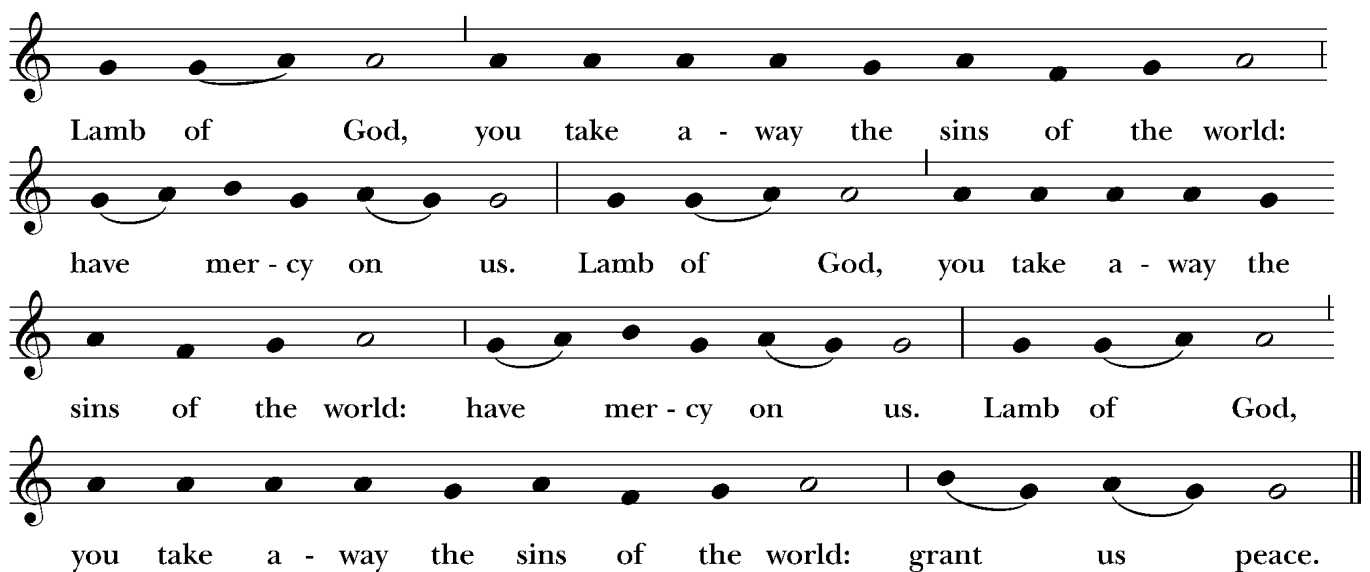
The priest breaks the bread in silence.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

FRACTION

Lamb of God (ChantMartens) (S160)



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

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on God in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

The homemade Communion bread is gluten free.

SILENT REFLECTION

After Communion we observe a few moments of silence to reflect and give God thanks.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together,

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+

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and Jesus the Christ. The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you and remain with you always. **Amen+**

Children are invited to join the priest at the altar during the Recessional Hymn and to help bear the consecrated elements out of the Church and to help to dispose of them reverently outside.

DISMISSAL

As we follow the cross, we are sent into the world with a renewed commitment to loving God and neighbor.

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people depart in silence.

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OUR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

PRAYER LIST

Sue Gagnon – Pattie Handloss – Mary Robinson – Family of Nancy Jacobson – Aaron Thurston – Kay – Taylor – anyone in harm's way – Camdyn M – Matt – Tom F – Aiden – safe return of Nancy Guthrie and The Guthrie Family – Joyce – Eileen K – Patricia – Carol Ann – Link Family -- Stern Family -- Ben – Prescott and Mansfield families – Alec – Ann Ferzoco – Ellen Elliott -- Meredith C -- Greg Eaton – Nicol Family – John – Tracy Sprows – Dennis – Lee G – Don S – Pam E – Jan B – Leah – Katrina & Darren – Paul Nicol – Mark D – Art J – Matthew – Thomas & Gloria – Susannah Leslie – David – Paula – Bill – David H – Sharon M – Greyson – Rosie & Silva Family – Haley – Sarah – Valerie – Dennis -- Those who have died: Nancy Jacobson – Benjamin Tappa – Tiffany Gloria Malloy

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to these your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BAPTISM

We are excited to have the next celebration of Baptisms on Sunday, May 24th, the Feast of Pentecost with baptism preparation on the preceding Sunday (May 17th), after church. This is a joyous occasion and is for anyone regardless of age, background or belief. If you or you have a loved one whom you wish to be baptized or you have any questions, please be in touch with Rev'd Amy.

CONFIRMATION/RECEIVED IN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

If you have any interest in or are curious about the possibility of being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church this spring please see Rev'd Amy.

OUR YOUTH

SHORE TO SHORE – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



On Friday, March 20th we convened our Shore to Shore community conversation where the three conveners – Rev'd Amy, Jim Laprade and Holly Carter, offered the reality check that our external fundraising has not been as successful as we had hoped, AND in light of global tensions, we are concerned about our young people's safety for international travel. Thus, we've made the heart-breaking decision to postpone our summer trip to South Africa. We still plan to go, and will continue to fundraise for our travel and hosting our friends from the Volmoed Youth Leadership Program. We await our teen participants' confirmation for our April retreat, and we are profoundly grateful to their parents and guardians who have so generously committed themselves to Shore to Shore.

We've always said that Shore to Shore is more than a mission pilgrimage trip, it is about building relationships, and we heard those sentiments echoed from parents. We also know how excited and committed the Shore to Shore teenagers have been for our trip to South Africa, and we know how disappointing this news is.

Thank you to each of you who has contributed to making this Youth Group a reality.

The participating teens are both trailblazers and faithful explorers, and we are all in for the continuation of our monthly meetings (second Sunday of the month – 5-6:30 at St. Andrew's) and for continuing with this innovative leadership development and experiential formation program for teens. Please add Shore to Shore to your prayers.

Shore to Shore's online fundraiser, <https://givebutter.com/2bdiK2>:

To donate: Use this QR CODE  or Text **"Shore2Shore" to 53-555**

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel meets every Sunday in the Parish Hall. Children of all ages are welcome, and parents are warmly invited to have some of their own sacred time in the sanctuary with other grown ups. Children will re-join you and the service during announcements.

Calling all animal lovers! The Sunday School will be doing a Puppy Party for our Lenten fundraiser. This will be both a fundraiser and adoption event for Greyhound Pets of America. We'd love it if the congregation can help.

WHEN - Sunday, April 12th - 11:30am - 1:00 pm at St. Andrews.

HOW CAN YOU HELP -

-Donations - we'd love donations of food or money to be put towards the food (we plan to sell hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks with the profits going to Greyhound Pets of America - Massachusetts). Or we can accept donations that we can give directly to Greyhound Pets of America.

-Volunteers - we plan on having fun activities for the kids in addition to some yummy food. Please let us know if you'd like to help set up, man the grill, help with the dogs, entertain kids or help with cleanup. Any help is greatly appreciated!

-Advertise - do you know any families looking to adopt a dog? Or maybe folks who would love to spend some time with some great dogs? Or families who are looking for a free event for kids? Please let invite them! Or feel free to take a flyer (copies are located in the back of the church) to post in the community or share with friends.

QUESTIONS - please see anyone from the Sunday School crew or Courtney Hill (617-990-2164).

PARISH COMMUNITY

STEWARDSHIP

Being faithful stewards of our resources is an on-going opportunity. If you are among those who have pledged already - THANK YOU! Your gift and promise contributes to the stability of St. Andrew's and allows us to plan. If you have not yet made a commitment - it is not too late! Pledge packets are in the Narthex, and your thoughtful investment of your time, talent or financial resources will be a blessing.

COMMUNITY BRIDGE

Keith McCloud is chairing the brand new St. Andrew's Bridge Builders - a group of aspiring bridge players who will gather, learn the game and then enjoy lunch together in the Parish Hall. The first gathering will be on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 starting at 9:30 a.m. Sign up - beginners are welcome.

OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY

St. Andrew's collects items for the Hanover Food Pantry Thank you so much for your consistent donations. For the month of March, we have been asked to collect dish detergent -- either liquid or pods.

UPCOMING EVENTS (March 29 through April 19, 2026):

Palm Sunday

3/29/26 – 9:30am service

Sunday, March 29 immediately following service

Handbell choir rehearsal

Tuesday–Saturday (3/31–4/4): Sanctuary open for prayer, 9am to 4pm

Wednesday, April 1, 2026; 6:00–7:30 pm

Being Human: Grief, Loss, and Love

Hosted by: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA

Maundy Thursday

4/2/26 – Potluck Agape Supper at 6pm, service with foot washing at 7pm

Good Friday

4/3/26 – Tenebrae service at 7pm

Easter Sunday

4/5/26 – 9:30 am service

April 10–12, 2026

Shore to Shore retreat at Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center

Sunday, April 12, 2026; 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday School Greyhound Adoption Event & cookout

Sunday, April 19, 2026; 11:00 a.m.

Vestry Meeting

Recurring events:

Sundays: 9:30am service; Choir Practice 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School/Children's Chapel; Coffee Hour following service

Wednesdays, 7 a.m.: Coffee and Current Events gathering by Zoom

REMEMBER TO BRING FLOWERS AND BELLS. Together we will flower the Cross and amplify our "Alleluias" with joyful bell ringing on Easter Sunday.

EASTER MUSIC & FLOWER DONATIONS: Please use the Easter Music/Flower donation envelopes in the pews and return them to the office or email or call the office by **Tuesday 3/31/26** so that your loved ones can be included in the EASTER bulletin.

EASTER OFFERING for St. Andrew's: See envelopes in Narthex and in pews.

March 2026 (See Details on Reverse Side)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 15 9:30 am Service Sunday School VESTRY MEETING So. Shore Deanery Assembly 5:30 pm Trinity Rockland | 16 | 17 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. | 18 7 a.m. Coffee & Current Events by Zoom 6:00 pm Lenten Series #3 (St Luke) | 19 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:30 am Service Sunday School Handbell choir rehearsal after service Solidarity through Song at UCC Norwell 2pm | 23 | 24 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. | 25 7 a.m. Coffee & Current Events by Zoom 6:00 pm Lenten Series #4 (St Andrew's) | 26 Deadline for return of Easter Music/Flower donations Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. | 27 | 28 |
| 29 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 am Service Sunday School Handbell choir rehearsal after service | 30 | 31 9:30 am Bridge Group | OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY: Rector's Sabbath TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY: 9:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. THURSDAY: Noon TO 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY: 9:30am service; Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. | | | |

Holy Week - Tuesday-Saturday (3/31-4/4): Sanctuary open for prayer, 9am to 4pm

April 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 5 Easter 9:30 am Service Flowering of Cross (bring flowers) | 6 | 7 9:30 am Bridge Group | 1 7 a.m. Coffee & Current Events by Zoom 6:00 pm Lenten Series #5 (St Luke) | 2 Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner 6pm Service with feet washing 7pm | 3 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm | 4 9-11 am DUCT TAPE Committee |
| 12 SHORE TO SHORE RETREAT 9:30 am Service Sunday School 11:30 A.M. Sunday School Greyhound Adoption cookout | 13 | 14 9:30 am Bridge Group | 8 7 a.m. Coffee & Current Events by Zoom | 9 | 10 SHORE TO SHORE RETREAT | 11 SHORE TO SHORE RETREAT |
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PRAYERS FOR EACH DAY OF HOLY WEEK BASED ON THE SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY

(From Vanderbilt Divinity School, <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>):

Monday of Holy Week (Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11):

God of steadfast love, light of the blind and liberator of the oppressed, we see your holy purpose in the tender compassion of Jesus, who calls us into new and living friendship with you. May we, who take shelter in the shadow of your wings, be filled with the grace of his tender caring; may we, who stumble in selfish darkness, see your glory in the light of his self-giving. We ask this through him whose suffering is victorious, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Tuesday of Holy Week (Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36):

Holy and immortal God, from earliest times you have named us and called us into discipleship. Teach us to follow the One whose light scatters the darkness of our world, that we may walk as children of the light. Amen.

Wednesday of Holy Week (Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32):

Troubled God, in every generation you call your people to contend against the brutality of sin and betrayal. Keep us steadfast even in our fear and uncertainty, that we may follow where Jesus has led the way. Amen.

Maundy Thursday (Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35):

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. Amen.

Good Friday (Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42):

Grieving God, on the cross your Son embraced death even as he had embraced life: faithfully and with good courage. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may hold fast to our faith in him exalted and may find mercy in all times of need. Amen.

Holy Saturday (Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42):

Eternal God, rock and refuge: with roots grown old in the earth, river beds run dry, and flowers withered in the field, we wait for revival and release. Abide with us until we come alive in the sunrise of your glory. Amen.

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RECURRING EVENTS:

Sundays: 9:30am service, Choir practice 8:45 a.m., Sunday School/Children's Chapel
Coffee Hour following service

Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.;

Thursday: 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Mondays: Rector's Sabbath

Every Wednesday Morning, 7 a.m. by Zoom (link on calendar on website):
Coffee and Current Events gathering

online giving link:

