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## *The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*March 28, 2021*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *Welcome!*

We are delighted to welcome worshippers back into the church. To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines:

- **Wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times.** Masks are required regardless of vaccine status. We have disposable masks should you need one.
  - **Practice social distancing with members of other households.** Observe signs and the directions of vergers and ushers about where to sit. Greet one another from a distance with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.
  - **If you might need to get up during the service, please sit on the right side of the nave.** The first-floor restrooms are available should you need them. Please refrain from going into other areas of the building.
  - **Children must stay with their accompanying adult(s).**
  - **Enter through the red doors only, and leave through either the red doors or the side doors into the Cloister Garden portico,** as directed by a verger or usher.
  - **We will not be passing the plate during the Offertory.** You may leave your donation in the wooden offering box. We can also receive donations through the mail or online via our web site.
- Thank you!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found here in this bulletin.

Our ushers and vergers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. We're glad you're here!

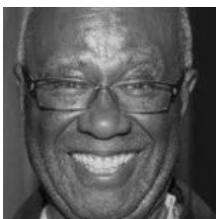
Cover image: *Hosanna* by Hanna Varghese



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Solemn Processional

Robert A. Harris (b. 1938)



*Dr. Robert A. Harris is currently a professor emeritus at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music. He also serves as director of music and choirmaster at the Winnetka Congregational Church in Winnetka, IL. Dr. Harris held the position of professor of conducting and director of choral organizations at Northwestern from 1977 to 2012. Active as a conductor, composer, clinician, lecturer and adjudicator, he has also held guest professorships in conducting at Wayne State University in Detroit, the University of Texas in Austin, and the University of South Africa in Pretoria.*

## SILENT PROCESSION

*At the sound of the bell, stand as you are able.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Officiant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

*Officiant* 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.**

## THE PALM GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:1-11*

**W**hen Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* 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.**


*Officiant* Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

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


## HYMN 154, vv. 1, 2 &amp; 3 All glory, laud, and honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN


*Refrain*



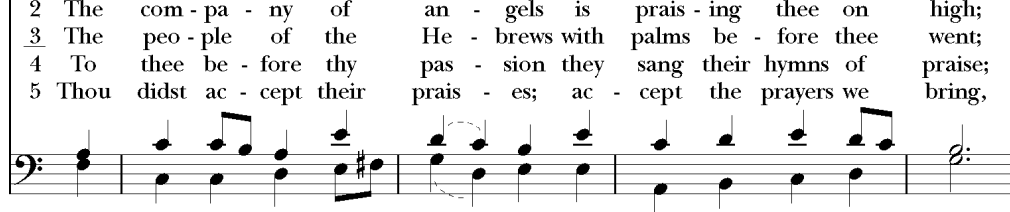
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!




to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



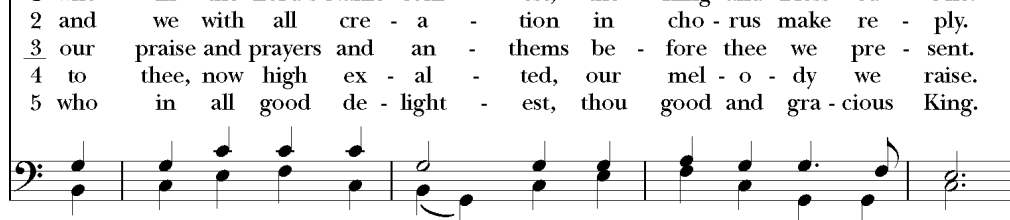
1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their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



Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.

Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584–1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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 WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 50:4–9a**All sit.*

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

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 31:9–16**The people say the responses in bold.*

- 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*

**L**et the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN 158, vv. 1, 2, 5    Ah, holy Jesus!

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*All stand.*

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

*Words:*      Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

*Music:*      Herzliebster Jesu, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 15:1–47*

*Minister*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

**A**s 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, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." 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, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 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, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" 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, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 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.

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, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "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." 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, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." 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, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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 Joseph saw where the body was laid.

*Minister*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*All*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*All sit.*

The Reverend Margie Baker

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**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

*The people say the words in bold.*

As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

For the holy catholic Church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For this parish of St. John's, that we may be faithful to our mission and respond to the needs of those around us with compassion, joy, and truth. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; for all who minister in Christ; and for all the holy people of God. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all the peoples of the earth and for mercy, justice, and peace. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the sick and the suffering, and for all who are in danger or need, especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the victims of the shootings in Atlanta and Boulder, their families and loved ones, and all whose lives and communities have been scarred by gun violence, division, and racism. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the faithful departed in Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind: Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountain, grant us strength on our journey. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

*All* **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Heilig (Holy)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Text: Sanctus from the liturgy of the Eucharist  
*St. John's Choir of Youth & Adults  
 with the Choir of St. Paul's-on-the-Green, Norwalk*

Heilig, heilig, heilig ist Gott, der Herr Zebaoth!  
 Alle Lande sind seiner Ehre voll.  
 Hosianna in der Höh!  
 Gelobt sei, der da kommt im Namen des Herrn!  
 Hosianna in der Höh!

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest!  
 Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest!*



*Mendelssohn's posthumously published Three Sacred Pieces were composed toward the end of 1846. Mendelssohn was never physically the most robust of men, and the years of constant traveling, performing, composing, and conducting were now taking their toll on his fragile frame—he was to pass away the following year. His letters of the period are brimful of references to his state of exhaustion, and by the time he came to compose these short choral works, he had already begun pulling out of upcoming performances. This perfectly conceived miniature is typical both in terms of its sheer mastery of choral writing and its effortless command of musical expression and structure.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All stand.*

*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.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

## THE SANCTUS

San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.  
 Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na  
 in ex - cé - l - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne  
 Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - sis.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme*

*Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*All remain standing or kneel.*

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All* **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



*Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme*

*Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. **Amen.**

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

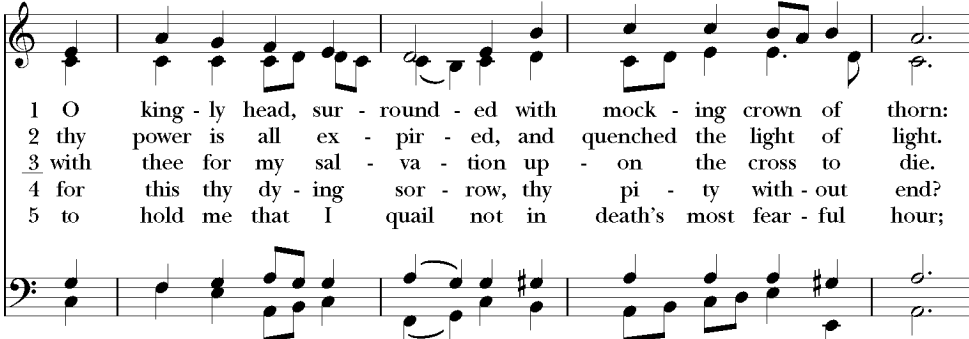
### THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE CLOSING HYMN 168, vv. 1, 2, 4 O sacred head, sore wounded HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN



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.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.  
 Music: Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## THE DISMISSAL

The minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. **Thanks be to God.**

**THE VOLUNTARY** Prelude on *Herzliebster Jesu*

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Linda Spiers**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Cantor:** Odanice Olibrice**Layreader:** Paul Smith**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Vergers:** Annabel Clapp, Steve Crocker**Ushers:** Colin Gillespie, Paul Shaker**Livestream Oversight:** Ray Giolitto**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson

**Online coffee hour will begin around 11:30 a.m., to give the clergy time to greet those who are at St. John's this morning.**

**To attend coffee hour and participate in our discussion of this week's spiritual practice, go to <https://zoom.us/j/173504417>**

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**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Patricia
Kim Green	Sue	Beth	Enid
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris	Zachary
Brad Babbitt	Jonah Dahlstrom	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Robert E. Eikel	Whitney Lynch	Judy Gardiner	Kent Lawrence
Gwain Gillespie	William Bittinger	Anita Winters	Clark Hendley
Erika Gray Coates	Mary A. Looney		

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Pam Dimock	John O'Brien	Caroline Wilcox
Patricia Hensley	Dylan Farrell	Buffy Ineson
Toby Aguiar	Kate Eikel	Elizabeth Simson
Katherine Rives	Susie Hatch	
Tita Hyland	Mark Stater	

*We also congratulate Wes Winterbottom and Beth Rocco on the birth of their seventh grandchild, Genevieve Sierra Winterbottom, born to James Winterbottom and Jamie Kline of Oakland, California.*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton; and for the Program & Budget Committee, Faith & Order Commission, convention planning committee, and convention worship committee.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

Go to our web site at <http://www.sjparish.net/> for details.

**Sunday School (K-5), 9:30 a.m. Sundays on Zoom**

**Sunday service of Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m., in-person with limited attendance and livestreamed on YouTube, Facebook and the web site**

**Sunday EYC (middle and high school), 5 p.m. outdoors - \*6 p.m. today only due to 5 p.m. online Evensong**

**Sunday evening Compline, 6 p.m. outdoors - \*7 p.m. today only**

**Online Family Happy Hour, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom**

**Online Bible study, Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom**

### Resources for observing a holy Lent

- **Cultivating spiritual practices** – For each week of Lent, we have shared simple ideas for trying out a particular spiritual practice. **This week we are reviewing the various practices we have tried over the past five weeks.** On Sunday mornings, we hold an online Faith Forum after the 10:30 service, where you may ask questions, discuss ideas, or share your experiences. The forum begins on Zoom after about 10 minutes of online coffee hour.
- **Sunday evening Compline in the Cloister Garden – Today only, Compline is at 7 p.m.** (normally 6 p.m.). The EYC (youth group) is now holding their Sunday evening gatherings in person, outside in the Cloister Garden. They will close their time together with Compline, which is an evening prayer service in the Book of Common Prayer. **Everyone is invited** to join the EYC for Compline, which lasts about 10 minutes. We will have a fire in our outdoor fire pit, and will only cancel in the event of significant precipitation or extreme cold.

### Choral Evensong online, TODAY at 5 p.m.

The St. John's Schola will present a service of Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. this afternoon. The service will be online-only, livestreamed from the St. John's nave. Evensong is an ancient tradition that includes singing, chanting, and prayers. It's a wonderful way to close out your weekend and prepare for the week ahead. Join us online at <https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/choral-evensong-mar-2021-schola/>

### Easter flower memorials due next Wednesday, March 31

As is our tradition, we will publish names of loved ones whom you wish to remember or honor in our Easter bulletins. We normally request a donation to help cover the cost of Easter flowers. This year, because our flower budget has been underutilized, we welcome optional donations (in any amount) either toward the Altar Flower Fund OR the Rectors Discretionary Fund, which supports parishioners and neighbors in need. Please indicate in your check memo to which fund you'd like to donate. **Names must be received in the office (by postal mail or e-mail to [ellen@sparish.net](mailto:ellen@sparish.net)) no later than close of business on Wednesday, March 31.** You may send the names by e-mail to ensure they arrive by the deadline, and send your optional donation by postal mail. Thank you!



# Cultivating Spiritual Practice

For the final week of our series, we invite you to reflect on how these practices have deepened your spiritual practices. What has been helpful? What will you continue to practice after Lent?

Week 1: Silent Prayer  
 Week 2: Grace before meals  
 Week 3: Ignatian Examen  
 Week 4: Praying the Psalms  
 Week 5: Blessing as spiritual practice



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## HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### **Palm Sunday, March 28**

- 10:30 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist (livestreamed and in-person with limited attendance)
- 5 p.m. service of Choral Evensong (livestreamed online only)
- 6 p.m. EYC outdoors
- 7 p.m. service of Compline outdoors

### **Wednesday, March 31**

Tenebrae service livestreamed online from St. James's Episcopal Church

*Tenebrae is a traditional service held in the days preceding Easter, during which candles are gradually extinguished. Our assistant rector, Margie Baker, will participate in the Tenebrae service livestreamed from St. James's. Watch online from the St. James's YouTube channel: <https://tinyurl.com/stjamestenebrae>*

### **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

7 p.m. service (livestreamed and in-person with limited attendance)

### **Good Friday, April 2**

- 12 noon – Meet at the red doors to walk the property reflecting on the Stations of the Cross.
- 7 p.m. service (livestreamed and in-person with limited attendance)

### **Easter Sunday, April 4**

- 8 a.m. service outdoors (in-person with limited attendance)
- 9 a.m. service indoors (in-person with limited attendance)
- 10:30 a.m. service indoors (livestreamed and in-person with limited attendance)

*Online sign-up for all in-person Holy Week services will be available on Monday, March 29.  
The link will be included in the Monday e-newsletter.*

# Evensong

rest    reflect    worship

Sunday  
March 28, 2021  
5:00 p.m.

St. John's Schola  
Scott Lamlein, director

View the livestream at  
[reddoormusic.org](https://reddoormusic.org)



# Come to church!

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday  
at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday:  
8 a.m. outdoors  
9 and 10:30 a.m. indoors

Limited attendance. Sign up at [sjparish.net/GoToChurch](http://sjparish.net/GoToChurch)

Sign-up for each service begins three days prior. Masks and social distancing required regardless of vaccine status. The 10:30 a.m. Sunday services and Maundy Thursday/Good Friday evening services will also be livestreamed online.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. (livestream video only).

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Geoff Emerick ..... *Warden*  
Virginia Van Dyk ..... *Warden*  
Tim Goetz and John Roche ..... *Co-Treasurers*

2019–21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr

2020–22: June Aziz, Jyothsna Diaz, Anne Harney

2021–23: Robert Eikel, Kara Hart, Julia O'Brien, Martin Wheeler