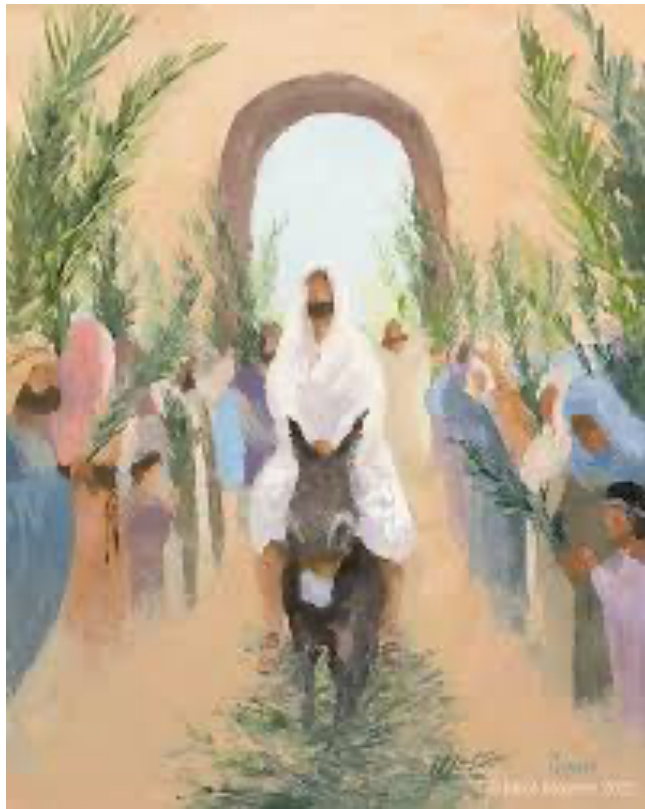


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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

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 in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Our ushers are here to 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. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. Our professionally staffed nursery located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Our service begins outside. You may pick up a palm cross when you arrive; however, please wait to pick up a palm frond until we are processing around the church, after the Blessing of the Palms.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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.**

THE PALM GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-11

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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.**

THE PROCESSION

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

THE PROCESSIONAL ROUND

Start singing any time you wish, and repeat while walking.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est; Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na to our King.

THE COLLECT AT THE DOOR

When the congregation is at the church door, the Celebrant says:

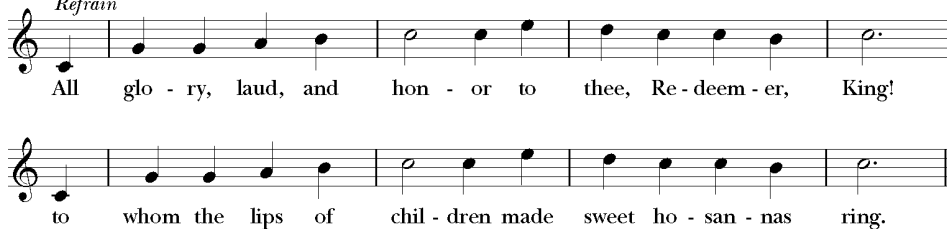
Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 154 All glory, laud, and honor

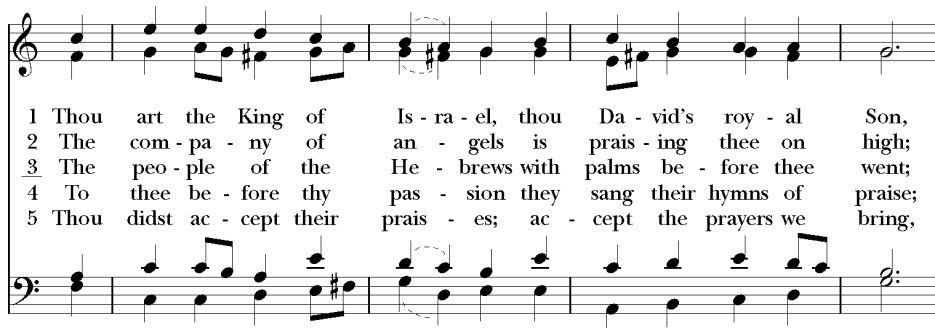
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

As the congregation enters the church, all sing.

Refrain

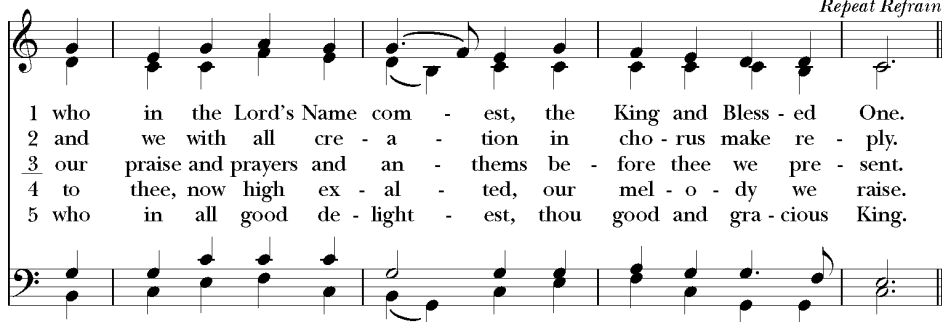


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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 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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4–9a

All sit.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 31:9–16

*The people say the words in **bold**, and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

Have — mer - cy on — me, — O — God.

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. *Antiphon*

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."**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 158 Ah, holy Jesus!

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

All stand and sing. All sing vv. 1, 4, & 5. Low voices sing verse 2. High voices sing verse 3.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Mark 15:1–47

*All sit. The people speak aloud the lines marked **Congregation** and stand where indicated, at mention of the place called The Skull.*

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?"

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?"

Congregation "**Crucify him!**"

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done?"

Congregation "**Crucify him!**"

<i>Narrator</i>	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,
<i>Crowd/Chief Priests/Scribes</i>	"Hail, King of the Jews!"
<i>Narrator</i>	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. [Congregation stands.] 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,
<i>Passerby 1</i>	"Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"
<i>Narrator</i>	In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,
<i>Crowd/Chief Priests/Scribes</i>	"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."
<i>Narrator</i>	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,
<i>Jesus</i>	"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"
<i>Narrator</i>	which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,
<i>Crowd/Chief Priests/Scribes</i>	"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."
<i>Narrator</i>	And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,
<i>Passerby 2</i>	"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."
<i>Narrator</i>	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,
<i>Centurion</i>	"Truly this man was God's Son!"
<i>Narrator</i>	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.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

All sit.

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.

With confidence and trust let us pray to God.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; our parish clergy; and the people of St. John's. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may share the good news of God's love in our words and our actions. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world, especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, South Sudan, Haiti, and all places consumed by violence and chaos, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially those on our parish prayer list, and for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger, that they may be relieved and protected. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended, and those who have injured or offended us. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and practice the loving, humble, and merciful way of Jesus. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all the departed who have walked in the way of holiness, let us pray to God. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

Celebrant God of love, you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting, and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

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 *Agnus Dei from Requiem for the Living*

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Abby White, alto

Katherine Reardon, soprano

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.



*Dan Forrest's work has become well established in the choral repertoire in the U.S. and around the world, and has received numerous awards and distinctions including the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer's Award, the ACDA Raymond Brock Award, the ALCM Raabe Prize, and many others. His choral works have been recorded by professional choirs including Seraphic Fire and VOCES8, have been featured on the BBC Proms series and numerous national US radio and TV broadcasts, and are regularly performed in Carnegie Hall choral festivals. His Requiem for the Living (2013) has been performed more than 1,000 times around the world. A **note from the composer**: A Requiem, at its core, is a prayer for rest—traditionally, for the deceased. The five movements of this requiem, however, form a narrative just as much for the living, and their own struggle with pain and sorrow, as for the dead.*

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And al - so 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.

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

All chant.

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.

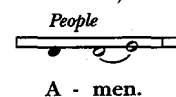
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.



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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

All chant.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec cá - ta mun-di: { mi-se-ré-re no - bis.
 mi-se-ré-re no - bis.
 do-na no-bis pa - cem.

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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Lux aeterna from Requiem for the Living

Dan Forrest
 Abby White, alto
 Patrick Reardon, tenor

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
 cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
 Come unto Me all ye who are heavy laden,
 come unto Me, and I will give you rest.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis, quia pius es.

*May eternal light shine on them, Lord,
with your saints for ever, for you are good.
Give them eternal rest, Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon them, for you are good.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 458 My song is love unknown
All remain seated and sing.

LOVE UNKNOWN

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER
All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 HYMN IN PROCESSION 168 O sacred head, sore wounded
All sing.

CRUCIFER

THE DISMISSAL

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

There is no closing voluntary today.

Please depart the church in silence, and then join us in Hubbard Hall to make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Layreader: Matteo Donnelly

Psalterer: Mason Donnelly

The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Assisting Organist: Bruce Henley

Acolytes: Dorian Ciscel, Danielle Branco, Eden Baker

Ushers: Jo Anne Burgh, Steve Crocker, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

Healing Prayers: Enid Oberholtzer

Livestream Director: Jenn Baker

Altar Guild: June Aziz, Buffy Ineson, Brenda Zanta

Sunday School Teachers: Taffy Wilcox, Akilah Williams, Jeff Verney,
Matt Ciscel, Colin Gillespie

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

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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.

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

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

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Kim Green	Susan	Ellie Brown	Wendy
Brad Babbitt	Sue	Anita Winters	Bob Norton
Paul L. Peck	Whitney Lynch	Alison Gillespie	Joseph
Virginia Skeele	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joyce Flynn	Sarah Carroll
Grant Loevenbruck	Gina Giusto	Rachel Boccio	Greg Highland
John & Barbara Spannaus	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Rachel
Jennifer Blean	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Lucas
Tori	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Amy Bittinger
Hale Walkoff	Brenda	G.F.	William Bittinger
Rod Farrell	Jeff Lewis	Ned	Ben Mabrey
Hillary Lord	Miranda	Roger	Mike
Madeline	Allison and Family	Everett	Dan Minster
Helen Rosen	Erin Roben	Randy McCord	Rick
Nick Willke	Linda		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Shirley Blean	Paul Farrell	Pam Dimock
Laura Hicks	Kevin Mani	Patricia Hensley
Emeline Carlisle	Stuart Carlisle	Cruz Douillet Guzman
Maggie Grant	Sahara Barrow	Toby Aguiar

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport; and for the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Help fill eggs for the Easter egg hunt! We welcome donations of filled Easter eggs for our annual children's egg hunt after the 10:30 service on Easter Day. Pick up a bag of empty eggs today from the narthex or Hubbard Hall and take them home to fill with candy (no nuts!), stickers, or other trinkets. If you prefer, you may purchase and fill your own eggs, or buy pre-filled eggs. Please return filled eggs by 10 a.m. on Easter Day.

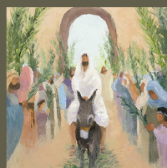
Easter flower memorials due TOMORROW. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one by donating toward the cost of Easter flowers to adorn the church, please either fill out a flower offering envelope (available at both entrances to the church and in the pews) and put it in the offering plate with your donation, or email Ellen with the names of those whom you would like to honor, and send in your donation. Donations of any amount are welcome. Names must be received by March 25 to be included in the Easter service bulletins.

Holy Week devotionals available. Copies of *Understanding the Cross*, a home-based Holy Week devotional from the Salt Project, may be picked up in the narthex or from the red information cart in Hubbard Hall.

Save the dates! More information about all of these events is forthcoming. For now, mark your calendars!

- **Trivia Night, Friday, April 5, 5:30 p.m.** Hosted by the EYC (youth group), this fun event is open to everyone! Bring your own team or be assigned to one. Pizza provided; bring a snack or sweet to share.
- **Spring Fling & Food Auction fundraiser, Friday, May 31, 6:30 p.m.** All parish adults and friends are welcome. Enjoy good conversation, live music, appetizers, beverages, and silent and live auctions.
- **St. John's at the Yard Goats, Sunday, June 16, 1:05 p.m.** Come cheer on Hartford's favorite minor league ball team at Dunkin Donuts Park with your St. John's friends. The Choir School will sing *America, the Beautiful* before the game starts.
- **Vacation Bible School for all ages, June 17 to 20, 5:30 to 8 p.m.** Prayer, Scripture, activities, and dinner centered on the theme of how God nourishes us. Open to everyone, regardless of age or affiliation with St. John's. Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. \$30 per person, maximum \$100/family. Registration via Realm will be open soon.

Holy Week & Easter at St. John's



Palm Sunday - March 24
Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30am



Maundy Thursday - March 28
Holy Eucharist at 7pm



Good Friday - March 29
Children's walk through
Holy Week at 10am
Good Friday worship at 12 noon



Easter Day - March 31
Festal Eucharist at 8 and 10:30am
Easter egg hunt after the late service

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Sunday: Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday: Christian education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Sunday: Choral Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed)

5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (*October – May, no service in December*): Celtic Eucharist in Hubbard Hall

5 p.m. on select fourth Sundays of the month: Choral Evensong

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Stewart Murchie	<i>Warden</i>
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2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer

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