



Welcome to St. Paul's!

## Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:00am

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Liturgy of the Palms celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week of his Passion. We give thanks over the branches that we carry. A procession then moves into the church building with festive songs of "Hosanna in the highest!"

The Old Testament reading is one of Isaiah's poems about the suffering servant of God whose suffering atones for the sin of the people. This passage and others like it are understood by Christians to foretell the suffering and death of Jesus.

The reading from Philippians is an early Christian hymn which announces that Jesus' Lordship is revealed not in the power of his divinity but in self-giving love to the point of dying for us, his beloved. This is the ultimate restoration from exile brought about by Jesus.

Today we enter into the celebration of the mighty acts of God which brought about that restoration. During this week, we will rediscover what God has done for us, rediscover the meaning of baptism, and rediscover the meaning of our sharing in Eucharist.

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A Note from the Music Director



Today we welcome Thom Moore who will be playing the bagpipes for our procession and service.

*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.

*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*

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

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

## Holy Eucharist Rite II

### Liturgy of the Palms

*The Celebrant says the following blessing over the palms*

The Lord be with you.

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

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

**People** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

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

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

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

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

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

#### **Procession**

*Amazing Grace*

*Thom Moore, bagpiper*

*The people process, all holding palm branches in their hands.*

### The Liturgy of the Word

**Processional Hymn**

**(Please see page 2)**

**Hymnal 154**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

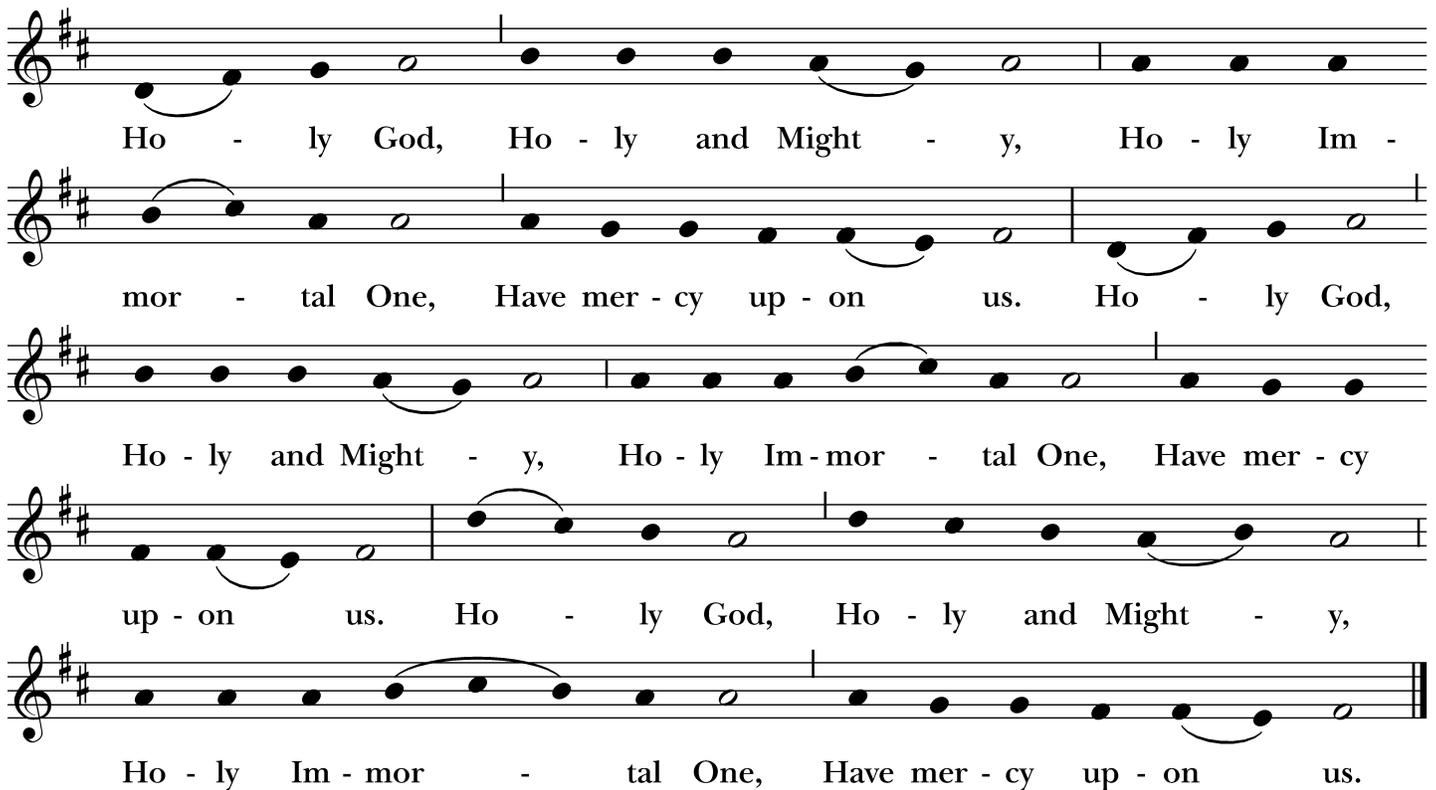
*The Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* +Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People** *God's mercy endures for ever.*

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*

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



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
 mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
 Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
 up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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### Collect for Palm Sunday

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Together, 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.*



A Reading from the Book of the 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        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**        *(Read in unison)*

*Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.  
2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."  
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.  
20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."  
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
 has become the chief cornerstone.  
 23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*  
 LORD, send us now success.  
 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
 we bless you from the house of the LORD.  
 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
 form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.  
 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
 you are my God, and I will exalt you."  
 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
 his mercy endures for ever.

**The Epistle**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

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

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**  
*The people stand as they are able.*

## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 435

At the Name of Jesus



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
 \* 5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 \* 6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;  
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt. Music: *King's Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*         *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Mary Friel**

**Prayers of the People - Form 2**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Santosh; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

***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 says*

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.*

## **Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Creation Will Be At Peace*

*Words: J. Paul Williams*

*Music: Anna Laura Page*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

***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

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing*

The Celebrant, faces them and says

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.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the created order, and for God's self-revelation to the human race in history;*

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:

## Sanctus

Hymnal S124

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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*The celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,***

***thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,***

***as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,***

***for ever and ever. Amen.***



## Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

S161

David Hurd

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.

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*The Celebrant says*

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

### Communion Music

#### Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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.*

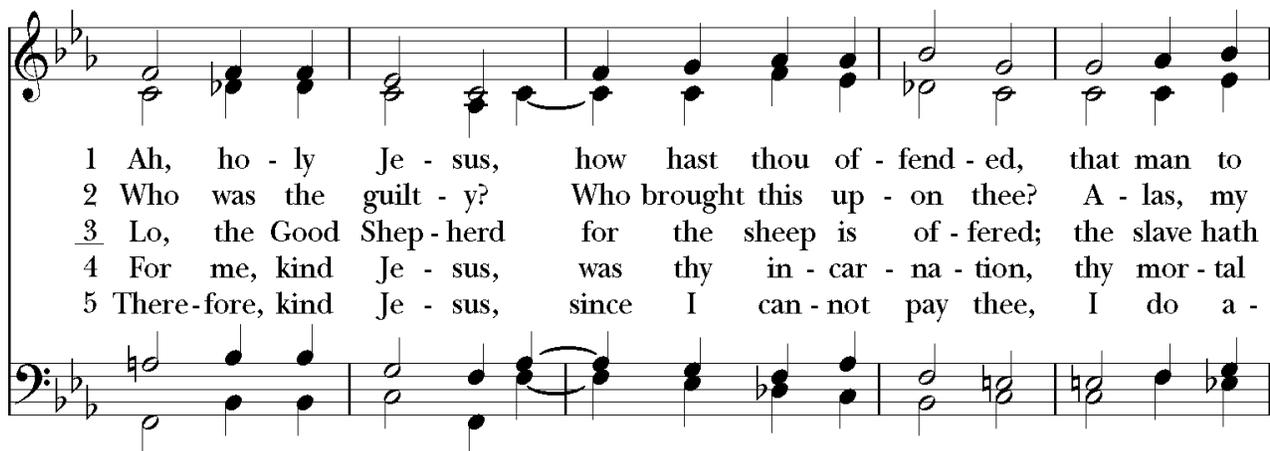
*Celebrant says*

Let us bow down before the Lord. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 158

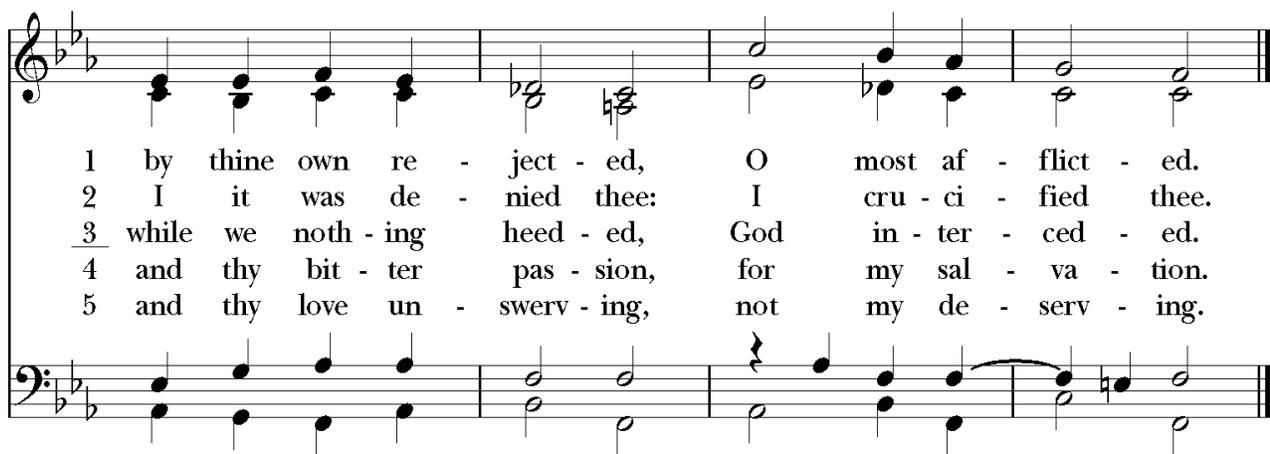
*Ah, Holy Jesus*



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

## Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.  
People *Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude

*Highland Cathedral Air*

*Thom Moore, bagpipes*

**Palm Sunday**, in the Christian tradition, the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is associated in many churches with the blessing and procession of palms (leaves of the date palm or twigs from locally available trees).

These special ceremonies were taking place toward the end of the 4th century in Jerusalem and are described in the travelogue *Peregrinatio Etheriae* (*The Pilgrimage of Etheria*). In the West the earliest evidence of the ceremonies is found in the Bobbio Sacramentary (8th century). During the Middle Ages the ceremony for the blessing of the palms was elaborate: the procession began in one church, went to a church in which the palms were blessed, and returned to the church in which the procession had originated for the singing of the liturgy. The principal feature of the liturgy that followed the procession was the chanting by three deacons of the account of the Passion of Christ (Matthew 26:36–27:54). Musical settings for the crowd parts were sometimes sung by the choir. After reforms of the Roman Catholic liturgies in 1955 and 1969, the ceremonies were somewhat simplified in order to emphasize the suffering and death of Christ. The day is now called officially Passion Sunday. The liturgy begins with a blessing and procession of palms. The palms are often taken home by the members of the congregation to serve as sacramentals (sacred signs of the sacraments), and some of them are burned the following year to serve as the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Palm-Sunday>



## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

### Holy Week and Easter

#### Holy Wednesday – March 27th

11:00 am - Stations of the Cross  
6:00pm- Tenebrae with Violin Music

#### Maundy Thursday – March 28th

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar  
With St. Paul's Choir

#### Good Friday – March 29th

12:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

#### Holy Saturday – March 30th

12:00 p.m. - Blessing of the Easter Baskets at St. Paul's

*A wonderful Polish/Czech custom is having Easter Baskets blessed on Holy Saturday. The baskets are beautifully decorated with special linens, pussy willow and flowers. They are filled with symbolic food; meat, butter, (often in the shape of the Pashal lamb), dyed hard boiled eggs, salt, wine and something sweet. Another special dish is cwikla, a beet and horseradish relish.*

#### Easter Sunday – March 31st

10:00 a.m. - Choral Holy Eucharist II

#### First Sunday after Easter - April 7th

10:00 a. m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

St. Paul's Parish is now streaming and recording our 10:00 Sunday services which are uploaded to the St. Paul's site on YouTube. Our videographers make every effort to avoid facial close-ups of worshipers. Your attendance indicates your understanding of our filming protocol.

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*

The Rev. Mary Friel, *Rector*

The Rev. Peggy Samuels, *Deacon*

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### The Vestry

'25

Laura Bittinger

Julia Eaton

Kim Hazuda

'26

Wendy Emerson

Dan McCreary

Bob Ozinga

'27

Peggy Andrews

Pat Jamison

Sherri Ward



*The mission of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, is to be a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in Christ, welcoming, serving, and loving all.*

	3/24 10:00am	3/31 10:00am
<i>Ministry</i>		
<i>Lector-Lessons</i>	Judy Webster	Peggy Andrews
<i>Lector - Prayers</i>	Bob Ozinga	D. Donnelly Barton
<i>LEM</i>	John Friel	Tom Andrews
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