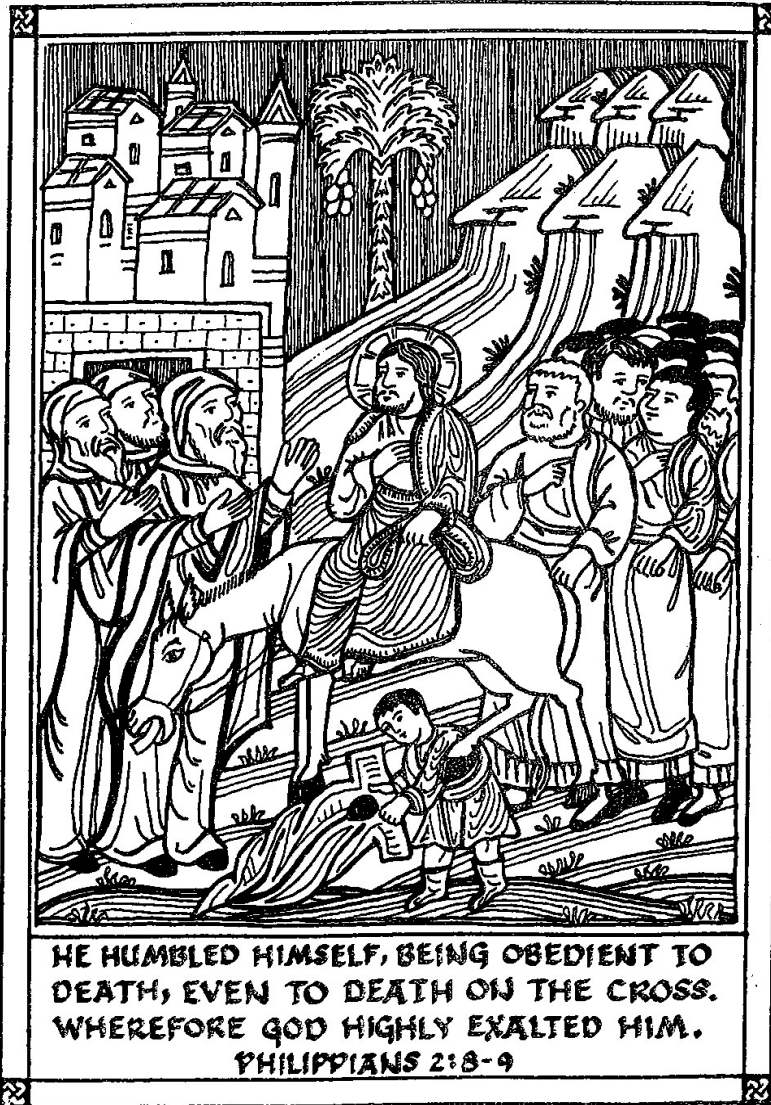


The Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024 Year B



St Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
love is our tradition

Palm Sunday:

“Entering with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby God has given us life and immortality,” we began with the blessing of the palms and exclaim, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”

Our procession remembers the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The altar cloth and cross veiling are red as symbolic death shrouds.

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, March 28th:

Service at 6:30 pm (with Washing of Feet)

Good Friday, March 29th:

Services at 12 pm and 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross devotion available after each service.

The Great Vigil, March 30th:

Service at 7:30 pm.

Bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

Easter Sunday, March 31st:

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am.

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The Baptismal Font



Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

(The People gather on the front steps of the church)

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Liturgy of the Palms

Presider: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider: 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 Gospel:

Mark 11:1-11

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

All: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **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.**

Presider: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

All: **In the name of Christ. AMEN.**

Hymn 154 (Blue Book)

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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Refrain

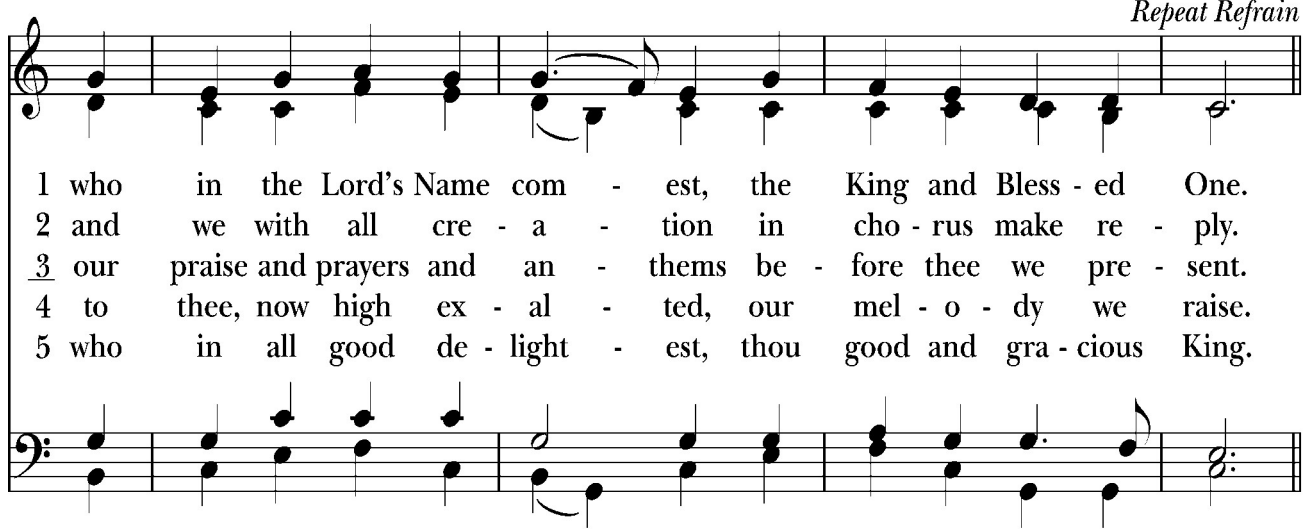
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

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,

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Hymn 154 (continued)

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 Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Salutation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

(Please be seated)

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?

The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

In te, Domine, speravi

Psalm 31:9-16

Annette Spanel

- 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.

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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."

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians *Philippians 2:5-11* Karen Franklin

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.

The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

(Please be seated)

Narrator: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

Mark 14:1-15:47

Chief Priests: Acolytes, Chalice, Vergers

Disciples, Bystanders: Choir

Accusers: Greeters and Ushers

Crowd, Soldiers: Congregation

(The Passion Gospel is read in parts led by a Narrator)

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

Chief Priests: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

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

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

Narrator: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Disciples: "Surely, not I?"

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

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

Jesus: "Take; this is my body."

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

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

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

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

Narrator: Peter said to him,

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

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

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

Narrator: But he said vehemently,

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

Narrator: And all of them said the same.

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

Jesus: "Sit here while I pray."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Judas: "Rabbi!"

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

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

Narrator: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

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

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

High Priest: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

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

High Priest: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

Narrator: Jesus said,

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

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

High Priest: "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

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

Accusers: "Prophesy!"

Narrator: The guards also took him over and beat him.

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

Servant Girl:"You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

Narrator: But he denied it, saying,

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

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

Servant Girl:"This man is one of them."

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

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

Narrator: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

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

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

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

Narrator: And he broke down and wept.

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

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: He answered him,

Jesus: "You say so."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Narrator: They shouted back,

***Crowd:* "Crucify him!"**

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

***Crowd:* "Crucify him!"**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

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

Jesus: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator: which means,

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

Narrator: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

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

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

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

Centurion: "Truly this man was God's Son!"



The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

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

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

(The reading ends in silence. All sit and the sermon begins).

The Sermon

The. Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Prayers of the People

Anson Matthews

Intercessor Walk with your church, O God; embolden us to speak truthfully and to act with the courage of love as you guide our clergy, empower the laity, and direct our mission. This day and always,

All: Christ, be our path.

Intercessor Walk in your world, O God; heal the warring of the nations and the wounding of the earth to give us peace at last making us one human family who clothe each other with mercy and feed each other with justice. This day and always,

All: Christ, be our path.

Intercessor Walk in our hearts, O God; awaken your gift of life to us as we seek, find, and know you through each other, especially Wes, Paul, Terence, Casey, Malinda, Maximo, Christopher, and John, who celebrate birthdays, and those who celebrate anniversaries. This day and always,

All: Christ, be our path.

Intercessor Walk with the afflicted, O God; remind them of your deep compassion and how you tenderly bear our sorrows. We pray especially for Fred, Karen, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Carole, Mike, Steve, Ethel, Margaret, Phyllis, Juetta, Marsha, Diane, David, Samantha Ridley, Bill Piercy, Doris Versann, Candace, Jerome, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, the Dykes Family, Tyrell, Sandra, Ceily, Wanda, the Hardison and Strite family, Lauren, Wayne, Clair, Ginny, Debbie, Ronnie, Caroline, Bianca, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, Alice, Garry, Will, Robin, Denise, Gloria, Henry, Gene, Karen, Rick, Amy, the Henderson family, Kristy, Martha, Randi, Marion, Hollis, and Donna. And we pray for others whom we name aloud or silently at this time. *(Pause)* This day and always,

All: Christ, be our path.

Intercessor Walk with all the departed whose faith you alone know, O God, especially Philip Whitehead. This day and always,

All: Christ, be our path.

All: Be our path, O God; be our light, O God; be our truth, O God. This day and always. AMEN.

The Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

The Absolution

Presider: 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.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Peace

Presider: Christ is our peace. Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in His name and share His peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community



The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

Invitation to Communion

At the Offertory

Adoramus te, Christe

Quirino Gasparini

*Adoramus te, Christe,
et benedicimus tibi:
quia per sanctam crucem
tuam redemisti mundum.*

*We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you:
because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.*

At the Presentation, Doxology

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

The Communion Vessels



The Eucharist (from Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace” in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or “host”), and a flagon for additional wine.

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:

Sanctus

Hirten

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glor-y, Ho - san - na
in___ the high-est, Bless'd is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,
Ho - san - na in___ the high-est._____

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: 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:

Presider and People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Presider 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

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us**

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

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. AMEN.**

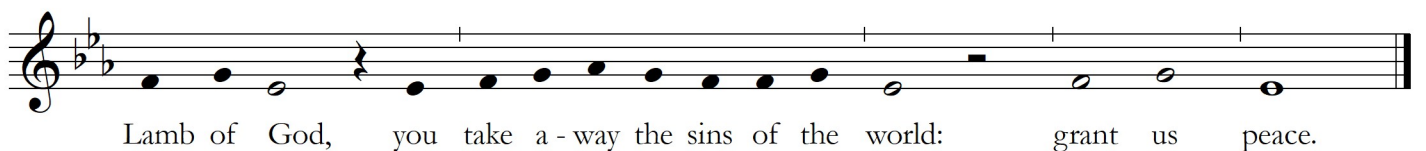
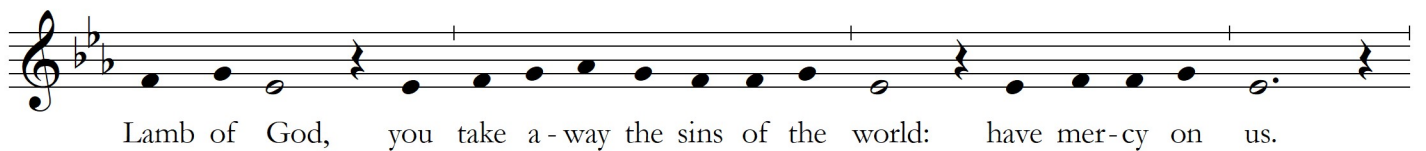
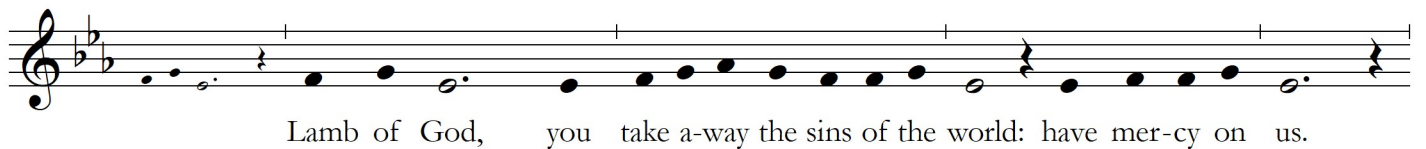
The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

Hirten



Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion: *ALL are welcome to share in Communion.*

Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the rail you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice.

If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher and the clergy will bring communion to you.

Communion Hymn

When Jesus Speaks
Jessica Voutsinas, soprano

Lowell H. Prescott

When Jesus speaks, may I listen.
When Jesus calls, may I respond.
When Jesus teaches in story, may I wonder.
When Jesus leads, may I follow.

When Jesus shows the Way, may I take it.
When Jesus sits with me, may I keep still.
When Jesus nudges, may I move.
When Jesus gives me hope, may I give thanks.

When Jesus breaks bread, may I taste it.
When Jesus pours, may I drink.
When Jesus prays in the garden, may I keep vigil.
When Jesus suffers, may I weep.

When Jesus speaks, may I listen.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray

All: 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

Solemn Prayer Over the People

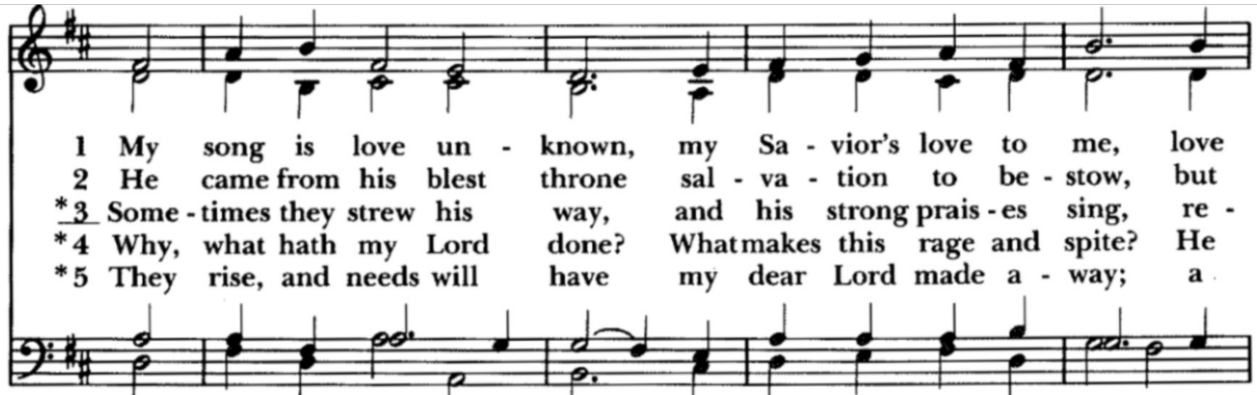
Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Blessing

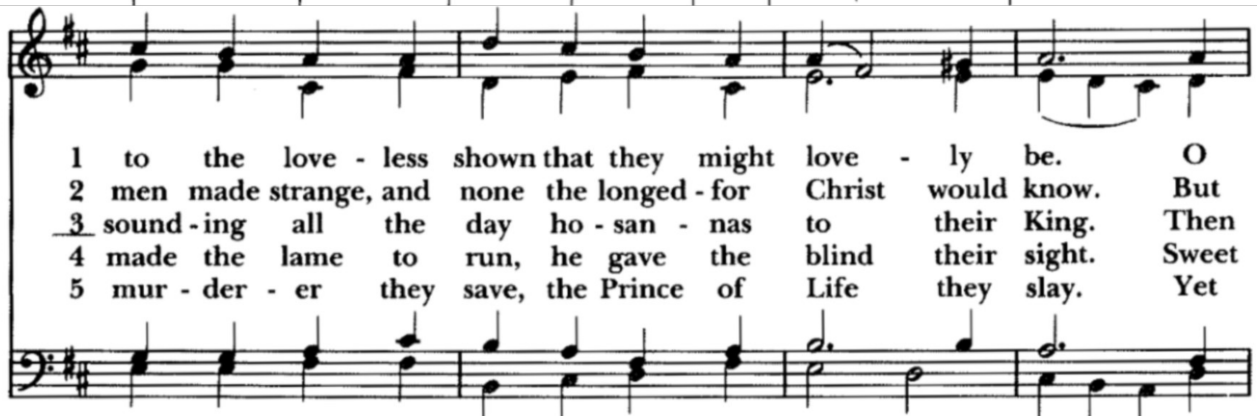
Hymn 458 (Blue Book)

My song is love unknown

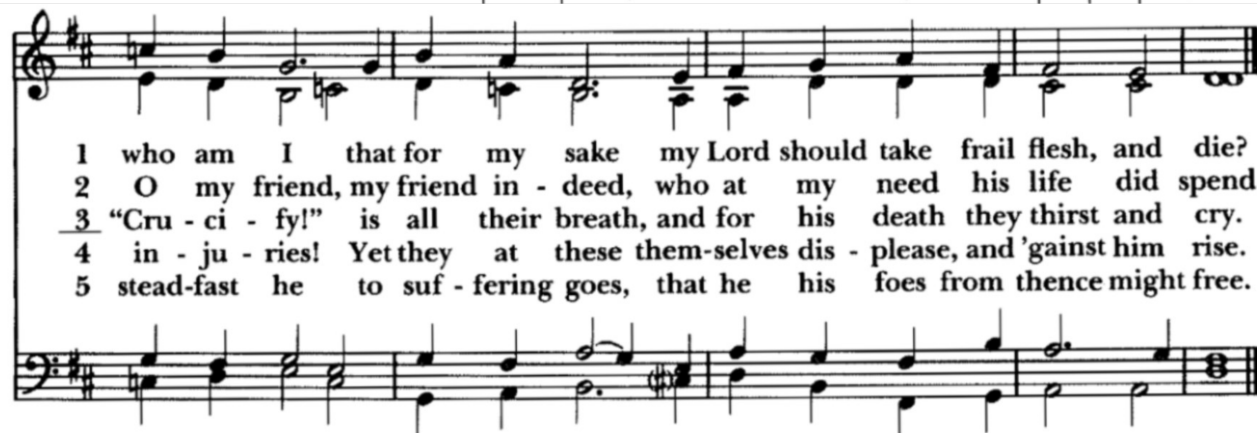
Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
5 stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine:
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and each other

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O sacred head now wounded, Op. 122 setting by Johannes Brahms

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Our extended family and friends: Versann Delva, Candace Franco, Jerome Manigault, Lee Hyden (Anne Kambourian's daughter), the Dummitt family, the Downey family, the Dykes Family, Tyrell, Sandra Pone, Ceily Poh, Wanda Ferguson, the Hardison and Strite family, Lauren Contner, Wayne Purinton, Clair Schreck, Ginny Jones, Debbie Kaufman, Ronnie, Caroline, Bianca Constance, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, Alice, Garry Land, Will, Robin, Denise Early, Gloria Wiley, Henry Pegram, Gene Shelton, Karen Sokohl, Rick McGeorge, Amy Burks, the Henderson family, Kristy Rose, Martha, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, Hollis Daniels, and Donna Raubenstine.

Those who have died: especially Rev. Philip Whitehead.

Those celebrating birthdays this week: especially Wes Kaufman, Paul Williams, Terence Rasmussen, Casey Whitlow, Malinda Collier, Maximo Keeling, Christopher Durrer, and John Lamberta.

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregations and clergy of Grace, Alexandria and St. Luke's, Wellington, Alexandria.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit.

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, March 28th:

Service at 6:30 pm (with Washing of Feet)

Good Friday, March 29th:

Services at 12 pm and 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross devotion available after each service.

The Great Vigil, March 30th:

Service at 7:30 pm.

Bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

Easter Sunday, March 31st:

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am.

Readers of the Passion

Narrator:

Karen Hardison

Jesus:

Nick Roberts

Peter:

Peter Walker

Judas:

Jim Contner

High Priest:

Jennifer McCauley

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Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

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Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the “Welcome” card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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