



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Historic Key West's Church"

March 28, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

The Episcopal Church &  
We, here at St. Paul's, Welcome You!

## **Our Vision and Mission...**

St. Paul's Church is a magnet drawing all people to the spiritual, cultural and re-creational heart of the community. We aspire to this vision by our mission to know that we are Christ's body in the world, revealing the love of God.

*We remind ourselves of the words in scripture wherein God said,  
"... my house shall be a house of prayer for all people."*

*So today we pray that when you come through the doors of the sanctuary you will be greeted by the love of God abiding in our hearts and minds. Your presence is a blessing to us today. Together let us bless the Lord in prayer, hymns, and dining with Christ at the Holy Table.*

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

*As you enter the church this morning, be sure to receive a palm branch from one of the ushers*

### **Organ Prelude**

## **Liturgy of the Palms**

*The celebrant invites the congregation to stand*

**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.*

**A reading from the Gospel according to Mark**

*(11:1-11)*

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

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

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant continues*

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.*

*The following Collect is said:*

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 Salutation**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People : *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty and ever living 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 Isaiah

(50:4-9a)

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.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 31:9-16

BCP 623

*In te, Domine, speravi*

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; \* 3*

*when they see me in the street they avoid me.*  
 12 *I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \**  
*I am as useless as a broken pot.*  
 13 *For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;*  
*fear is all around; \**  
*they put their heads together against me;*  
*they plot to take my life.*  
 14 *But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \**  
*I have said, "You are my God.*  
 15 *My times are in your hand; \**  
*rescue me from the hand of my enemies,*  
*and from those who persecute me.*  
 16 *Make your face to shine upon your servant, \**  
*and in your loving-kindness save me."*

**A Reading from the book of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn-#164 Alone Thou Goest Forth**

*Bangor*

*(not sung, but reflect on the text)*

Alone thou goest forth, O Lord,  
 in sacrifice to die;  
 is this thy sorrow nought to us  
 who pass unheeding by?

Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord;  
 make us thy sorrow feel,  
 till through our pity and our shame  
 love answers love's appeal.

*All standing*

**\*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark**

*(14:1-15:47)*

*No response is made before the Passion is read. (printed on separate booklet)*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made and the Passion is followed by silence.*

**Sermon**

**Fr. Lenworth Haughton**

*All standing*

**The Prayers of the People, Form III**

**BCP387**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all bishops, clergy and laity; for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Executive Board; Episcopal Charities of Southeast Florida;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially....

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially....

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Let us pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.... And those celebrating anniversaries...

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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.*

## **The Peace**

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always be with you.

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

*Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another. Reach out beyond yourselves and be encouraged and empowered by God's grace to perhaps share this Peace with someone that you've not met yet. Stay in place, smile and wave and let us delight in being children of God in the House of the Lord.*

*Please be seated*

## **Announcements**

**Solo**

**Jesus Died Alone**

Joel Raney

sung by Dean Warden

Many people lined the way  
as the King rode into town.  
Little children sang and played,  
laying branches on the ground.  
But in the garden, on his knees,  
'neath the silent olive trees,  
where he prayed in agony,  
Jesus prayed alone.

Five thousand gathered on a hill  
just to sit beneath his feet,  
to hear him teach his father's will  
near the sea of Galilee.  
But on the night he was betrayed,  
to the priest no word he gave.  
No defense to them he made.  
Jesus stood alone.

The sick and lame from miles around  
came from every town and land;  
with their faces on the ground,  
seeking healing by his hand.  
But when he hung upon the tree,  
on a hill called Calvary,  
forsaken, died for all to see,  
Jesus died alone.

## **Holy Communion**

*All standing*

**Eucharist Prayer A**

**BCP361**

**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 him thanks and praise.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

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:

*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. AMEN.

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast!*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Prayers when we cannot receive Holy Communion**

*In union, O Lord Jesus Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I present to you myself, my soul, and my body, with the earnest longing that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you in this Holy Sacrament, come spiritually, I pray you, into my heart. I unite myself to you, and love you with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength. Let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.*

*All standing*

### **Post-communion prayer**

**BCP 365**

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

### **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*The service ends in silence.*

**Remember in Your Prayers Today:** Brittany (Sherri Hodies' daughter), Beth and Jon Peterson (sister-in-law and brother of Tim), Al (Kitty Robert's partner), Peter Nanos, Chuck Hammond and Joseph Lyles, Joseph Allen Pyles

**Remember those who have died:** Chuck Hammond

**We Celebrate these March and April Birthdays this week:**

Carol Burnham	3/30	Jerry Poole	4/02
Ricardo Montano	3/30	Grace Highsmith	4/03
Andrea Mungall	3/30		

**We Celebrate these April Anniversaries this week:**

Sheila & Ron Barker 04/01

**Celebrant:** Fr. Lenworth Haughton  
**Organist:** Tim Peterson  
**Cantor:** Dean Warden  
**Ushers:** Wendy Niven  
Lilla Whiteside

**St. Paul's Vestry**

**Senior Warden,** Ray Warren (Class of 2022)

**Junior Warden,** Greta Philips-Ford (Class of 2023)

**Class of 2022:** Kim Grizzle-Malgrat, Samantha Hall

**Class of 2023:** Bruce Hagemann, Lilla Whiteside

**Class of 2024:** Holle Campbell, Perry Hodies, Dean Warden

**Readers:** Lonnie Gordon, Lisa Laskow, Wendy Niven, Dean Warden, Suzanne Woods  
Tim Peterson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please consider buying** a personalized brick for the brick paver portion of the Memorial Garden. The cost of a 4 x 8 brick is \$100. Each brick will accommodate up to 3 lines and up to 18 characters per line, including spaces. You may order a Donor Brick with an additional donation of \$35; this is a duplicate of the brick being placed in the garden. With an additional donation of \$12 you may purchase a Donor Certificate to frame or to present as a gift. You can order your brick(s) at <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/stpaulskw>

**SATURDAY MORNINGS, 9:00am– 11:00am.** Help us beautify St Paul's with a list of projects that Jr. Warden Greta Ford has lined up. There is something for everyone to do, both inside and out. We wear our masks, social distance, and have a well-deserved time in fellowship with others.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER** is being offered on Facebook Live at 7:30AM and 5:00PM on weekdays. Thanks to Bruce Hagemann, Lisa Laskow, Mary Simmons, Samantha Hall, and Sarah Hall for volunteering to officiate at these sacred moments.

To join in the prayers via Facebook, go to the church Facebook page at the appropriate time and look for the window showing that "St. Paul's Key West is now live." Then click on the window.

**Please help us with a little housecleaning.** As you leave worship this morning, please take

your bulletin with you for recycling at home. There is also a small trash can at the end of the middle aisle in the narthex, as you leave the church.

**Search Committee Update.** Continue to pray for those on the committee at St Paul's Episcopal Church, as their work continues in earnest, during this search for a new Rector at St Paul's. The committee has invited 2 applicants for a visit to Key West in the very near future. They remain extremely hopeful as this process continues to move ahead.

O God, giver of every good gift, look graciously upon your whole church and upon St. Paul's. Guide us to use the diverse gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us that we may increase our commitment to one another and to the mission of your Church, and may choose a faithful Rector to lead us to love, serve, and grow in our congregation, in our community, and in the wider church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Services at St Paul's, during Holy Week** are as follow (all will be streamed via Facebook Live):

Maundy Thursday	5:30PM
Good Friday	7:00PM with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Easter Sunrise	7:00AM (in the Memorial Gardens)
Easter Morning	8:30AM Festival celebration of Easter with Holy Communion



## PALM SUNDAY

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# HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Paul's Church was formed by an official act of the City Council of Key West. In a petition to the bishop of New York, the City council requested a priest be sent and the Parish of St. Paul's be established. In 1831, the council gave notice of a public meeting to establish an Episcopal Church, and a committee was appointed.

The first rector was the Reverend Sanson K. Brunot, who arrived December 23, 1832. He held the first service on Christmas Day 1832 in the County Courthouse on Jackson Square. That same day the congregation signed an "Act of Association" of the Episcopal Congregation in Key West to be called St. Paul's Church. The first Vestry was elected April 8, 1833, and Rev. Brunot became a permanent house-guest of Vestryman William Whitehead, as there was no rectory or church building. Land for a church site was given by the widow of John William Charles Fleming in 1832 with the only stipulation that her husband's remains stay where they were. He is still buried on the grounds, but the actual site is unknown.

The original church made of coral rock, was built in 1838-39. The building, when completed, was 38 x 58 feet, and the total cost of construction was \$6,500. This first building was totally destroyed by a hurricane on October 11, 1846. The second church was a wooden structure measuring 28 x 66 feet. Services were held in this building on June 30, 1848, and the church was consecrated on January 4, 1851, by the Right Reverend C.E. Gadsden, Bishop of South Carolina.

In 1857 a Rectory was erected on the corner of Duval and Eaton Street, facing Eaton. The Rev. Osgood E. Herrick was the first in a long line of rectors to call it home. The church was growing steadily, and the seating capacity of 350 was becoming inadequate. This is when St. Peter's was established (1875), and the Spanish Mission of St. John's followed.

The second church was destroyed in the Great Fire of Key West in March 1886. By some good fortune the Rectory survived undamaged. Rebuilding the church began immediately, and the third church was completed in 1887. Constructed of wood, it stood in the center of the block facing Eaton Street. It measured approximately 58 x 98 feet.

In 1890, the Vestry voted to purchase a chime of bells. Once installed, the first chime of bells within Florida was inaugurated on Palm Sunday morning, March 22, 1891, at 10:00 a.m.

On October 11, 1909, another disaster struck, and the church was destroyed by a hurricane. The parish hall (completed in 1904) and the Rectory survived the storm and were used for services. Plans for a new church were approved in 1911, which would be constructed of concrete. The church would be

located at the corner of Duval and Eaton Streets. This required the moving of the Rectory to its current location in 1914. The first service in the current building was held June 8, 1919. During this time, many of the beautiful stained glass windows were ordered, and installation began in 1920. The organ arrived in 1931 in time for Christmas services.

A major restoration of the church began in 1991 to save the building from collapse. The concrete used in the initial construction had been mixed with seawater and beach sand, causing the steel reinforcing within the walls and columns to split. Work was complete in 1993 at a cost of nearly one million dollars.

Today the church continues to stand as a beacon within the diverse cultural community of Key West. The church is open daily for prayer, meditation and visitation. Many concerts and other community events take place here, and St. Paul's plays a positive role in the community both artistically and

spiritually. Thirty-four priests have served St. Paul's as rector and several others as interim priests. We have been without a full-time Rector or interim since July 2020. We are in the middle of a search for our new Rector, whom we hope that we can welcome into our community of faith in the very near future.

