

# Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday



Sunday, March 29, 2026  
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
Hayesville, NC

**Sunday, March 29, 2026, 9:00 am**  
**The Liturgy of the Palms**

*The service begins:*

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comest in the name of the Lord.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Lesson from the Gospel of Matthew 21:1-11

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,  
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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."

## The Blessing of the Palms

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And with thy spirit.*

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

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

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy 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 liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Then the Celebrant declares three times:*

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

*People* *Hosanna in the highest.*

## The Procession

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

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

## Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 (Read in unison while processing)

### *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.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LESSONS

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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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;  
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### The Psalm

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## **The Second Lesson**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

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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.

<b>Homily</b>	The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	Book of Common Prayer p. 326
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	
<b>Confession of Sin</b>	Book of Common Prayer p. 330
<b>Peace</b>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And with thy spirit.</i>

**Announcements**

**The Liturgy of the Table**

<b>Great Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Eucharistic Prayer I</b>	Book of Common Prayer p. 333
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>	
<b>Breaking of the Bread</b>	Book of Common Prayer p. 335
<b>Post Communion Prayer</b>	Book of Common Prayer p. 339
<b>Passion Gospel</b>	Matthew 27:11-54 (See page 17)
<b>Prayer over the People</b>	

**Altar party leaves in silence.**

**The service ends in silence without greeting in the Narthex.**

**Sunday, March 29, 2026, 11:00 am**

**Prelude** All Glory, Laud and Honor.

arr. John Dixon

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"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
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## **The Blessing of the Palms**

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*People* And also with you.

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

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*Then the Celebrant declares three times:*

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### **The Procession**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

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

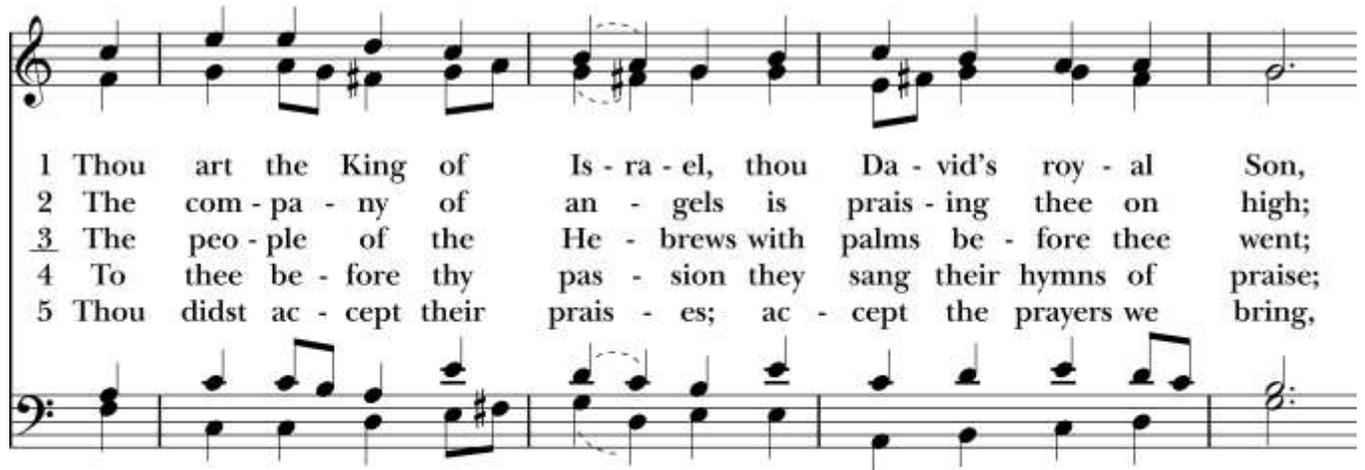
*Refrain*



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

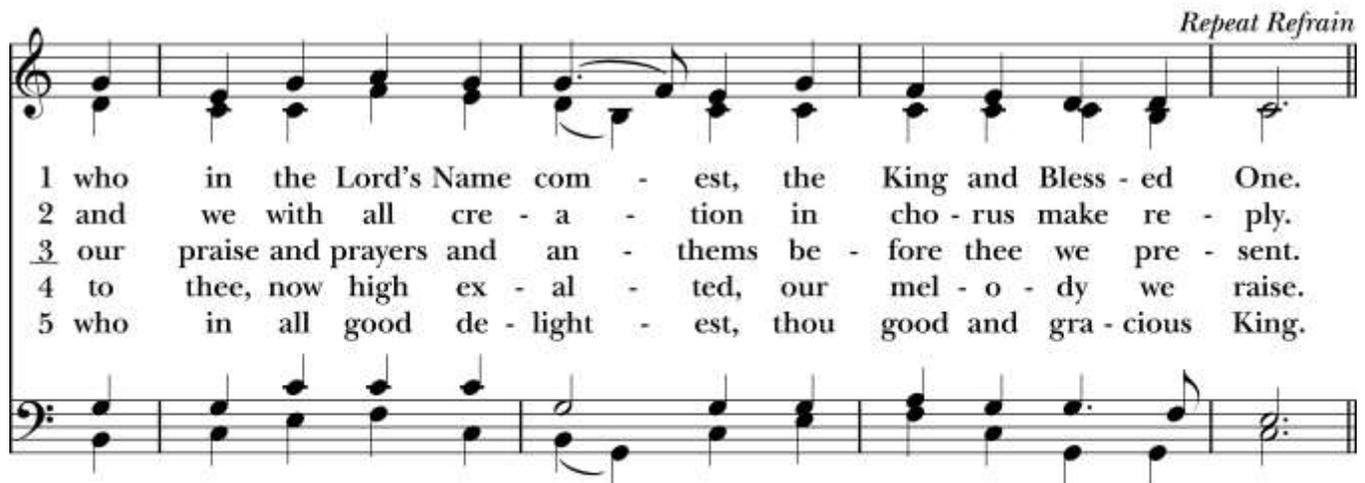


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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 Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

### The Collect for Palm Sunday

*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 LESSONS

*The congregation is seated.*

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*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

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## **Homily**

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

## **Nicene Creed**

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

## **Prayers of the People: Form 2**

Book of Common Prayer p. 385

## **Confession of Sin**

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

### *Clergy 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.

## **Peace**

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

## Welcome and Announcements

**Offertory**      A Green Hill Far Away

by Don Besig

## The Liturgy of the Table

**Doxology** (v. 3)

Hymnal 380

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

Book of Common Prayer p. 361

## Great Thanksgiving

*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.*

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:

## Sanctus

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*Celebrant and People*

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.

*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.

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.

*AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

**Lord's Prayer**

Bluebook p. 75

**Fraction Anthem**

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
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### Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

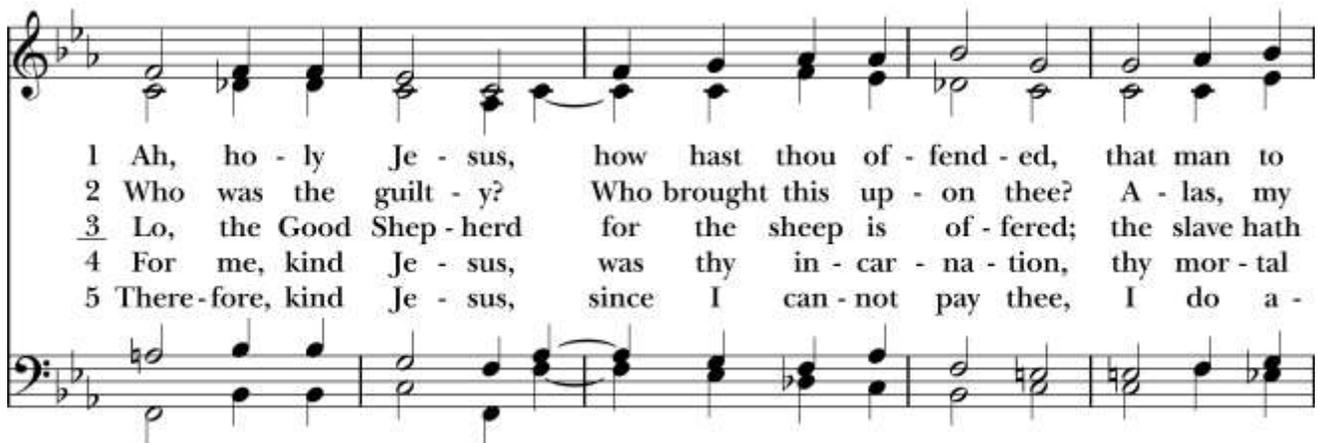
*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

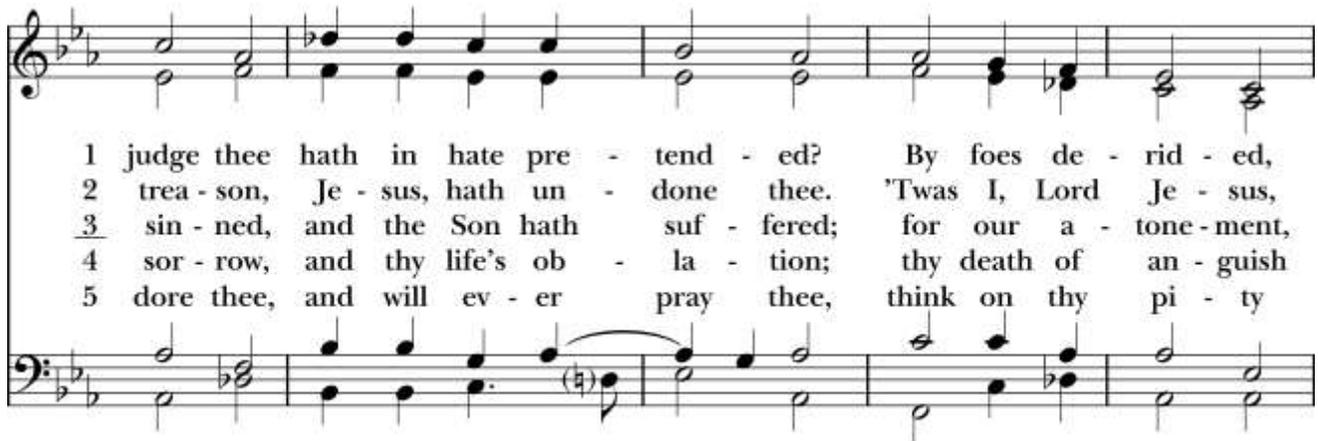
### Passion Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54 (See page 17)

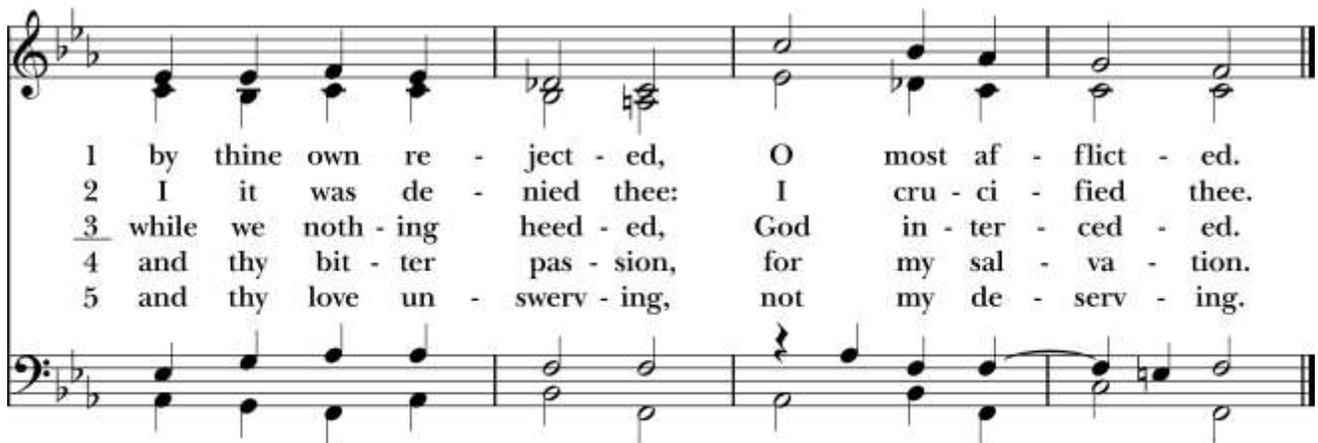
### Prayer over the People



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



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



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

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

**Altar party leaves in silence.**

**The service ends in silence without greeting in the Narthex.**

## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts. It is expected that the congregation will take the role of the "Assembly." The "Assembly" is a conflation of the priests and scribes, the leaders and the people, who often speak with one voice. The narrator begins by saying:*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

*Narrator:* Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

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

*Narrator:* Jesus said,

*Jesus:* "You say so."

*Narrator:* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

*Pilate:* "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

*Narrator:* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

*Pilate:* "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

*Narrator:* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

*Pilate:* "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

*Narrator:* And they said,

*Congregation:* "**Barabbas.**"

*Narrator:* Pilate said to them,

*Pilate:* "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

*Narrator:* All of them said,

*Congregation:* **“Let him be crucified!”**

*Narrator:* Then he asked,

*Pilate:* “Why, what evil has he done?”

*Narrator:* But they shouted all the more,

*Congregation:* **“Let him be crucified!”**

*Narrator:* So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

*Pilate:* “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

*Narrator:* Then the people as a whole answered,

*Congregation:* **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

*Narrator:* So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

### ***ALL STAND***

*Narrator:* Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

*Congregation:* **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**

*Narrator:* They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.

After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

*Congregation:* **“You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”**

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

*Congregation:* **“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”**

*Narrator:* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus:* *“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”*

*Narrator:* that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Congregation:* **“This man is calling for Elijah.”**

*Narrator:* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

*Congregation:* **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**

*Narrator:* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

*Congregation:* **“Truly this man was God’s Son!”**

**Those Who Serve:**

**9:00 am:**

**EMs:** Beth Hitchcock, Deanna DuBose; **Lector:** Kanute Rarey;

**Intercessor:** Kathy Rarey; **Usher:** Paul Swanson;

**Altar Guild:** Mary Rose Figura; **VPOD:** Jane Boritz;

**Ingles cards:** Jan Freeman

**Passion Gospel Readers:** Beth Hitchcock (Pilate), Michael Wright (Jesus),  
Kanute Rarey (Narrator)

**11:00 am:**

**EMs:** Janet Beall, Ron Dutton; **Lector:** Furie Soles;

**Intercessor:** Furie Soles; **Usher:** Mary Ann Miller;

**Altar Guild:** Gail Criss, Jan Chetterton;

**Altar Linens:** Kathy Marcel;

**Nursery:** Barb Field, Jean Gora;

**VPOD:** Betsi Wilson; **Ingles cards:** Dave & Barb Field;

**Videographer:** Jay Miller; **Greeter:** Sharon & Ed Faircloth;

**Passion Gospel Readers:** Furie Soles (Pilate), Mike Campbell (Jesus),  
Ron Dutton (Narrator)

## Christian Education

**Lectionary Bible Study** – Currently meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Library. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

## Parish Life and Church Community

Fr. Bill would like to meet after church **TODAY** with all **EM's & EV's**. Please remain in the church **after service**.

Volunteers are needed to lead **Stations of the Cross @ 7am on Good Friday**. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Egg Donations & Egg Hunt - Church family, would you help us with **egg donations, candy & stickers to fill our eggs**? Any donations are appreciated! Our **egg hunt** is scheduled for **Easter Sunday after our 11:00 am service on April 5th**. Please have donations in by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, placing them in the nursery on the table. The eggs will be filled on Saturday, the day before Easter.

**Tai Chi & Moving Meditation** classes are **CANCELLED March 13-27**. Classes will **resume on March 30** with a time change! **ALL** Tai Chi & Moving Meditation classes (M, W, F) will **begin at 10:30am beginning March 30, 2026**.

**Easter Luncheon** - Come join our Church family for the **Resurrection Celebration on April 5th after the 11:00 am service**. Parish Life is hosting our annual Easter Luncheon. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway so that we can have a count as to how many people to expect. We will be providing Ham. **Please sign-up and bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share**. If you are able, please sign-up to assist us with set-up on Saturday at 10am or clean-up on Sunday.

You may have noticed the LARGE notice on the bulletin board requesting **help for the Kitchen Ministry**. We are in need of volunteers to assist with cleanup after Coffee Hour each Sunday. If you are available at least *one Sunday per month* to assist in this very important ministry, it would be most appreciated! Please sign-up in the hallway or notify Amanda in the office if you can donate approximately an hour of time, once per month.

**Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights-**  
Wednesday by 12pm

**Deadline for Monthly Newsletter-**  
the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month

## Service

**Matt's Ministry** – Contact Joe Rybicki

**Meal Ministry** – Contact Kathy Wright

**Medical Loan Closet** – Contact Helga Reaves

**The Order of St. George** – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

**Brotherhood of the Fire** – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

**Meals For Friends**– Contact Aline Conley at 504-214-1909

Drivers on **March 31, 2026** are:

Town: Aline Conley

City: Jan Freeman

Tusquittee: Dave & Barb Field

## In Our Prayers

### **Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:**

*Pat and Joy Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Deb Sellers, Sarah Kreiss, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Adelaide Fullilove, Shane Douylliez, Janice LeMaire, Anne Hourdequin, Sam and Mere (Mary) Samsil, Jay and Mary Ann Miller, Bob Wilkerson, Gail Rose, Matt and Jennifer Cramer, Jack Hungerford, Lynne and Mark Walters, Kenny and Stacy Waldroup, Sally Conaway, Kim Brabon, Alexis Bernal, Mili and Jose Arias, Mike Campbell, Helga Reaves, Kanute Rarey, Ashley Murray, Mary Rose Figura, Wendy Mitchell, Kris West, Keith Christensen, Tallulah Kenyon*

### **Good Shepherd Ministries:**

This week we pray for *The Chancel Choir Ministry* at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

## Calendar

### Monday

<b>March 30</b>	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
	10:00 am	Women Walking/Talking @ Chatuge Dam
	10:30 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)
	11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

### Tuesday

<b>March 31</b>	10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
	5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
	6:00 pm	BOTF

### Wednesday

<b>April 1</b>	9:00 am	Exercise
	10:30 am	Moving Meditation (Parish Hall)
	11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
	12:00 pm	<i>Generational Healing Holy Eucharist</i>
	1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study

### Thursday

<b>April 2</b>	6:45 am	Order of St. George (Parish Hall)
	10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
	7:00 pm	<i>Maundy Thursday (Parish Hall)</i>
	9:00 pm	<i>Overnight Vigil begins (Chapel)</i>

### Friday

<b>April 3</b>	7:00 am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	12:00 pm	<i>Good Friday service with Veneration of the Cross</i>

### Saturday

<b>April 4</b>	8:00 am	Men's Association Breakfast (Sundance Grill)
	10:00 am	Set-up Parish Hall
	12:00 pm	<i>Holy Saturday Service</i>

### Sunday

<b>April 5</b>		<b><i>The Feast of the Resurrection</i></b>
	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	12:00 pm	<i>Easter Egg Hunt (Outdoors)</i>
		<i>Easter Luncheon (Parish Hall)</i>

**Jesus Christ, Head of the Church**

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop  
The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove, Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton, Theologian in Residence  
The Rev. Beverly Braine, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Dcn. Turner Guidry (Ret.)  
Mary Carol Campbell, Organist  
Sharon Kyser, Pianist  
Teresa LeMaire, Director of Music  
Susan Wyman, Bookkeeper  
Kevin Conley, Treasurer  
Tawanna Dutton, Assistant Treasurer  
Liz Rybicki, Nursery Supervisor  
Jon Czarnecki, Sexton  
Amanda Farmer, Parish Administrator

**VESTRY**

Sr. Warden: Betsi Wilson  
Sub Sr. Warden: Aline Conley  
Jr. Warden: Tawanna Dutton  
Sub Jr. Wardens: Jeff King (Grounds Maint.), Barry Benson (Indoor Maint.)  
Community Life Team: Jose Arias, Jane Boritz, David Cady, Phil Cox  
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson  
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King  
Class of 2028: Barry Benson, Jane Boritz, David Cady

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