

Palm – Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026 — 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Rt. Reverend. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio

The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry, Rector

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**PALM
SUNDAY**

“Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!”

Matthew 21:9 ESV

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LITURGY OF THE PALMS

All gather in the Outdoor Chapel (or under portico if inclement weather) at 10:00 so that all may process into the church.

Choral Introit

Hosanna in the Highest!

Jamie Shiell

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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.**

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,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

Celebrant: 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 forever. **Amen.**

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Palm branches are distributed to the people

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

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

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands and are invited to sing the following:

PROCESSION HYMN: *Hosanna! Congolese Trad. arr. by Edward Grimes*

arr. by E.T. Grimes

Congolese Traditional

Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Ho - san - na Ho - san - na Ho - san - na in the High - est!

Outside the Narthex doors, the following Collect is said

PROCESSION COLLECT

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 people will process into the church, all holding palm branches in their hands and singing the following hymn.

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.

The Blessing of The Clothes

Gracious Lord, as the Children Celebrated your Triumphant entrance into Jerusalem by placing their clothes on your path as a blessing; accept this offering of Easter Clothing. Bless us here and in the greater community that we may all be clothed with your grace to celebrate your Resurrection! *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16 [*spoken*]

In te, Domine, speravi

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God".

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn No. 435

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

The Passion Gospel According to Matthew 26:14—27:66

All may be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.

Sermon

Rev. Robin Woodberry

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

The Offertory Anthem

Draw Nigh to Jerusalem – David Williams

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer D

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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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy)

St. Bride's Setting

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember the names of all who are on the hearts and lips of your people this day.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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,
forever and ever. *Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei – Lamb of God

St Bride's Setting

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

Distribution

All are welcome and invited to the altar rail for communion. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. You may eat the bread and take a sip from the common cup, or you can dip the bread into the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest.

Communion Music:

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – Johannes Brahms

Post Communion Prayer—*Celebrant and People (stand or kneel)*

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

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

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

Recessional Solo

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

David Hurd

Depart in Silence

There is NO dismissal or Postlude

Assisting with our Worship:

The Parish Choir; Lexi Cerny - Alto

8:00 am Mike Maggiano - Lector Kathi Kovacic - Chalice Bearer/Lector

10:00 am Stacy Jo Costley – Lector Sally Mazey – Chalice Bearer/Lector

Steve Watts & Diane Orr – Ushers

Alex & Avery Sowers, Jacob Dickens - Acolytes

Sam Davis & Amie Prezioso – Greeters

8:00 am Jan Henrey & Clare Adams – Altar Guild
10:00 am Debbie Clary & Tess Crofford - Altar Guild
Steve Watts & Jacob Dickens – Happy Baggers

ALL are invited! ALL are welcome! ALL the time!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We are happy to have you worship with us today! If you are a visitor or would like to know more about the life, work, and ministry of Christ Church, please fill out a “Connect Card” in the pew rack. The greeter in the Narthex will help you complete a “Connect Card”. You can drop the completed card in the offering plate or give it to a member of our staff, an usher, or a Vestry member following the service. We are glad you are here!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Join us TODAY for a delicious pancake breakfast from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, hosted by the Boy Scout Troop 11! The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under and will be in the Parish Hall. It’s a great opportunity to enjoy a meal and connect with Scouts, their families, and members of our church community.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: TODAY, The Scout Troop 101 from Blessed Sacrament will hold a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser from 12 pm til 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Please support the Scouts.

THE PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS: are in the choir room on Thursdays at 7 pm. New members are always welcome!

BRING YOUR EASTER BASKETS next Sunday for Easter! There will be an Easter egg hunt for all children immediately following the 10 am service next Sunday.

The **Church Office will be closed** on Easter Monday, April 6th.

GROWING DEEPER AND HEALING SERVICE No service will be held on Wednesday, April 8th.

BEATLES MASS IS BACK!!!: Our **Beatles Mass** has been rescheduled and will now take place on **Saturday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m.** The service will feature music by The Beatles woven into the liturgy. Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for a **Chili Cook-Off** in the parish hall. Come for worship, stay for food and fellowship! 🎵 🌶️ All are welcome.

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

All ages are invited to an Agape Meal at **6 PM on Maundy Thursday**. The meal features a short prayer service, the retelling of Jesus' last meal with the disciples, and biblically inspired (think Mediterranean) food served family style. We are asking people to bring various Mediterranean-style foods for the meal. The items needed are listed below. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Narthex.

Items needed for the Agape Meal (No meat or desserts)

Assorted Olives	Tomatoes
Rustic Bread	Cucumbers
Pita Bread	Honey
Assorted Nuts	Crackers
Hummus	Various Cheeses
Fruit (Grapes, Figs, Apples, Berries, Oranges)	Roasted Vegetables
Tzatziki	Olive Oil (Flavors)

Good Friday Offering

The history of the [Good Friday Offering](#) reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created. Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children. Details for [donating online](#), by phone, or by check are available [here](#).



March Birthdays

19 Cindy Thirion
20 Tiffany Fisher
25 Al Novak
29 David Susa





Holy Week

Schedule of Services

April 2nd-Maundy Thursday:

6:00 pm in the Parish Hall with Dinner, Holy Eucharist, Hand/foot washing and Stripping of the Altar in the Church

April 3rd-Good Friday:

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross in the Chapel

7:00 pm (Good Friday Liturgy) in conjunction with St. James and St. John's Episcopal
At St. John's Episcopal Church ~ 323 Wick Avenue, Youngstown

April 5th-Easter Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Chapel

10:00 am Holy Baptism and Eucharist Rite II in the Sanctuary.
Music from the Parish Choir, Soloists, Christ Church Brass and Organ.
Egg Hunt for the children following the 10:00 am service.



See What's New in the Diocese of Ohio

Regional Gathering – Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2026 Regional Gathering in the Akron/Canton region, May 28-30, 2026. This three-day experience is designed to strengthen the life of our faith communities through worship, shared meals, practical workshops, and connection across the Diocese of Ohio. With a regional confirmation at its heart, the gathering will bring together learning, community, and joy for people of all ages.

All are welcome to attend—from across the Diocese of Ohio. Participants may join the full gathering or attend one or two sessions. Workshops, the full schedule, and recommended hotel accommodations are available on the diocesan website. Childcare options will be offered on Thursday evening and all day Saturday, with additional options available upon request during registration. Registrations are due by April 30.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) – “Growing in the Lord”

June 8–12 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM!

VBS is open to all children grades Kindergarten through 6th grade.

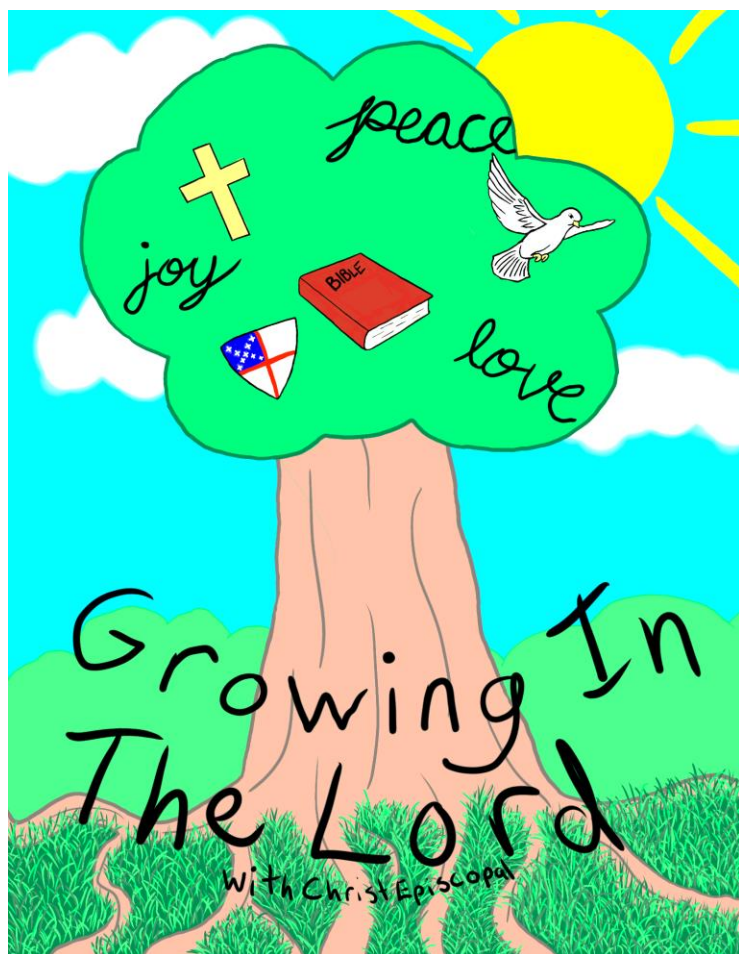
Each day will include Bible lessons, music, crafts, and recreation, along with breakfast and lunch provided.

This program is free and open to the public.

Registration is required by June 1st.

Forms are available in the Church Office (Monday–Thursday, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM), or you may register online at christchurchwarren.org.

For more information, see Paul Keriotis.



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