

**Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
April 2, 2023
8:30 A.M. + 10:30 A.M.
Grace Church, Georgetown**

Welcome to Grace Church

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information: www.gracedc.org. Let this bulletin be your guide through the service; it includes everything you need.

We have arrived at Palm Sunday, the final Sunday before Easter.

On this day we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, one week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palms. They greeted Jesus not as the spiritual Messiah who would take away the sins of the world, but as a potential political leader who would overthrow the Romans. Their shout "Hosanna" meant "save now."

In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and doors of the temple (1 Kings 6:29). Again, at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9).

We are at the beginning of the Holy Week experience. Raise your palm fronds! For immediately following today's great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, we join him on his journey to the cross.

*Throughout the service the People read the words in **bold**.*

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Beginning in the church yard so that the congregation can enter the church in procession.

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.

THE COLLECT

People: **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 people sit.

THE PALM GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE 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 God 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 for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed is he 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.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

8:30 a.m. service only. The people read the words in bold.

Reader: Let us read the Psalm together.

- 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN H154 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

10:30 a.m. service only.

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 - them 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 HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

People: **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: A reading from the book of 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.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

Reader: Let us read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

The people read the words in bold.

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.

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."

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,

 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,

 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death--
 even death on a cross.

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: Matt. 26:14- 27:66

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand as they are able.

The congregation will read the words in bold.

Narrator: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas: What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?

Narrator: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples: **Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

Narrator: He said

Jesus: Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'

Narrator: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

Narrator: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples: **Surely not I, Lord?**

Narrator. He answered,

Jesus. The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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. Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas. Surely not I, Rabbi?

Narrator. He replied,

Jesus. You have said so.

Narrator. While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus. Take, eat; this is my body.

Narrator. Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus. Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

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

Jesus. You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

Narrator. Peter said to him,

Peter. Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

Narrator. Jesus said to him,

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

Narrator: Peter said to him,

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

Narrator: And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Narrator: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me

Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

Narrator: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

Narrator: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

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

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

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

Narrator: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas: Greetings, Rabbi!

Narrator: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Friend, do what you are here to do.

Narrator: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

Narrator: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Narrator: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Narrator: Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Accusers: **This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'**

Narrator: The high priest stood up and said,
High Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?
Narrator: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,
High Priest: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.
Narrator: Jesus said to him,
Jesus: You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.
Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,
High Priest: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?
Narrator: They answered,

Chief Priests: **He deserves death.**

Narrator: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Chief Priests: Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator. Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant Girl. You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Narrator. But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter. I do not know what you are talking about.

Narrator. When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant Girl. This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator. Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter. I do not know the man.

Narrator. After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystander. Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

Narrator. Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter. I do not know the man!

Narrator. At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

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

Narrator. And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

Narrator: When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Narrator: But they said,

***Chief Priests:* What is that to us? See to it yourself.**

Narrator: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

***Chief Priests:* It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.**

Narrator: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

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 Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus 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,

Pilate's Wife: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Narrator: 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.

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,

Soldiers: **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.

At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.

Narrator: 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,

Bystanders: **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,

Chief Priests: **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,

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

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

***Bystanders:* 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,

***Bystanders:* 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,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priests: Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.'; Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead'; and the last deception would be worse than the first.

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

Narrator: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Silence

The Creed and the Confession may be omitted when the Liturgy of the Palms has preceded.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself; grant that we, who on this day and throughout this week glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have the grace to take up our cross and follow him.

Leader: He had no form or comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

People: **Lead us in his footsteps and change us into his likeness.**

Leader: He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows.

People: **Humble us, that we may be exalted.**

Leader: They gave him gall to eat, and when he was thirsty they gave him vinegar to drink.

People: **Steel us to wait for the glory to be revealed.**

Leader: With him they crucified two criminals, and the scripture was fulfilled which says, He was numbered with the transgressors.

People: **Teach us not to hide ourselves from our own flesh.**

Leader: He said to the company of women that followed him, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”

People: **Constrain us to mourn the sins of which we are guilty.**

Leader: When he had received the vinegar he said, ‘It is finished’, and then, crying with a loud voice, he said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

People: **Grant us to die daily to sin.**

Celebrant: We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The people sit.

THE OFFERTORY



Your offering gifts may be placed in the offering plate on the center aisle at the back of the Sanctuary. All are also invited to support Grace Church's ministry of sharing God's love with the world by scanning this QR code. It takes you right to the Grace Church PayPal donation page. You may also contribute through our website at gracedc.org/give-to-grace, and through your regular contributions in-person or by mail.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Communion @ Grace

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be distributed by the priest and communion minister standing below the altar steps, center aisle. Please approach the priest by the center aisle. The priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten free wafers are available by request. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your torso for the priest to bless you. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Lyrics:

Pie Jesu Domine,

Dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.

Translation:

Merciful Jesus,

Grant them everlasting rest.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

All stand as they are able.

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues...

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 S 130

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Spoken at 8:30 a.m. service. Sung at 10:30 a.m. – Celebrant and People:

Music notation for the Sanctus hymn, composed by Franz Schubert. The music is in G minor, 2/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are: "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and".

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, heav - en and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



The Celebrant continues...

Holy and gracious God: 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 Parent of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his birth, life, 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 God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

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

All: 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.

COMMUNION HYMN H439 *What Wondrous Love is This*

10:30 a.m. service only.

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.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say the following Invitation:

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

The people may be seated. The ministers deliver the Sacrament to the people.

The following hymn is played during Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Chorale Prelude on
“What Wondrous Love is This”
David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

All kneeling as able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: 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.

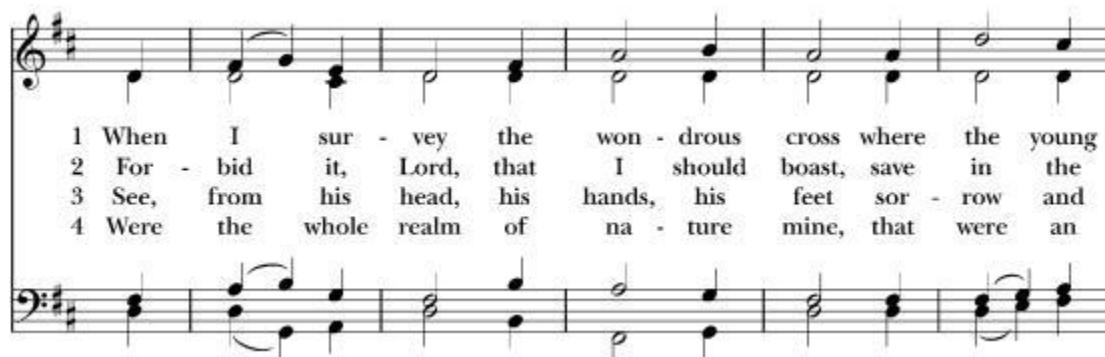
THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN H474 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

10:30 a.m. service only.



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. The music is in G major, common time. The vocal line is in soprano range, with a bass line providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each starting with a number (1, 2, 3, 4) and followed by a line of text. The music consists of two staves: a treble staff for the vocal and a bass staff for the organ or piano accompaniment.

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

O Sacred Head

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Announcements

Thank you to all who participated in the service today:

First Lesson: Christine Oblitas

Psalm: Scott Shaughnessy

Second Lesson: Reg Burner

Prayers of the People: Beth Lee

Communion Minister: Sally Stanfield

Server: Elena Valdez Torres

Greeter: Doreen Burner

Broadcast Technician:

Lauren Gonzalez Torres

Coffee Hour Host: Helen Buhr

Vestry Member in Charge:

Mary Ann Ruehling (8:30)

& Sarah Haft (10:30)

Choir: Darcy Bacon, Sarah Haft, Beth Lee, Marian Wentworth, Diana Martin, Mary Ann Ruehling, Frank Burgess, & Jim Cobey

Childcare is accessed by the stairway to the left of the altar or out the front door and in through the adjacent gray door to the right.

Thank you to all who participated in the gospel reading.

Narrator: Catherine Aselford

Jesus: Terence Aselford

Judas: Beth Lee

Peter: Reg Burner

Pilate: Scott Shaughnessy

Servant Girl/Pilate's Wife: Christine Oblitas

High Priest/ Bystander/ Centurion:

Wally Valdez

Today

Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 2, 2023

- Holy Eucharist, contemplative – 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Sunday Cool – 9:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Adult Forum – 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & live streamed
- Coffee Hour – after 10:30 service
- Childcare available 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. downstairs in the library

Upcoming

Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 6, 2023

- Service will be held at St. John's, Georgetown, at 7:00 PM
 - 3240 O St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Good Friday – Friday, April 7, 2023

- Good Friday Liturgy – 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- The Good Friday service will **NOT** be livestreamed.

Holy Saturday – Saturday, April 8, 2023

- Service will be held at Christ Church, Georgetown, at 8:00 PM
 - 3116 O St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 9, 2023

- Holy Eucharist, contemplative – 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Sunday Cool – 9:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Adult Forum – 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & live streamed
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News/Updates

Grace Church's Holy Week Schedule:

April 2 - Grace Church - The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

April 6 - St. John's, Georgetown - Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

April 7 - Grace Church - Good Friday

7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

April 8 - Christ Church, Georgetown - Holy Saturday

8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

April 9 - Grace Church - The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Office Hours

The church office will be CLOSED Monday, April 10th.

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 1-5 p.m. (The rector's regular day off is Friday)

Easter Flower Donations

Please consider making a contribution to help decorate the church for this joyous day. Flowers at the altar and potted plants around the church are in the plan - your donation would be most welcome! Send a check to Grace marked Easter Flowers.

Please send questions to Helen Buhr at helen.j.buhr@gmail.com

Adult Forum Update: April Break

Adult Forum will be observing a break for the month of April. Meetings will resume in May. Stay tuned for more information!

Ongoing

Friends of Grace Gala, April 16th, 5-8 P.M.

Tickets now available for purchase on the Grace's Gala page of our website!



Let's don our "masks" for a masquerade party! Please join us as we bring back the Friends of Grace Gala to support the Saving Grace Fund. The Saving Grace Fund benefits maintenance and improvements to Grace Church. Let's celebrate getting together again! Masks optional masquerade masks greatly encouraged (there might even be a prize for most spectacular mask).

Grace's Gala Web Page

Grace's Table / Saturdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Grace's Table is a Saturday morning feeding ministry for the unhoused and those living on the margins. We are so grateful to be back in full swing, migrating from bag lunches to once again providing a hot meal (entrée, salad, bread and dessert) and a sense of community, warmth and safety for our Saturday congregation. We have a large group of regulars eager to engage in conversation with each other and with us. We hope to be able to reinstate regular bible study in the coming months. None of this is possible without the support of at least 6 volunteers each Saturday.

Please consider joining us to provide some portion of the meal or to help serve and assist with set up and clean up. The larger the pool, the more widely we can distribute opportunities both to contribute food and to serve. We also need to expand the leadership team to share responsibilities more broadly.

Come join us! Please contact Beth Lee at gracestable@gracedc.org for more information or to volunteer.

Volunteer Opportunities

Readers – Eucharistic Ministers – Broadcast Technicians – Coffee Hour Hosts. Contact Helen Buhr, at helen.buhr@gracedc.org.

Pastoral Care

This committee prays for members and friends, especially those feeling alone, even bereft. Email office@gracedc.org to let Lenore Reid or Sally Avignone, committee co-chairs, know if someone needs a check-in, a listening ear, or special prayers. The committee also enjoys their continuing ministry of delivering meals to families with newborns! If you have news, announcements, or updates you would like included in our weekly announcements, please email office@gracedc.org.

Virtual Gatherings Calendar

Sundays - Christian Education: Sunday Cool for children and youth 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays - Centering Prayer 12:15 p.m. (Questions? Email helen.buhr@gracedc.org)

(NOTE: Email office@gracedc.org to receive zoom links. All Sunday services will be in person. The 10:30 am service will also be live streamed when trained technical personnel are available. The service can be viewed on [Grace's YouTube Channel](#). Search for Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown Washington, DC and subscribe to our channel.)

Beyond the Gates of Grace

Paradisum: Duruflé and Poulenc @ The National Cathedral

Sunday, April 2nd @ 4:00 PM



Paradisum Concert Tickets

Join us on Palm Sunday as we journey toward Christ's crucifixion and resurrection with two of Paris's greatest 20th-century composers, Francis Poulenc and Maurice Duruflé. Immerse yourself in the passion and inspiration of Poulenc's penitential motets and the orchestral technicolor of his *Tenebrae* responsories; revel in Duruflé's explorations of Gregorian chant and his famous, breathtaking *Requiem*.

SAVE THE DATE: National Cathedral's Annual Flower Market

All Hallows Guild has hosted Flower Mart since 1939. Flower Mart is our largest annual fundraiser for the Cathedral's gardens and grounds. We look forward to seeing you on the Cathedral grounds for the 84th Flower Mart.

Friday, May 5th from 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday, May 6th from 10 am - 5 pm.

Our 2023 theme is "A New Beginning".

SAVE THE DATE: 20th Annual Georgetown French Market

This open-air market, hosted by Georgetown BID, will be held on Wisconsin Ave from O St. to Reservoir Rd. They will offer music, food, art work, and activities for families and kids. Stay tuned for more information about participating stores and restaurants.

Friday, April 28th, 10 AM - 5 PM

Saturday, April 29th, 10 AM - 5 PM

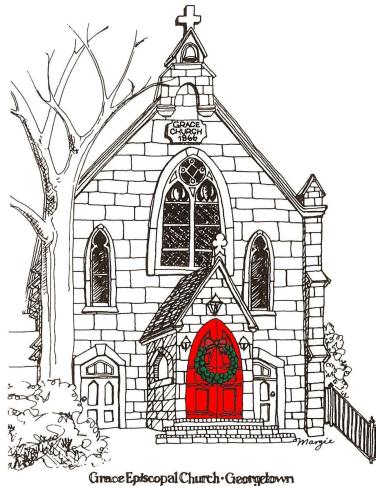
Sunday, April 30th, 12 PM - 5 PM

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