

# St. Peter's Church

# IN THE GREAT VALLEY



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**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 28, 2021— 10:00 AM**

*Welcome! We are so glad that you are joining us in person and virtually this morning. Corporate worship is important to us. In this leaflet the words to be said by all are **bolded**.*



## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

### **PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28:**

8:00 a.m.    Palm Sunday liturgy and Passion in the historic church  
10:00 a.m.    Palm Sunday liturgy and Passion – in the barn or via Facebook Live\*  
11:00 a.m.    Coffee Hour – Via Zoom  
4:00 p.m.    Lessons and Anthems – Via Facebook Live

### **MONDAY, MARCH 29:**

12:00 p.m.    Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 30:**

12:00 p.m.    Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31:**

12:00 p.m.    Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1:**

10:30 a.m.    Prayer Group – Via Zoom  
12:00 p.m.    Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live  
7:30 p.m.    Maundy Thursday liturgy – in the barn or Via Facebook Live  
9:00 p.m.    Watch through the night – in the historic church or individual homes

### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2:**

8:00 a.m.    Gathering of Men – Via Zoom  
12:00 p.m.    Good Friday liturgy – in the historic church or Via Facebook Live  
7:30 p.m.    Stations of the Cross – in the barn

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 3:**

10:00 a.m.    Needlework Group

### **EASTER DAY, APRIL 4:**

6:00 a.m.    The Great Vigil of Easter – under the tent, weather permitting  
10:00 a.m.    Festive Easter Eucharist – tent, weather permitting or via Facebook premiere

\* all services Via Facebook live can also be viewed on YouTube or our website stpetersgv.org  
Please note that Monday Bible Study at Echo Lake and Wednesday Bible Study are on recess for Holy Week

# THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

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

## The Blessing of the Palms

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

## Hymn 154 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*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 WORD OF GOD

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

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

*Presider* 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 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

*In te, Domine, speravi*

Have      mer - cy on me, O      God.

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.

[Antiphon]

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.

[Antiphon]

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.

[Antiphon]

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."

[Antiphon]

## The Epistle

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel

*Mark 11:1-11*

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told

them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

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

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend Christopher W. Exley

## The Prayers of the People

*Leader* Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray, saying: Lord, receive our prayer.

That we may receive and share the word of God as true disciples, we pray:

*People* **Lord, receive our prayer.**

*Leader* That all the ends of the earth receive the words of the king of peace, we pray:

*People* **Lord, receive our prayer.**

*Leader* That all leaders of church and of state prefer humble service to empty power, we pray:

*People* **Lord, receive our prayer**

*Leader* That those who see the cross starkly revealed in their lives draw strength from the name above every other name, we pray:

*People* **Lord, receive our prayer**

*Leader* That we who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again will be ready and joyful, we pray:

*People* **Lord, receive our prayer**

*Leader* For those who are sick or in any kind of need, particularly at this time of pandemic in our world, those on our parish prayer list and for those who have died,

especially Louis Martin Collins and Bert Martin Collins, for whom our altar memorials are given, that they may be at peace, we pray:

*People* **Lord, receive our prayer**

*Leader* God our Creator, you show your sons and daughters the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your Son Jesus Christ. We ask you to hear us, and if it pleases you, to grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## Welcome and Announcements



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*In order to keep everyone safe, only the bread will be distributed.*

*If you are worshipping from home, you may come to the bank barn following the livestream to receive communion.*

*Individual hosts will be in cups on the altar and you are welcome to stay and pray.*

*Please wear a mask and remove it only to consume.*

## The Anthem

*Tenebrae factae sunt*

Tenebrae factae sunt, dum  
crucifixissent Jesum Judaei:  
et circa horam nonam  
exclamavit Jesus voce magna:  
Deus meus, ut quid me dereliquisti?  
Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum.  
Exclamans Jesus voce magna ait: Pater, in  
manus tuas commendo spiritum meum.  
Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum.

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

*Darkness fell when the Jews  
crucified Jesus:  
and about the ninth hour  
Jesus cried with a loud voice:  
My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?  
And he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.  
Jesus cried with a loud voice and said, Father,  
into thy hands I commend my spirit.  
And he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*People* **It is right to give God 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.

*Here, a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays as appointed.*

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:

*Presider 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.**

*Then the Presider 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

## Hymnal S-158 *Agnus Dei*

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*As a reminder, please remain at your place, the Presider will come to you with communion.*

*While the celebrant is distributing communion to those in attendance, the following prayer for spiritual communion will be offered for those who are unable to receive. Please pray along with the Presider.*

## **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Presider and People*

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

## **Solemn Prayer over the People**

*The Presider prays over the People.*

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

*People*

**Amen.**

Hymn 158 *Ab, holy Jesus*

*Herzliebster Jesu*

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.



# THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK

*The congregation remains seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts with the congregation taking the role of the crowd and led by a narrator who begins by saying:*

*Narrator:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

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

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

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

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

*Narrator:* And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

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

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

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

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

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

*Jesus:* "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He

will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

*Narrator:* So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

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

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

*Disciples* "Surely, not I?"

*Narrator:* He said to them,

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

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

*Jesus:* "Take; this is my body."

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

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

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

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

*Narrator:* Peter said to him,

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

*Narrator:* Jesus said to him,

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

*Narrator:* But he said vehemently,

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

*Narrator:* And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

*Jesus:* "Sit here while I pray."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Judas:* "Rabbi!"

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

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

*Narrator:* All of them deserted him and fled.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Narrator:* Jesus said,

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

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

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

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

*Accusers:* "Prophesy!"

*Narrator:* The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

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

*Narrator:* But he denied it, saying,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Narrator:* And he broke down and wept.]

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

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

*Narrator:* He answered him,

*Jesus:* "You say so."

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

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

*Narrator:* But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

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

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

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

*Narrator:* They shouted back,

*Crowd:* "Crucify him!"

*Narrator:* Pilate asked them,

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

*Narrator:* But they shouted all the more,

*Crowd:* "Crucify him!"

*Narrator:* So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Jesus:* "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

*Narrator:* which means,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world.*

*Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace.*

# Please join us for Holy Week and Easter at St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley

Palm Sunday, March 28	4:00 p.m. Lessons and Anthems via Facebook, website, YouTube
Maundy Thursday, April 1	7:30 p.m. liturgy in the barn and via Facebook, website, YouTube
Watch	9:00 p.m. Thursday - 12:00 p.m. Friday in the historic church
Good Friday, April 2	12:00 p.m. liturgy in the historic church and via Facebook, website
The Great Vigil of Easter	6:00 a.m. outside, weather permitting
Festive Easter Eucahrist	10:00 a.m. outside, weather permitting and via Facebook, website, YouTube

*Please follow the link in keynotes or phone the parish office at 610-644-2261 to sign up for in person worship.  
All are welcome.*

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**Passion Readers:** The Houston and Hacker Families, Steve Ockenden  
**Altar Guild:** Katharine Campbell  
**Flower Guild:** Linda Huggler and Ginger Dagit

**Intercessor:** Sarah Tellefsen  
**Reader:** Steve Mark  
**Ushers:** Steve Ockenden and Roger Tellefsen

*Thank you to Mark Clark and Liam Reid for assistance with live-streaming.  
Thank you to Michael Trycieckyj for making it possible to hear our choir singing together even when they are in their separate homes.*

## THE VESTRY

**Rector's Warden:** Eileen Klein  
**Vestry Warden:** David Graves

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Don Cheetham  
Doug Jones  
Eileen Klein  
Charlotte Tellefsen

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David Graves  
Linda Holden  
Cathy Terlescki  
Laurel Veitch

**Secretary:** Susy Baum  
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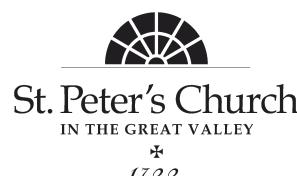
**Youth Representative:** Honor Nestlehutt

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## ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IN PERSON WORSHIP** Bishop Gutiérrez has moved the diocese to modified phase 2. At St. Peter's this means that we have returned to in-person worship on a sign up basis at 8:00 a.m. in the historic church and 10:00 a.m. in the bank barn. All pandemic related procedures will be followed including mask wearing and distancing. You may sign up using this link [St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley Registration Form \(reopen.church\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4EACA62EA1FE3-maundy) The 10:00 a.m. service will continue to be live-streamed, as usual. Thank you!

**PALMS AVAILABLE** Following the 10:00 a.m. service, and while communion is available, you may come to the Barn and pick up Palm branches. You may spend some more time in prayer if you wish. The doors will remain open, please wear a mask and maintain any physical distancing necessary. Friendly signs will remind you of all Covid protocols.

**RECEIVING COMMUNION** One of the clergy will remain in the barn until 12:30 p.m. so that after you have finished watching the livestream of the service you may come to receive the consecrated bread. The host will be in an individual cup on the Altar. Come, offer prayer, retrieve your communion and consume. You may spend some more time in prayer if you wish. The doors will remain open, please wear a mask and maintain any physical distancing necessary. Friendly signs will remind you of all Covid protocols.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** We have added the prayer for Spiritual Communion during the 10:00 a.m. service which will be said during the distribution of communion for those who are only able to be with us through the Livestream of the service. The prayer for Spiritual Communion is an additional way to completely connect the body of Christ together when it is impossible for all of us to join together. If you have questions, please reach out to Abigail ([abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org)) or Chris ([chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org))

**LIVE STREAMING UPDATE** We are keenly aware that many people do not wish to use Facebook to stream our worship services. Thankfully, the software that streams our service can output to more than one place at the same time. We are now sending our livestream to both Facebook and YouTube each week. For those who watch on Facebook, nothing will change. Our website feed will now come from YouTube. You can also go to our YouTube channel directly to see the service. Our YouTube channel is available here: [St. Peter's in the Great Valley - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/@stpetersgv). If you have any problems using the YouTube channel for viewing, please contact Chris at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org).

**SUNDAY NEEDS - USHERS AND READERS** We are moving toward expanding our numbers for in-person worship, according to diocesan guidelines. In order to do this we must increase our usher and reader ranks. To volunteer, please contact Sarah Tellefsen. Her contact information is in the parish directory. Thank you!

**COFFEE HOUR** Please join us for a time of fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. service. The link will be in Keynotes, or the comments section of Facebook Live service. We look forward to seeing you!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT** We are grateful for all who have made on-going or one-time donations to support the ministry of St. Peter's. Your kind gifts may be mailed to the parish office or you can give electronically, via our PayPal account. Click [HERE](#) to make a one-time donation. You will also have the opportunity to make these donations recur every month. Again, thank you for your support.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY and GOOD FRIDAY WATCH:** Parishioners will have the opportunity to keep watch at the altar of repose set in the historic church following the Maundy Thursday liturgy. The watch will continue until noon on Good Friday. Please volunteer to participate in this watch when you will have a full hour for quiet, prayer and meditation. In order to maintain safety only one person or one family group may be scheduled for each hour. Wearing a mask will be required. Those who prefer may keep watch from their home. A choir member will be in the church throughout the full evening and night to provide security. Sign-up is provided <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4EACA62EA1FE3-maundy>.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT** Our nominating committee (retiring vestrypersons Don Cheetham, Doug Jones, Eileen Klein, and Charlotte Tellefsen and at-large members Jenny Disque, Trudi Graves, Shannon Mannon, and Luci Russell) has proposed the following slate to serve as the vestry class of 2024: Philip Cauffman, Kate

Mallon-Day, Steve Ockenden, and Luci Russell. Please look forward to learning more about these members through their biographies in the April Beacon. The annual parish meeting will take place on May 2.

**DARBY MISSION** Thank you to all of you who have filled over 30 grocery bags with non-perishable foods that will be distributed to Darby Mission families for their Easter dinners. We will complete each bag with a chicken, an Easter flower and a card. We will deliver these bags to Darby Mission on Good Friday. Please contact Holly Hardester (484-319-6323) or Cathy Terlescki (610-805-6864) if you need assistance or have questions. THANK YOU ALL!

**LIVE-STREAMING CREW** Interested in learning something new? We are putting together a team of people to assist with live-streaming on Sunday mornings. This is a pleasant and essential task and training will be joyfully offered. Please contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) if you would like to join the team. Thank you!

**FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE** Thank you for your food generosity to our various local ministry partners. Our friends in Phoenixville and Coatesville are very appreciative of your outpouring of support! For the months of February and March our porch collection will be delivered to Alianzas, a diverse Latino community support located in Phoenixville. They welcome rice and beans, pasta (especially spaghetti) and tomato sauce and tortillas (both corn and flour). For questions or to volunteer to deliver, please contact Eileen Klein. She is listed in the directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information. Thank you for your continuing support.

**NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY COMFORT AVAILABLE** Do you know someone who is struggling due to illness or grief or could simply use encouragement? The Needlework Ministry has created items to meet those needs. You can request a prayer shawl or lap blanket for someone who is ill in almost any weight or color. If someone has lost hair due to chemo treatments, we have prepared chemo caps too. Or a simple prayer square can be sent. If you wish to support someone in this way, please contact Gail Malcolm. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

**PRAYER LISTS** Because our leaflets are now on a public platform each week, they do not include the parish prayer list, however we are happy to share it with you at your request. Please call the church office at 610-644-2261 to arrange to receive one. Thank you.

**ATWATER WALKS** Join Abigail on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a 45-60 minute walk through the neighborhood adjacent to St. Peter's, weather permitting of course. Limit of 4 people. Please contact Abigail directly if you wish to attend.

**BIBLE STUDY** will be on recess during Holy Week and will resume on April 7. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org) or Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) for the necessary details.

**PRAYER GROUP** Join us on Thursdays via Zoom. Please contact Chris for the link details at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org).

**THE GATHERING OF MEN** Please join Cliff Castle every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. All men in the parish are invited to this virtual morning gathering. If you would like to join this group, please contact Cliff to receive the zoom link. Cliff is listed in the parish directory or you may contact the parish office at 610-644-2261 for his information.

**PLEASE DRIVE GENTLY** One of the blessings of this pandemic time is that we are seeing a large, but safe, number of visitors on our beautiful church grounds. Many of them walk or jog over from Atwater. If you are driving on campus, please be especially careful, particularly at the turn in the exit road. Thank you!

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES** are available in the parish house for those who have requested envelopes. If you are not sure whether or not you have signed up to receive envelopes, please contact Mary Ann Tatum at [maryanntatum5@gmail.com](mailto:maryanntatum5@gmail.com). If you wish to make a pledge, you may do so online at [stpetersgv.org](http://stpetersgv.org) or you may phone the parish office to receive a pledge card. Thank you!