

*Palm Sunday*



**April 14, 2019**

**Note:** The 10:30 a.m. service will begin at 10:15a.m. in the Auditorium, and move into the Church Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. for the main part of the service.

# **Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church**

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**The Liturgy of the Palms**

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**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

**\*The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 19:28-40**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God*

- 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.

## **The Children's Homily**

### **\* 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.*

### **The Blessing of Palms**

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

People: *Hosanna in the highest.*

(Those gathered in the Auditorium will now grab a palm branch and join in the parade.)

### **\* The Procession**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

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

### **\* Hymn 154**

*All glory, laud and honor*

Refrain: *All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!*

*To whom the lips of children make sweet hosannas ring.*

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son.  
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)
2. The company of angels is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)
4. To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)
5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)



### **\*The Word of God**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures forever.*

### **\* The 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.

## **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

**50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God*

## **Psalm 31: 9-16**

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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."

## **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

**2:5-11**

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

every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God*

(The Rector will invite those who wish to proceed to Children's Church to do so)

**Anthem: Introit**

*Bradley Ellingboe*

A hymn befits thee, O God in Zion and to Thee we offer a vow in Jerusalem. Grant them eternal rest, Lord of hosts, we pray to Thee and light perpetual shine upon them. To Thee all flesh shall come O Lord, I pray Thee, hear my prayer! To Thee, O Lord, all flesh shall come. I pray, Thee, Lord, hear my prayer unto Thee.

**Insert The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

The Homily – The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman, Rector

Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People

The Confession and Absolution 393

\* The Peace & Announcements

**The Holy Communion**

*Offertory Anthem: Kyrie*

*Bradley Ellingboe*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

\*380 *Praise God from whom all blessing flow (verse 3)*

\* The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B 367

The Prayer Continues (kneel) 363

The Lord's Prayer 364

The Breaking of the Bread 364

Children return from Children's Chapel and Nursery

The Communion of the People

*Communion Anthem: Agnus dei*

*Bradley Ellingboe*

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

\*S158 *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving 365

\*474 *When I surveyed the wondrous cross*

\* The Benediction and Dismissal (Response: Thanks be to God.)

**Choral Postlude:**

*Elegy*

*Bradley Ellingboe*

Light eternal, Lord, shine upon them. Lord our God, and with thy blessed saints forever, for thy mercy's sake, O Lord. Grant them eternal rest, Lord of hosts, we pray to Thee and perpetual light shine upon them. Requiem.

## **WELCOME TO ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!**

**Visitors and New Members:** Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to fill out a welcome card found on the back of each pew. We welcome all input, such as a request for a prayer, particular hymn, or more information about St. Christopher's. Please - let us know what you think!

**Nursery Care:** is available for infants and toddlers at the later service. Ask an usher or greeter for directions to the infant room.

**We invite all baptized persons of Christian faith to receive communion.** If you are not baptized, you are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail while crossing your arms over your chest. You will receive a blessing instead of bread, and the chalice will pass you by.

**For Those Who Need Assistance:** Communion can be brought to you at your seat – just let an usher know during the service; large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are also available (see an usher or greeter for assistance).

### **This Week We Are Praying For:**

**The Church:** Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan and Robert, our Bishops, for Peter our Rector, Brooks, our Joe, our Bookkeeper, and Trish our Pastoral Assistant this week.

**Our Government:** Donald our President, and Ralph our Governor.

**For those celebrating birthdays this month (but not read in church):**

Liz Zubritsky, Robert Flowe, Mary Johnson, Chris Medding, Joe Gabalski, Margaret Kirk, Katy Dunlap, Perry Kinnee, Katie Branch, Hank von Kolnitz, Dave Belisle, Ted Woodcock, Lynn Knox, Ralph Tomita, Johnathan Lytle, Marcello Meloni, Shannon Dickinson, Rosemary Henry, Peter Ackerman, Lillian Johnson, Lindsey Ritchie, Janet Quinn and Sue Mayo.

**The Sick, Suffering, and in Need** Lee Johnson, Tammy Flowe, Ruth York, Elaine Sevy, Janice Hagan, Barbara Milton, Marion Evans, Ginny and Fred Berg, Marguerite Wagner, Ralph Tomita, Jim Foster, Priscilla Greene, Virginia Cole, Molly Gray, Ted Woodcock, Elaine Apostles, John Wells, and L. B. Berg as well as those on our **March Parish Family Prayer List (names not read in the service):** George Von, Beryl Hamilton, The Eskilsons, Barbara CarballalJason, Faith, Caroline Knox, Garcia Graves, Jack, Pat Pung, Anne Bustion, Jonah

Havert, Sharon Wilson, Joe Hughes, Lynn Erbe, Joan Snyder, Catherine Cabot, Helen Yi, Golden Warfield, Ken Warfield, Hayden Shah, Kathy Little, Becky Calzada, Esther Bergum, Mae, Jack, June Shaw, Daniel Carr, Fritz Baldwin, Brad Penney, David and Stephen Penny, Helen Wagner, Cook Family, Alleman Family, Dawn, Bev Gilman, Matt Zeller, and Robin Courts.

**The Altar Greens** are given to the glory of God by the Flower Guild.

**The Sanctuary Candle** is given to the glory of God the Altar Guild.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Last Wednesday Evening Lent Series** is April 17<sup>th</sup> from **6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** The subject will cover **Mary Bea Sullivan's *Living the Way of Love: A 40-day Devotional***, presented by our Seminarian, The Reverend Brooks Boylan. Each session will include a light supper, the class, and concluding prayer.

**PYM Junior High Weekend** All 6th-8th graders are invited to join us and youth from across the Diocese at Shrine Mont May 10-12th! This fun weekend incorporates God, Fellowship and Fun!! **This event has been graciously sponsored by an anonymous donor, so there is no cost to send your child!** We would like to have registrations in by April 19th to benefit from an early registration discount though! Register your child by emailing Meredith Maple, Youth Minister, at [meredithmaple1@gmail.com](mailto:meredithmaple1@gmail.com)! **Please “register” with Meredith by April 17th!**

**Can you recommend an IT Network specialists?** If you have knowledge to install ports for routers and switches to support and maintain the office area networks, and or recommend a person or business, please email Nina Miller at [adminasst@saintchristophers.net](mailto:adminasst@saintchristophers.net). Thank you in advance.

**Decorating the Church for Easter** The Flower guild members will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to decorate the church for Easter. Please bring a sandwich to eat and a treat to share with one another. We hope to have the decorations done and all areas cleaned up by 3:00p.m.

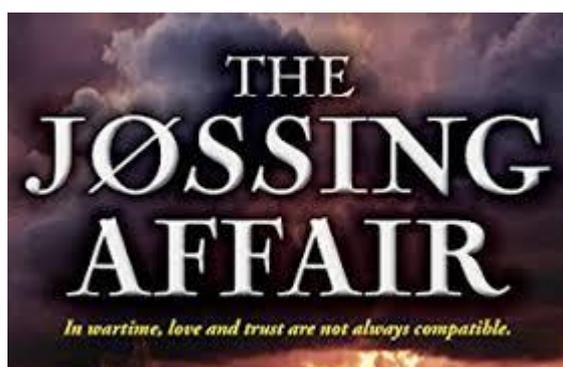


**St. Christopher's Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** Please join us for a good old fashioned Easter Egg Hunt prior to Easter Sunday Service on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The hunt is open to all children 12 and under and will start at 9:30 am. Light refreshments will follow.

**April 25<sup>th</sup> Feeding of the Homeless** Five days after Easter we will be preparing a hot meal to deliver to the homeless in Fairfax County. The Hypothermia Prevention Shelters have closed at the end of March, so all those guests of the shelters are back on the street. You can help show your Easter faith by helping to provide nourishing food:

We invite you to sign up to prepare food ahead of time, or come on the 25th and assist with cooking, packing bags, dishing up, loading coolers, or ride along and help distribute the meals. Please have all your food contributions at the main kitchen by 2:00 pm on the 25th so we will know if we need to make more.

An email will be sent out with the link for SignUp Genius. If you have never used SignUp Genius before, you will need to create an account so it can send you a reminder a day or two before. If all else fails, send an email to [jbush@nvcc.edu](mailto:jbush@nvcc.edu) and I can add you to the list myself. Thanks for showing Christ's love to those who have very little.



**Book Discussion Group** The book selected for May is *The Jøssing Affair* by J.L. Oakley. It is a riveting historical novel about the five-year Nazi occupation of Norway in WWII. Facilitator, Christine Meloni. More information will be forthcoming.

## Service Participants For Sunday, April 14, 2019

**7:30am**

Acolyte: Trish Taylor

Lector: Jim Hertsch

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Trish Taylor

**10:30am**

Acolyte(s): Creighton Dunlap

Lectors: Mary Andrews (L1), Mary Johnson (L2)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Brooks Boylan (PB), Chris Erbe (CB1), add (CB2)

Altar Guild: Katie Alleman and Alison Clardy

Flower Guild: Chriss Foster and Virginia Clark

Vestry Person of the Week: Marifran Bustion

Prayer Intercessor: N/A

Chapel Prayer Team: Trish Taylor and Jennifer Guernsey

Communion Bread Baker: N/A

Greeters: Chriss Foster and Virginia Clark

P.A.T. Minister (taking Eucharist to our parish's shut-ins): Trish Taylor

Refreshment & Fellowship: Heather and Jeff Baldwin

Tellers: Danny Gorham and Cathy Branch

Ushers: Team Bush

*\*if you are unable to serve, or a trade did not get posted, please let Fr. Peter know by Sunday morning (email/voicemail) and he will let the appropriate ministers know.*

**The Vestry of St. Christopher's: Senior Warden, Bob Hall, Jr. Warden, Katy Dunlap, Register, Liz Zubritsky, Parish Life Team Lead, Marifran Bustion, Service Team Lead, Trish Taylor, Education Team Lead, Cathy Branch, Evangelism Team Lead, Brent Guernsey, Building Lead, John Olsen, Financial Stewardship, Chris Erbe, Grounds Lead, Logan Foley, Worship, Bob Hall and Katy Dunlap working with Fr. Peter.**

**The Staff of St. Christopher's** The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman, Rector; Meredith Maple, Youth Minister; Nina Miller, Parish Administrator; Joe Bush, Bookkeeper; Joe Gabalski, Organist/Choir Director; Polly Colwell, Preschool Director

## Holy Week at St. Christopher's

### **Holy Monday, April 15**

### **Holy Tuesday, April 16**

### **Holy Wednesday, April 17**

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Maintenance in the Education Building/Basement – (There will be no Plumbing during these hours.)

6:15 p.m. The last of the Lenten Series - *Living the Way of Love: A 40-day Devotional*

### **Maundy Thursday, April 18**

9:30 a.m. Women's Discussion Group

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closed

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Foot Washing in the Church

### **Good Friday, April 19**

Church Office Closed

12:00 pm - Good Friday Service

1:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

### **Easter Saturday, April 20**

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Decorating the Church for Easter

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Clean Up

5:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil - The Congregation is invited to bring bells to ring.

8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

### **Sunday, April 21 – The Sunday of the Resurrection - EASTER DAY**

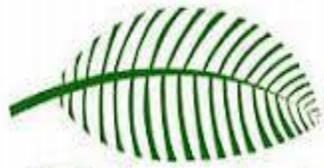
Please bring a flower for the flowering of the cross, a symbol of the life that God brought out of death.

7:30 am - Festive Holy Eucharist/Rite I with Choir

9:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am - Festive Holy Eucharist/Rite II with Brass, Bells and Choir, Children's Sermon, Sermon and Celebration (Nursery Provided)

**Monday, April 22** – The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Easter. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.



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