



Holy Trinity
Anglican Church



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

Gathering before the service:

For those who are able, please gather for the processional outside at the foot of the steps for the Liturgy of the Palms, weather permitting.

Priest: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel: Luke 19:29-40

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²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: We 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 hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. 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 with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Priest: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

*All: Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

All: In the Name of Christ. Amen.

*Refrain All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and Blessed One.*

*The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high
And mortal men and all
Things created make reply*

*The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present*

*To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise*

*Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the praise we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King*

Priest: ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,*

*All: that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.*

Priest: ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;*

All: the righteous shall enter through it.

Priest: ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me*

All: and have become my salvation.

Priest: ²² The stone that the builders rejected*

All: has become the cornerstone.

Priest: ²³ This is the LORD's doing;*

All: it is marvelous in our eyes.

Priest: ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;*

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Priest: ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!*

All: O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Priest: ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the LORD!*

All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Priest: ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.*

All: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

Priest: ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;*

All: you are my God; I will extol you.

Priest: ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;*

All: for his steadfast love endures forever!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself 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 come to 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.

Please be seated for the readings of the Holy Scripture. The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

Reader: ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

All: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Reader: ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, *

All: and by night, but I find no rest.

Reader: ³ Yet you are holy, *

All: enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Reader: ⁴ In you our fathers trusted; *

All: they trusted, and you delivered them.

Reader: ⁵ To you they cried and were rescued; *

All: in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Reader: ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, *

All: scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

Reader: ⁷ All who see me mock me; *

All: they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

Reader: ⁸“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;*

All: let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

Reader: ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;*

*All: you made me trust you at my mother's
 breasts.*

Reader: ¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth, *

*All: and from my mother's womb you have been
 my God.*

Reader: ¹¹ Be not far from me, *

All: for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
 Holy Spirit: *

*All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
 for ever. Amen.*

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

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⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Priest: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:1-49

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The Congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

**All stand at Luke 23:26, the arrival at Golgotha.*

¹ Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” ³ And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” ⁵ But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.” ⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him.

⁹ So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹² And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. ¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶ I will therefore punish and release him.” ¹⁸ But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— ¹⁹ a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰ Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹ but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²² A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” ²³ But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

^{*26} And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.

²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." ⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!”

⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

The Sermon: “*The King*”

The Rev. Matthew L. Rusch

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All:

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left
undone.*

*We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

*For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

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

All: And with your spirit.

The people stand and greet one another proclaiming to one another the peace of God that comes from Christ and Him crucified.

Blessing of the Children & Announcements

All pray together from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer page 667 #68 and say,

All: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless them and guide them, and keep them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalms 96:8

Offertory: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty (156)

Doxology

The Congregation stands for the Doxology.

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Sursum Corda

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

As we continue in prayer, you may sit, stand or kneel, as you prefer.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us.

In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Priest: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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

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

*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.*

The Prayer of Humble Access

*All: We do not presume to come to this your table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by
his body, and our souls washed through his most
precious blood, and that we may evermore
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. During Communion, the Congregation is invited to sing.

Communion Song 1: The Old Rugged Cross

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain*

*Chorus So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
 Till my trophies at last I lay down
 I will cling to the old rugged cross
 And exchange it some day for a crown*

*O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary*

*In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me*

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share*

Communion Song 2: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (644)

The Post Communion Prayer

After Holy Communion, the Priest and Congregation pray together:

All: *Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

Priest: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional: Lead On, O King Eternal (555)

Please stand for the recessional.

The Dismissal

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

All: *Thanks be to God!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FELLOWSHIP GROUPS ARE NOT MEETING ON EASTER SUNDAY.

Palm Sunday & Easter Eggstravaganza: Join us for fun and food after the service today.

Easter Lilies: Lilies are \$20 each. Please put your check in the offering plate and note “Flower Fund” on the memo line. If you wish to make a dedication, you can do so in the Flower Book, which is located in the fellowship hall.



HOLY WEEK

**Maundy Thursday ~ April 17 at 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service ~ April 18 at 12:00 noon**

**Easter Sunday Services
April 20 at 7 a.m. at the Florida Yacht Club
10:15 a.m. at Holy Trinity**

Noon: Come Wednesdays from 12-12:45 p.m. to enjoy a teaching followed by the Eucharist.

Fellowship Offerings

**Regular childcare is available from 10 a.m. until
noon, on the first floor of the education building for
Sunday services.**

Sunday Morning Groups starting at 9:15 a.m.

Will resume on April 27th

Rector's Forum: Father Matt is presenting teaching on 1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall.

Malachi: Followers of the Cross

Women's Study of Mark:

Join us each **Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m.** in the education building, second door on the right, for a woman's study on the Gospel of Mark, using Kay Arthur's book which is available at the class. Led by Kitsy Wedekind and Teresa Cooksey.

Wednesday Noon: Come Wednesdays from **12 to 12:45 p.m.** to enjoy a teaching followed by the Eucharist.

1 Corinthians: Every Wednesday Father Matt presents a teaching on 1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall beginning at **6 p.m. WILL NOT MEET ON APRIL 16.**

Ladies' Thursday Sewing Group:

**WE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 24,
DUE TO HOLY WEEK.**

We meet to make simple dresses and shorts for needy children. This year we will help with Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes and OKOA-US refuge in Africa. We gather to cut, sew, hem and do the finishing touches to make 300 dresses a year. Join us for fun and fellowship from 9-11:30 a.m. upstairs, in the education building. No sewing skills necessary.

Friday Men's Fellowship Group and Breakfast:

Currently we are studying *Exodus for You* by Tim Chester. Come for breakfast and discussion at **8:00 a.m.** each Friday in the **fellowship hall.**

Friday Young(ish) Men's Lunch:

We grow stronger in our faith together. Come join this lively men's community group as we discuss Sunday's sermon text. We meet at noon each Friday at the Falafel X Bar.

Youth Group: NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT OR ON EASTER SUNDAY.

Sunday School and Youth Classes: NO CLASSES FOR YOUTH OR CHILDREN TODAY OR EASTER SUNDAY.

VESTRY

Chris Yates	Jonathan Cox
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Charlie Radford	Sharon Vinyard
Suzanne Suttles	Lee Wedekind

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5	Debbie Croft
5	Charlotte Gaffney
7	Kelly Brustman
8	Louisa Cooper
13	Pat Carter
17	Jolita Brazzano
17	Nedward Howard
17	Nancy Nooney
22	Mark Simons
22	Bert Ralston
27	Michael Saunders
28	Sophia Marie Rodak

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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