



Palm Sunday
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

*Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday*

April 13th, 2025

8:30 and 10:30 Services

Reverend Daisy Colon, Celebrant

8:30 Service

Father Garry Edwards, Celebrant

10:30 Service

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation gathers in the churchyard near the main entrance to the church. The ministers take their places to the east and west of the entrance and the congregation is called to order by the peal of the church bell.

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service or after the prayer of blessing.

The service begins with this versicle and response.

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 LESSON: 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."

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

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.***

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

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.***

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung.

HYMN 154: "All glory, laud, and honor", sung at 8:30 and 10:30 services

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

AN ORDER FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 156: "Ride on! Ride on in
majesty!, sung at 10:30 service



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
 2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
 3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
 4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
 5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868); alt.

Music: The King's Majesty, Graham George (b. 1912)

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The Celebrant says to the people.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
Isaiah 53:6

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
 Amen.***

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

The celebrant then continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE: 1982 Hymnal #S91, said at 8:30, sung at 10:30

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The celebrant then continues.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY, please see insert

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a, please see insert

The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 31:9-16, please see insert, chanted at 10:30 service

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11, please see insert

The Word of the Lord.

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

HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #158 Ah Holy Jesus (All Verses Before Passion Reading) at 10:30 service

Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Members of the congregation are invited to be seated until asked to stand.

Homily

Father Garry Edwards

THE NICENE CREED

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made
of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.*

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and all our mind let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

Silence

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for
the salvation of our souls:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work
of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops and all ministers of God’s Word and Sacraments,
that they may be filled with truth and love and be found without
fault at the Lord’s coming:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of the nations for those in authority among us, that
they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all
peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labor in the cause of human liberation and fulfillment:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought or flood, and for a just and proper use of God's creation:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence may kept.

ALL: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13: 15, 16

OFFERTORY HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #458 My Song is Love Unknown (All Verses)

DOXOLOGY, verse 3 Hymn 380, said at 8:30, sung at 10:30

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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.***

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 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 S114 : “Holy, holy, holy”, said at 8:30, sung at 10:30

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(People may kneel or stand.)

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.

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 give 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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 many 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.***

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

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Said at 8:30 and 10:30

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

FRACTION ANTHEM S158: said at 8:30, sung at 10:30

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

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: *Jesu my God I thee adore, O make me love you more and more.*

At the Communion

- *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.*
- *All are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available. Indicate by crossing fingers.*

COMMUNION HYMN: COMMUNION HYMN: Baptist Hymnal 147 “And Can it Be (Amazing Love)”, on the following pages

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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; thought Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: Baptist Hymnal 147: And Can it Be (Amazing Love)

1. And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest
 2. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay, Fast bound in
 4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His
 in - fi - nite His grace; Emp - tied Him - self of all but
 sin and na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
 all in Him is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing
 love, And bled for Ad - am's help - less race; 'Tis mer - cy
 ray, I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; My chains fell
 Head, And clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap -

love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should
 all, im - mense and free; O praise my God, it
 off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and
 proach th'e - ter - nal throne, And claim the crown, thro'

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 MUSIC: Thomas Campbell, 1777-1844

SAGINA
 8.8.8.8.8.8. with Refrain

COMMUNION HYMN: Baptist Hymnal 147: And Can it Be (Amazing Love)

die for me?
reach - es me. A - maz - ing love! how can it
fol - lowed Thee. A - maz - ing love! How
Christ my own.

be That Thou, my God, should die for me!
can it be That Thou, my God,

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble clef staff with a vocal line and a bass clef staff with a piano accompaniment. The second system also has two staves: a treble clef staff with a vocal line and a bass clef staff with a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines.

CLOSING HYMN: “O Sacred Head”, on the following page

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

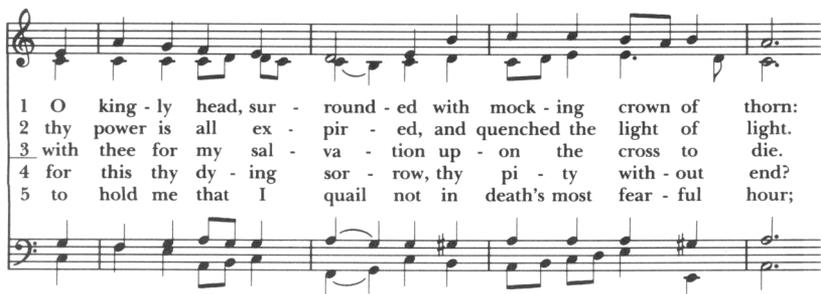
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

***The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.***

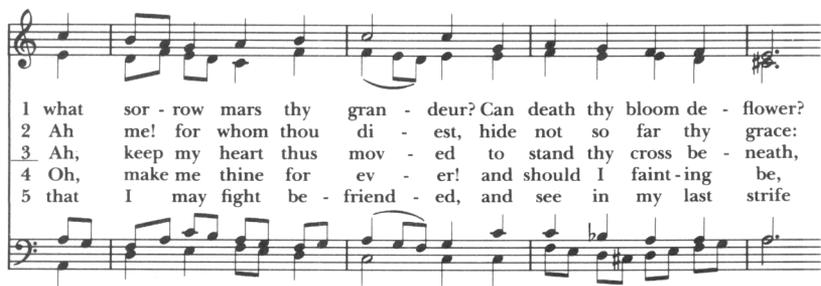
CLOSING HYMN: "O Sacred Head", CCLI #22036974.



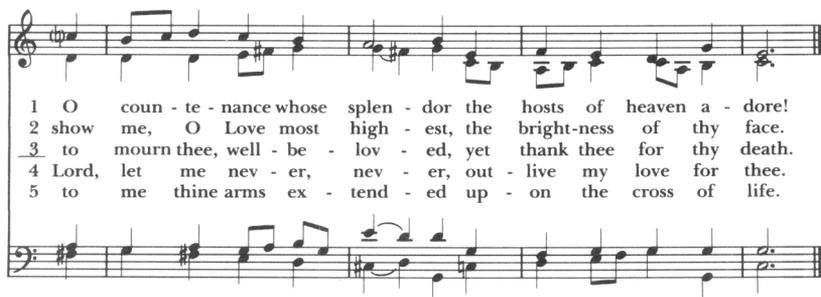
1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

St. Mark's Prayer List

We lift up the following in heartfelt prayer:

Marion Johannsson, Mary Zacharias, Beth Hunt, Marsha Phillips, Saunders Black, Iris Flamer, Martha Ann Springer, Barbara Osburn, Michael Marecheau, Paul and Michelle Cravetz, Harold Givens, Brian Paynter, Angela Worme, Michael Queen, Lisa Johnson, Debbie & Scott James, Jennifer Jago, Curtis Crawford, Kelly Jordan, Sheila Forbis, Brenda Duke, Lesli Kathman, Debbie Heggen, Maureen Pollard, John Osborne, Nancy Matthews, Margaret Hans, and Jerry Vanevenhoven.

We pray especially for the repose of the soul of Janet Silvernail.

We continue to pray for the success and growth of the following ministries La Escuelita San Marcos, Ranson Middle School, and Flyin' Lion Ministries.

We pray for those in our parish celebrating happy events: Brandon Kathman, Kay Knosby, Beth McCormick, Johanna Tatlow, James Wooley, and Justin Zinno.

Announcements April 13th, 2025

Lenten Stations of the Cross, Soup Supper– Join us every Wednesday during Lent in the Rafters at 6:30pm for stations of the cross followed by a light soup supper and discussion. We look forward to this fellowship during the Lenten season!

Interested in Supporting World Hunger Relief? - This summer, June 9th to 11th, Bread for the World is hosting their Advocacy Summit in D.C. again. Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. The summit will equip participants to become effective advocates through focused workshops in preparation to meet with our members of Congress about legislation that can help bring about the end of hunger. There will also be influential speakers, meaningful worship and fellowship as a faith-filled community. We hope to bring a group from St. Mark's this year. All ages welcome! If you are interested please let Brandy Saltzman know before Easter Sunday. brandysaltzman@stmarksnc.org

Interested in Serving on the Altar Guild?– Join us! The altar guild is looking for new members, especially those available to serve at the 10:30 service. Contact Fiona (febb1960@gmail.com) or Doreen (dmondlak32@gmail.com) if interested!

Flowering of the Cross– This Easter we will add flowers to a wooden cross to being the service. We welcome all to bring a few cut flowers to place on the cross before the service.



Easter Lily Donations

Due by Sunday April 13th

Donation is \$20.00 & will be used for decorating the church.

You can place your cash/check in the offering plate OR mail your donation to the church office OR use Realm. Please complete the bottom info & drop off or mail to the church office.

Your Name: _____

Your Phone #: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Donation type (***Circle One***): Cash or Check or Realm

DEDICATION (*please circle ONE of the following*)

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OR

b) in celebration of: _____

OR

c) in honor of: _____

OR

d) in thanksgiving for _____

OR



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

You are invited you to join us for Holy Week services at our church. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, and reflection.

Palm Sunday - April 13th

8:30am Service

10:30 am Service

Lenten Soup Supper- April 16th

6:30 Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday - April 17th

7:00pm Holy Eucharist & Washing of Feet

Good Friday - April 18th

12:00pm Stations of the Cross & Final Words

Holy Saturday - April 19th

10:00am Children's Service, Lunch, & Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday - April 20th

6:45am Sunrise Service

8:30am Service

10:30 Service

Giving Form



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