

*All Angels Episcopal Church*

*8:00 am and 10:00 am*



*March 29, 2026*

**Prelude**

*“Palm Sunday”*

arr. Tornquist / Larson

Bonnie Wolfgram, piano

**Liturgy of the Palms** (*in the Angel Fountain Courtyard*)

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

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

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.**

A reading from Matthew’s Gospel.

*Matthew 21:1-11*

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

*"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us go forth in peace.

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

*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 Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
 Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting 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 Lessons** *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons*

A Reading from Isaiah

*Isaiah 50:4-9 JPS Version*

The Lord GOD gave me a skilled tongue, to know how to speak timely words to the weary.

Morning by morning, He rouses, He rouses my ear to give heed like disciples.

The Lord GOD opened my ears. And I did not disobey, I did not run away.

I offered my back to the floggers. And my cheeks to those who tore out my hair.

I did not hide my face from insult and spittle.

But the Lord GOD will help me — therefore I feel no disgrace; Therefore I have set my face like flint. And I know I shall not be shamed.

My Vindicator is at hand — who dares contend with me?

Let us stand up together!

Who would be my opponent?

Let him approach me!

Lo, the Lord GOD will help me — who can get a verdict against me?  
They shall all wear out like a garment. The moth shall consume them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The psalm reading for this morning is from Psalm 31

*Ps 31:9-16*

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;

**my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.**

For my life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing;

**my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances;

**those who see me in the street flee from me.**

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I hear the whispering of many, fear is all around

**as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.**

But I trust in you, O Lord;

**I say, “You are my God.”**

My times are in your hand;

**deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

Let your face shine upon your servant;

**and in your loving-kindness save me.**

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians

*Phil 2:5-11*

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**

*Triumphal Entry*

by Michael Bedford

Handbell Choir

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew** *Matthew 27:11-54*

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that

it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping

watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

**Gradual Hymn**      *There is a Longing in Our Hearts*

*Refrain:*

**There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.**

**There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.**

3 For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.      *Refrain*

4 Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness.

We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.      *Refrain*

**The Sermon**

The Very Rev. David Marshall

**Musical Reflection**

*Arise, My Soul Arise*  
David Stasney, soloist

Dan Forrest

*The Nicene Creed and Confession are omitted on Palm Sunday*

**The Prayers of the People** (*Please stand or kneel or sit as you are able*)

Let us lift our hearts to God in prayer and adopt the same attitude of Christ.

When Christ found himself in the form of a human, **he humbled himself.**

Lord, we ask that you graft your humility in our minds so that we might be vessels of your humility and grace in our families and our community.

Bless us with humility. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though he was in the form of God,

**he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.**

We pray for our elected and appointed leaders that they will adopt the same attitude of Christ by working with a spirit of unity toward the common good in our communities and nation.

Bless all the leaders of every nation with humility. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ became obedient to the point of death, **even death on a cross.**

We pray for the Church, for all her many people and leaders. Make your Church an instrument of your peace so that we may serve others in His name.

Bless us with humility and peace. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ emptied himself **by taking the form of a servant.**

We pray for all who serve in our community. We pray for all nurses, physicians, laborers, servers, cashiers, and landscapers and especially for those with jobs that make our lives easier.

We pray for all those whose labor it is to serve and protect both here at home and around the world.

Bless all who serve with strength and peace. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God highly honored Jesus **and gave him a name above all names.**

In the name of Jesus, we pray with humility for all those in need, especially Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Caitlin, Victoria, Alice, Annette, Charles, Anne, Ellie, Patricia, Bob, Agie, Eric, Amy, Trude, Donna, Beverly, Carling, Carol, Rafaela and Ed.

We pray in Jesus' name for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Downs III, Lauren, Nancy, Shannon, Frank, Carmen, Zachary, Claudia, Will, Pete, Cara, Jennifer, Lauren, Melinda, Lindsay, Melissa, Kelly, Davidson, and Kelsey.

Be near to all who are in hospice care.

Give all those whom we hold in our hearts your light, humbleness and peace. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow **and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

We pray for all those whom we love but see no longer. *Silence*

We pray for all who grieve. And, we pray for all the saints who have carried the light of Christ from generation to generation.

**To the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us.

Open our ears to hear it, our voices to proclaim it, and use our hands to serve you.

This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Greetings, Announcements and Introductions**

**Offertory Anthem**

*What Wondrous Love is This*

John Dixon

Thank you for your offering to God through All Angels. If you would prefer to make an electronic offering, please scan the QR code.



**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 Holy Eucharist Prayer D**

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

**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 people stand, sit or kneel as they are able.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy universal and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

O Lamb of God, you away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

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.

## **Communion Hymn**

Bonnie Wolfgram

## **Prayer After Communion**

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.**

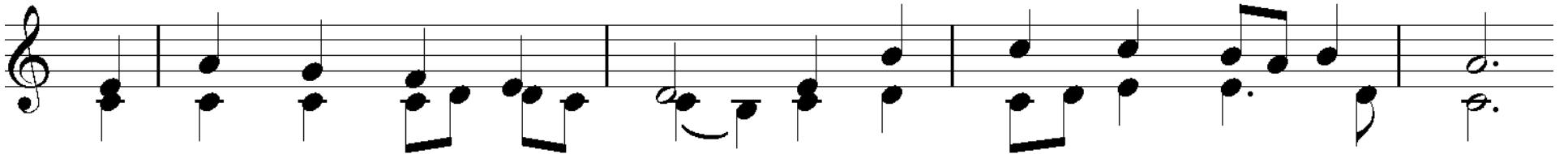
**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

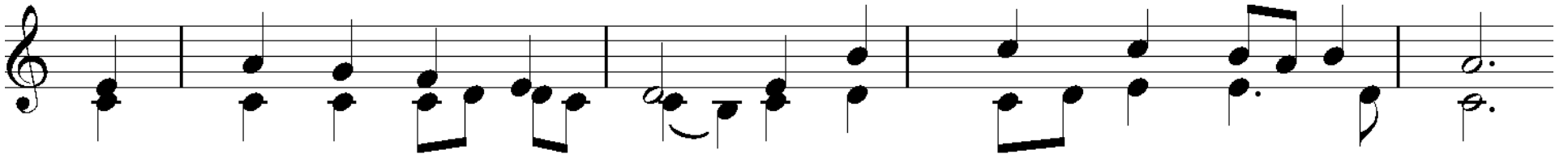
Bow your head before the Lord.

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind.

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. **Amen.**



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,



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.



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,



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.

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Passion Chorale*

arr. DL Stasney

**New to All Angels? Welcome! Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.**



## Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given by Fan Oleson to the glory of God  
 and in thanksgiving for all my All Angels friends.



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Our mission is to bring the living Christ to those  
 inside and outside the church.

## Today's presenters

### 8:00 am

BJ Bishop — Chalice  
Barbara Pickrell — Lector  
Bob Dixon — Prayers  
Dave Bishop — Usher

### 10:00 am

Larry Elder — Chalice  
Ed Upshaw — Lector  
Barbara Lelewski — Prayers  
Phil Deming, Cathie Wilt — Ushers  
Ethan Marshall — Acolyte  
Elijah Marshall — A/V tech  
Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host  
Barbara Lelewski — Altar Guild  
David Stasney — Flowers  
Phil Deming — Offering Counters  
Daphne Walker & Christina Swain — Coffee Hour

### Guest Musician

Bonnie Wolfgram, piano  
David Stasney — Organist  
The Rev. Dave Marshall  
The Rev. Fred Emrich

## Vestry

Cade Sibley  
Carol Erker  
Allen McGee  
David Bishop  
Hank Kochan  
Larry Elder  
Sandy Wood  
Reuben Fernandez  
*Senior Warden*  
Jeff Vaughn  
*Junior Warden*  
David Stasney  
*Music Director*  
Fr. Fred Emrich  
The Very Rev. David J. Marshall,  
*Rector*

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

### Maundy Thursday

4:00 pm

### Good Friday

noon

### Easter Sunday

8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Today is the last day to submit your Easter Flower Offerings.**

**Gallery Artist** Our featured artist through April is iconographer Christine Hales. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels.

Please check your weekly Tidings or the All Angels Website ([www.allangelslbk.org](http://www.allangelslbk.org)) for all other announcements

## **Reflection** *Egeria*

This Sunday is our annual celebration of the procession of palms and the reading of the passion. For some, it is their favorite service of the year. Participating in Palm Sunday helps make the wonders and alleluias of Easter more profound and joyful. Yet, if not for one woman in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, this tradition may have been lost.

Let me introduce you to Egeria. She went on a three-year religious tour from 381 to 384 and wrote extensively about her travels – postcards, a long letter, and a diary. No one really knows what city (or region) she departed from or where she returned (some argue Spain, others argue France). However, we do know that she wrote to her friends. She calls them “sisters” but don’t jump to the conclusion that they were family members or a monastic community. In the late 4<sup>th</sup> century, church members were referred to as “brothers and sisters” just like what we do today. Egeria could have been a part of a monastic community; but it would have been an unusually well-funded order. This author takes the opinion that she was wealthy and was writing to her home church about all the amazing sites and religious customs she observed.

Incidentally, my friend, Pastor Ken Blythe (St. Armands Lutheran), recently returned from guiding a group of pilgrims (ordained ministers) to religious sites in the Holy Land. Like Egeria, he wrote to me, and others, but it was through email and Facebook posts. Wherever Egeria was from, and whoever she was writing to, it is clear that religious tourism was popular in the 4<sup>th</sup> century and remains popular in the 21<sup>st</sup>.

The surviving letters, postcards and diary accounts offer detailed descriptions of biblical sites, monastic communities and liturgical practices in the Holy Land. Egeria’s reporting on what happened in Holy Week in Jerusalem influenced the Church and how we participate on Sunday. Here is what she wrote:

As the eleventh hour draws near ... all the children [gathered at the top of the Mount of Olives], including those who are not yet able to walk because they are too young and therefore are carried on their parents’ shoulders, all of them bear branches, some carrying palms, others, olive branches. And the bishop is led in the same manner as the Lord once was led. ... Everyone accompanies the bishop the whole way on foot, and this includes distinguished ladies and men of consequence.

Egeria also provides an eyewitness account to the practice of venerating the cross on Good Friday. She was awed by being present for worship on the very spot where Jesus had been crucified. A throne on Golgotha was set up for the bishop. A gilded silver casket, containing the sacred wood of the cross, was brought in and opened. The faithful approached, one by one, to bow down before the wood, some kiss it, and then move on. Her account details where the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands (it wasn’t there when she wrote).

I am thankful for Egeria’s writing and that it has survived to this day. If she had not taken this trip, and written about it, who knows what Palm Sunday would look like (or if we would even do it). By way of reflection, I don’t imagine she had any clue that her postcards to her church friends would have such an impact. Likewise, you will not know what impact your accounts of travel will have on those you love. Accordingly, for those who say, “what’s the point”, I’d like you to consider Egeria and the impact she had.

- Fr. Dave