

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



March 28, 2021 10:30 am

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our mission is to be a community of Christian worship, well-being and service. We will be worshipping outside as weather permits.

We hope you will experience God's own welcome in this place and through our online ministry. Worship and join us online at www.smcportsmouth.org or find us on Facebook @smcportsmouth

Notes about outdoor worship at St. Mary's

We are glad you are here today! If you are outside your car, please wear a mask and maintain a distance of 6 feet between you and anyone outside your family.

Should you require special assistance today, you will see various team members in blue vests who are glad to assist.

- Restrooms are available downstairs in the Parish House.
- Singing is not permitted because this may spread the virus. Dancing, humming and clapping are encouraged.

For Worship from your car:

- Please turn your radio to 88.7
- We ask that you remain in the car to maintain social distancing.
- Holy Communion will be brought to you. Please keep a mask on and wait until the minister is 6 feet away before consuming the sacrament.

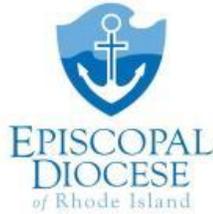
For Worship on the Lawn:

- A greeter will assign you a circle. Please remain in your circle until invited to come forward for Holy Communion. Keep 6' for social distancing as you walk and wait in line. Keep your mask on to receive and wait to return to your seat before consuming the sacrament.

For Worship from the Reserved Seating: (For those who need extra care and space.)

- Get on the list and we will save you a seat each week. Contact srwarden@smcportsmouth.org. Or you can find someone with a blue vest and they will get you a seat.
 - Holy Communion will be brought to you. Please keep a mask on and wait until the minister is 6 feet away before consuming the sacrament.

For information and announcements please go to our website: smcportsmouth.org, and read our weekly eNews, which arrives on Saturdays.



Covenant for Regathering

I promise, to the best of my ability with God's help, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Rhode Island and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, for participation in church as we regather during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304-305), I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself, I will...

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship by an assigned speaking part, and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting.
- Only attend worship if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another person also attending.
- Abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status.

Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household. ▪ Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, and disinfecting to ensure the safety and comfort level of others.

Seek and serve Christ in all people...

- Support the decisions of my diocesan and congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, mail, or other means

This is our expectation for all those who wish to worship with us in person. By participating in our worship, you assume responsibility for following the above.

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy of the Palms

All may stand as they are able.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant ✠ Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Opening Prayer

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.**

Holy Gospel Mark 11:1-11

Gospeller ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Blessing and Distribution 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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **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.

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 are 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 prayer 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)

Collect at the Entrance

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Word of God

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

First Reading: 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 my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that

I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16

**Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.**

**For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

**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.
I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

**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.
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.**

**My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All may be seated for the Passion.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Mark 14:32 - 15:39

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

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

At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all may stand as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all people everywhere.

The Leader offers prayers aloud, each followed by a period of silence.

When invited, the People may add their own prayers.

*The Leader then says, "We pray," and all respond: **Lord, hear our prayer.***

At the conclusion of the prayers, the Leader says,

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. George and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, whose Son humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

1. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ, our salvation and our hope.
Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life, who was broken to make us whole.
There is no greater love, as blessed as this: to lay down one's life for a friend.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.
2. Let us make our journey to the cross of Christ, who surrendered glory and grace
to become a servant of the great and small, that all people may know God's face.
Though his birth was divine, he knelt as a slave, to wash common dust from our feet.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.
3. Let us tell the story of the cross of Christ as we share this heavenly feast.
We become one body in the blood of Christ, from the great to the very least.
When we eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, we honor the death of the Lord.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.
4. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ who redeems us with his blood.
Let us tell the story of the cross of Christ and the pow'r of his saving love.
Like a lamb he was slain; he carried our shame, to show us the mercy of God.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.

The Holy Communion

If you would like to make an offering, please place it in one of the blue buckets.

The people may stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

The celebrant continues...

...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 and Benedictus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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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 celebrant continues...

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

The celebrant continues...

...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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction: S164

Hymnal 1982

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion Hymn: O Sacred Head Sore Wounded

Hymnal 1982 #168

O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long desired, hath vanished from our sight:
thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry.
with thee for my salvation up on the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath
to mourn thee, well beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.

Prayer after Communion

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; through Christ our Lord Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

All may bow as they are able.

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.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn: Were You There

Hymnal 1982 #172

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 6 p.m.

**Community Zoom Worship
Including a shared meal.**

Good Friday

April 2, Noon

Facebook live and recorded

Holy Saturday - Service of Light

April 3, 7:30 p.m.

Facebook live and recorded

Easter Sunday

April 4, 10:30 a.m.

**In person, outdoor worship
Reservations required**

The Worship Team

Musicians: Michael Templeton and Julie Zecher
Altar Guild: Sheila Benevides and Jennie Nestlerode
Lector and Intercessor: The Rev. Laura Palmer
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Steven Downing and Jennie Nestlerode

Passion Gospel Readers

Mary Lauzon, Anne Wood, The Rev. Laura Palmer, The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, Marlo Pratt,
David Brierley, Murry Edwards, Michael Templeton, Julie Zecher

Parking and Safety Team

George LeBlanc, Lynn Carlson LeBlanc,
Ray Edler, Harry Gustafson

Welcome Team

Murry Edwards, Lee Ferreira, Christine Cotsoridis
Tara and Gretchen Alaniz, Judy & Bill Hall, David Spengler

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