THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MARCH 29, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY



All Are Welcome Here

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ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Welcome Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack and then placing it in the alms basin during the offertory or handing it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red or black Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

<u>On this day, the people gather outside the front of the Parish Life Center.</u>

The Liturgy of the Palms Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 270

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.**
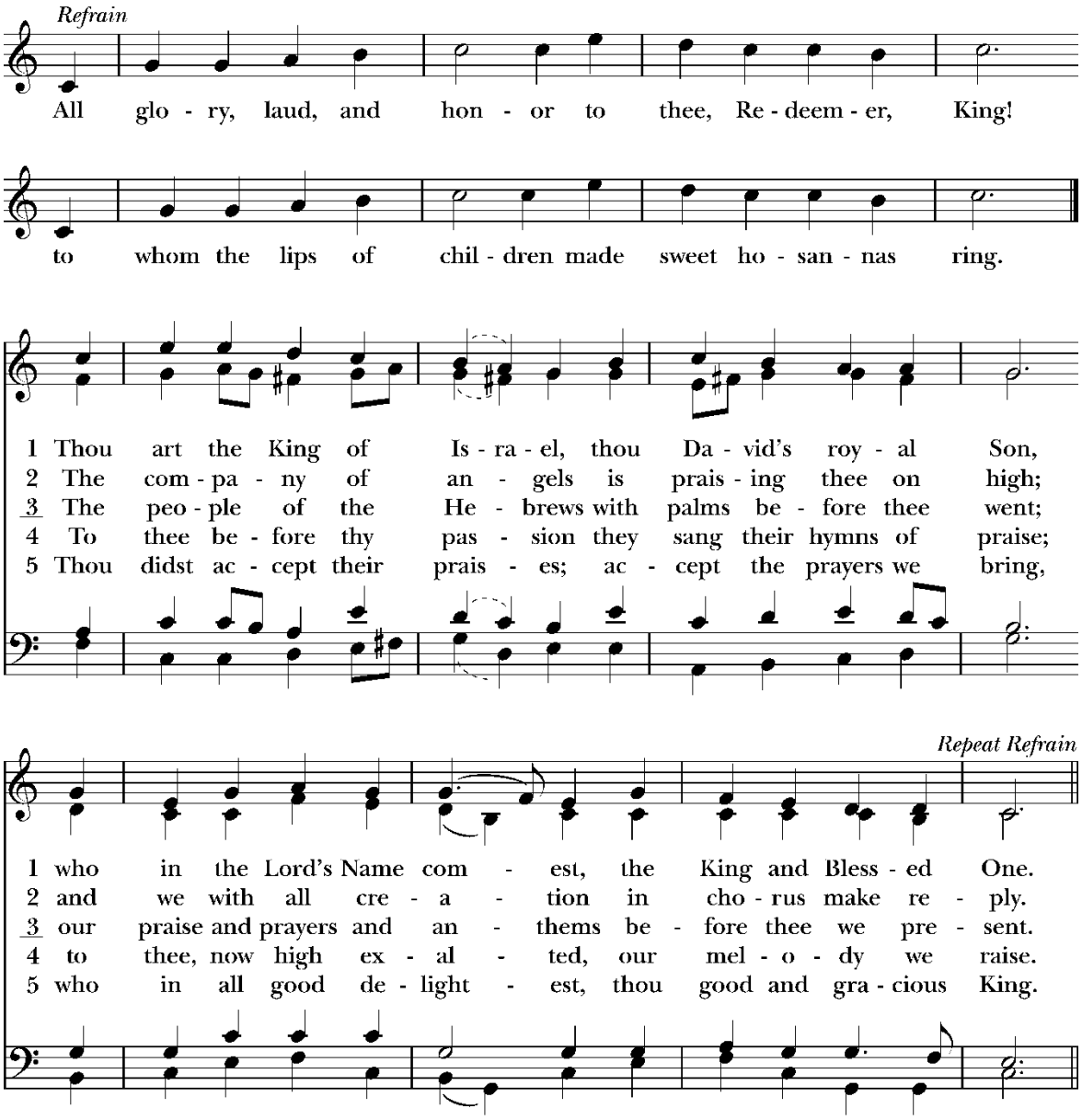
Blessing of the Palms BCP, p. 271

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 our 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.**
Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn: Hymnal 154, All glory, laud, and honor Valet will ich dir geben

During the handbell introduction to the hymn, the people process into the church behind the Chancel Choir. The people begin singing after the organ introduction.



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).

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 357

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.**

The Collect of the Kids & Invitation to Godly Play

Children ages 5 years old through 5th grade are invited to listen for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. They then depart for Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The Lesson **Philippians 2:5-11**

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 156, Ride on! ride on in majesty! The King's Majesty
Stanzas 1 and 5

The Gospel **Matthew 21:1-11**

Gospeler A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Reverend Justin Gabbard

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form I BCP, p. 383

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those on our parish Prayer List, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates — William Mathias

Chancel Choir

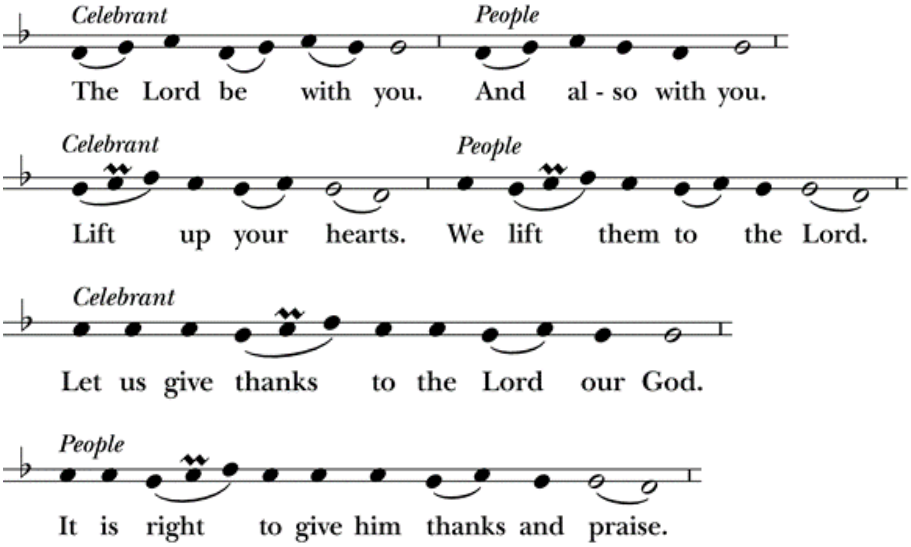
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.
-Psalm 24: 7-10

Presentation Hymn: Hymnal 143, The glory of these forty days — Erhalt uns, Herr

Stanza 5

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A — BCP, p. 361



Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…

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: Hymnal S 124, Holy, holy, holy Lord

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 Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 362 in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

The Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 160, Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Invitation and Communion

All are welcome to Holy Communion at God's table.

The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Kneeling is optional. If you would prefer to receive communion at your seat, please tell an usher.

- *To receive a gluten-free host, simply ask the deacon or priest.*
- *To receive the wine, feel free to sip from the chalice when it is offered to you or to intinct the host, carefully dipping your host into the wine.*
- *To receive a blessing, simply place your hands across your chest.*

Communion Hymn: Hymnal 458, My song is love unknown Love Unknown
Stanzas 1-3, 5, 7

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer Common Prayer, The Church of England

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of all,**
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Solemn Prayer and Blessing

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

With the people kneeling, the Celebrant continues:

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Passion Gospel **Matthew 27:11-54**

The people remain seated until noted below, and the customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

At the mention of the place called Golgotha, all rise in body or in spirit.

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.

Please stand, in body or in spirit.

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!"

There is no dismissal or closing voluntary today. We leave the church in silence.

Serving Today

Ushers	Peg Dorer and Harold Ramsey
Verger	Evan Meade
Acolytes	Juliet Gilbert, Arianna Zomorodi, and Benjamin Zomorodi
Lector	Jason Hingerton
Intercessor & Chalicists	Rob Robinson
Livestream and Sound	Noom Baggett and Sam DeShong
Altar Guild	David Roten, Caryl Fuller, Br. Paul Henry, Ellen McSorley, Caryn Meade, Molly Propst, and Lynn Wiss
Flower Guild	Lisa Jennings

Today's Palms

The palms on the altar are given to the glory of God by Darleen Johns
in loving memory of Robert E. Johns, Jr., and his son Robert E. (Robin) Johns, III.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Rock Kershaw; John Anthony Allen and Family; Bernadette Infante; Walter Wojtczak; Missy Takacs; Nicholas Smith; Peter Smith; Kent; Bob Kochersberger and Family; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; The Fyfe and Simon Families; The Pursley Family; the people of the Middle East; the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.

And we pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of Smith Lingerfelt, Paul Hoch, The Rev. Janet Watrous, Mary Best, A.B. Swindell, Peggy Hawks, Charles Latimer, Nolan Simon, and Karen Pursley.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Abundant Life, Greensboro; All Saints', Greensboro; and Church of the Holy Spirit, Greensboro.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

Please join us at 4 o'clock this afternoon for

The Seven Last Words of Christ

by

Franz Joseph Haydn

Presented by the Lyricosa Quartet



Christ on the Cross with Donors and Saints by Hieronymus Bosch

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday

8 AM Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:15 AM Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

4 PM Holy Week Concert

Monday-Friday

9 AM Morning Prayer

Holy Wednesday

12 Noon Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

7 PM Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

12 Noon Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday

7 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 AM Easter Egg Dash

10:15 Festival Eucharist, Rite II

11:30 AM Beyond Our Doors Neighborhood Lunch

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