

# The Sunday of the Passion

## *Palm Sunday*

**April 13, 2025**

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(in-person and live-streamed)



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**Welcome!** Guests, please sign the book in the front lobby. Fill out the new parishioner information sheet (in the lobby podium) to get name tags, receive weekly eNews or officially join the St. Mark's Family in Faith.

**Reserved Accessible Spaces:** There are three shorter pews, two in the north transept and one on the north side of the nave. Please only sit there or in the adjoining pews if you have assistive devices or need of extra space.

**Rest Rooms** are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp. More rest rooms are available on the second level of the Parish House, if you are able to use the stairs.

**Cell Phones:** We ask that you silence your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate.

## The St. Mark's Prayer List

Contact the church office to add names to the prayer list. Names may be removed after one month unless requested.

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Derby Family  
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David Leach  
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Chris McClain  
Jean McCormick  
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Bill Nasser  
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Meghan VanderMale

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Place check or cash in the offering plate

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Remember St. Mark's in your estate planning (A brochure is available at the Welcome Desk.)

Gifts or transfer of stock

## Church Spotlight: Easter Flower Offering

Easter gifts and contributions toward Easter flowers are welcomed. To have the names in honor or memory of your loved ones printed in the Easter bulletins, please submit the information by this Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. You may return the envelope you were mailed, call the church office or email Kate, [officeadmin@stmarksgr.org](mailto:officeadmin@stmarksgr.org). What joy to fill the Sanctuary with blooms after Lent!



## The Gathering of the People

### *The Liturgy of the Palms*

Today's Service begins outside depending on the weather. All are encouraged to participate in the Blessing of Palms and Procession on the Parish House Patio or in the Social Hall. (*Palms distributed following the blessing.*)

#### Welcome

*Presider:* †Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Presider:* 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 Reading

*Luke 19:28-40*

*Deacon:* A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

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."

**Psalm 118: 1–2, 19–29:** Let us pray a portion of Psalm 118 by half verse.

*Confitemini Domino*

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
**God's mercy endures for ever.**

Let Israel now proclaim,  
**"God's mercy endures forever."**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the Lord;  
**God who is righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
**and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord 's doing, \*  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

On this day the Lord has acted;  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!  
**Lord, send us now success.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
**we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

God is the Lord; God has shined upon us;  
**form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

"You are my God, and I will thank you;  
**you are my God, and I will exalt you.**"

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
**God's mercy endures for ever.**

### Blessing of the Palms

*Presider:* God be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider:* 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, Jesus 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. Please, hold your palm up for the blessing with holy water.

Bless these branches in **†** the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let them be for us signs of Christ's 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.** (*At this time, hold up your palm and wave it for the following acclamation and hymn.*)

*Presider:* 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.**

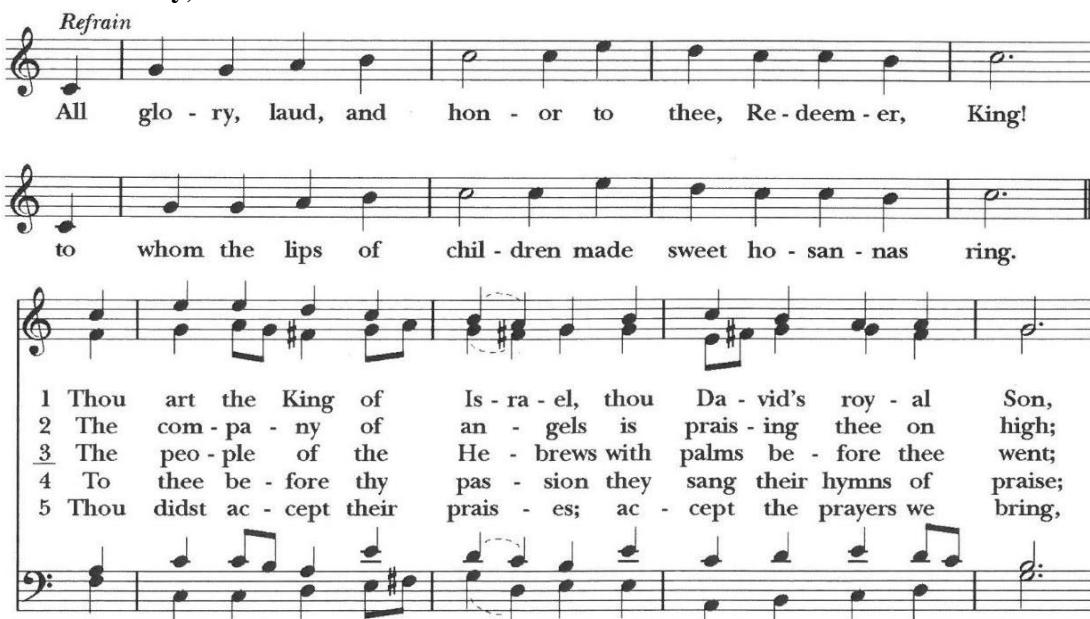
**Procession at 8:00 a.m.:** *Please follow the clergy and assisting ministers toward the Sanctuary.*

**Procession at 10:30 a.m.:** *Please follow the Verger and Cross toward the Sanctuary.*

### Gathering Hymn - All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

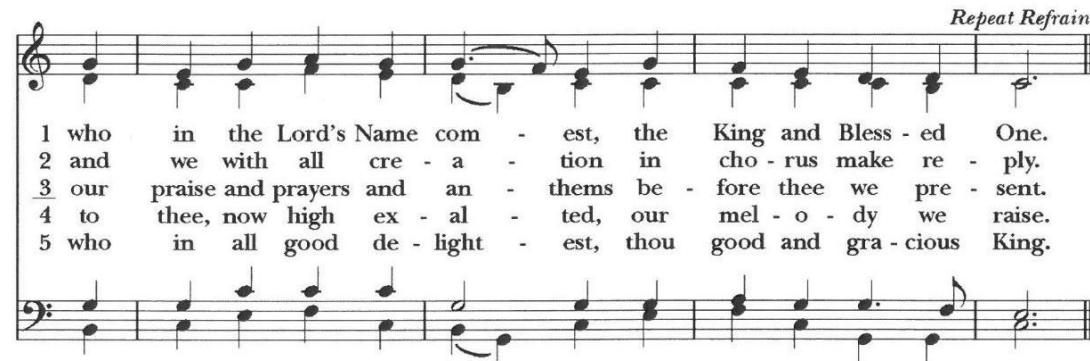
*Refrain*



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 - them 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.

## Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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 Liturgy of the Word

### The Hebrew Scripture (*You may sit.*)

*Isaiah 50:4-9*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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, 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?

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

### The Psalm 31: 9-16 (*Prayed responsively by half verse, 8:00; antiphon chanted by the choir and repeated, 10:30*)



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In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.

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.**

*Antiphon*

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.**

*Antiphon*

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.**

*Antiphon*

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."**

*Antiphon*

### The Christian Scripture

*Philippians 2:5-11*

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:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**The Gospel Hymn — Blue Hymnal No. 439: What Wondrous Love**

*Wondrous Love*

**The Gospel (You may sit.)**

*Luke 22:14-23:56*

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts led by a narrator who begins by saying:*

*Narrator:* Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke. When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

*Jesus:* I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

*Narrator:* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

*Jesus:* Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

*Narrator:* Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus:* This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

*Narrator:* And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

*Jesus:* This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

*Narrator:* Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

*Jesus:* The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

*Narrator:* And Simon Peter said to Jesus,

*Peter:* Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

*Narrator:* Jesus said,

*Jesus:* I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

*Narrator:* Jesus said to them,

*Jesus:* When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

*Narrator:* They said,

*Disciples:* No, not a thing.

*Narrator:* He said to them,

*Jesus:* But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

*Narrator:* They said,

*Disciples:* Lord, look, here are two swords.

*Narrator:* He replied,

*Jesus:* It is enough.

*Narrator:* He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

*Jesus:* Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

*Narrator:* Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

*Jesus:* Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

*Narrator:* When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

*Jesus:* Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

*Narrator:* While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

*Jesus:* Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

*Narrator:* When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

*Disciples:* Lord, should we strike with the sword?

*Narrator:* Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

*Jesus:* No more of this!

*Narrator:* And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

*Jesus:* Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

*Narrator:* Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

*Servant Girl:* This man also was with him.

*Narrator:* But he denied it, saying,

*Peter:* Woman, I do not know him.

*Narrator:* A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

*Servant 2:* You also are one of them.

*Narrator:* But Peter said,

*Peter:* Man, I am not!

*Narrator:* Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

*Servant 3:* Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

*Narrator:* But Peter said,

*Peter:* Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

*Narrator:* At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

*Soldiers:* Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?

*Narrator:* They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council.

They said,

**Assembly: If you are the Messiah, tell us.**

*Narrator:* He replied,

*Jesus:* If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

*Narrator:* All of them asked,

**Assembly: Are you, then, the Son of God?**

*Narrator:* He said to them,

*Jesus:* You say that I am.

*Narrator:* Then they said,

*Assembly:* What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

*Narrator:* Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**Assembly: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**

*Narrator:* Then Pilate asked him,

*Pilate:* Are you the king of the Jews?

*Narrator:* He answered,

*Jesus:* You say so.

*Narrator:* Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

*Pilate:* I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

*Narrator:* But they were insistent and said,

**Assembly: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**

*Narrator:* When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

*Pilate:* You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

*Narrator:* Then they all shouted out together,

**Assembly: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

*Narrator:* (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**Assembly: Crucify, crucify him!**

*Narrator:* A third time he said to them,

*Pilate:* Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

*Narrator:* But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

*Jesus:* Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

*(At the mention of the place called the skull, all should stand, as able.)*

*Narrator:* Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

*Jesus:* Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

*Narrator:* And they cast lots to divide his clothing and the people stood by watching but the leaders scoffed at him, saying

**Assembly: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**

*Narrator:* The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

**Assembly: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**

*Narrator:* There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

*Criminal 1:* Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

*Narrator:* But the other rebuked him, saying,

*Criminal 2:* Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

*Narrator:* Then he said,

*Criminal 2:* Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Narrator:* Jesus replied,

*Jesus:* Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

*Narrator:* It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

*Jesus:* Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

*Narrator:* Having said this, he breathed his last. (*silence is observed*) When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

*Centurion:* Certainly this man was innocent.

**Reflection** (*You may sit.*)

The Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector

## Prayers of the People (*You may stand.*)

*Lector I:* O God, you uphold all those who fall and lift up all who are bowed down. Today, we pray in humility with the response “Hear our prayer.”

*Lector II:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons: for Sean, Presiding Bishop; the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes; Bonnie and Rayford, Bishops of Michigan and Northern Michigan; Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Craig, ELCA Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod; Calvary of Hillman and its Senior Warden, Dana Howard; Emmaus Monastery of Vestaburg and Sisters Diane Stier and Linda-Susan Beard. We remember the Church of England. We pray: **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector I:* God of love, hear the cry of those who yearn for love, those from fractured families, broken homes, neglected, those unwanted and those alone. God of love, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector II:* God of justice, hear the cry of those who yearn for justice, the persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken. God of justice, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector I:* God of peace, hear the cry of those who yearn for peace in battle zones and broken states, frightened, fearful, anxious or dispersed across countries. God of peace, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector II:* God of healing, hear the cry of those who yearn for healing or those feeling physical and spiritual hurt, weakness, depression, especially remembering those on our Parish Prayer list in the bulletin and all those for whom we have promised to pray. (*Pause to add names.*) God of healing, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector I:* God of mercy, hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy, convicted, in need of your grace, contrite, humble, bowed down, God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector II:* God of the living and the dead, we pray for those who have died and those who will die this day, especially those unremarked or unattended. I invite you to add the names of those for whom you wish to pray. (*Pause to add names.*) O God, hear us. **O God, graciously hear us.**

*Deacon or Presider:* O God, we ask you to hear these prayers and give us your love, justice, healing and mercy, this day and all days. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People:* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Absolution

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

## The Peace

*Presider:* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*Presider:* Respectfully, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## The Announcements

## The Liturgy of the Table

*While special music is offered, the Table is prepared, and the collected gifts are presented to be blessed by God. Here, we ask God to receive our gifts of bread, wine, finances and ourselves, as we are blessed by God in the Holy Eucharist.*

## Reception of Gifts

**Offertory Music** — See Now, the Lamb of God

*G.A. Homilius*

**Presentation Hymn (You may stand.)**

Praise God through - out these for - ty days;  
 praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;  
 and praise the Spi - rit who im - parts  
 God's love in Christ in - to our hearts.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Church of England Book of Common Prayer*

*Presider:* God be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider:* It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgment that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives forever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy**

*David Hurd*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*(The people may stand or kneel.)*

*Scottish Prayer Book 1983, Eucharistic Prayer III*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup. He offered you thanks and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command: **We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his Reign.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them, ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father and †send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be for us † the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Holy Reign.

Help us, baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into the heritage of the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, the prophets, St. Mark and of all our brothers and sisters, living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, God of all ages, world without end. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider:* Let us pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

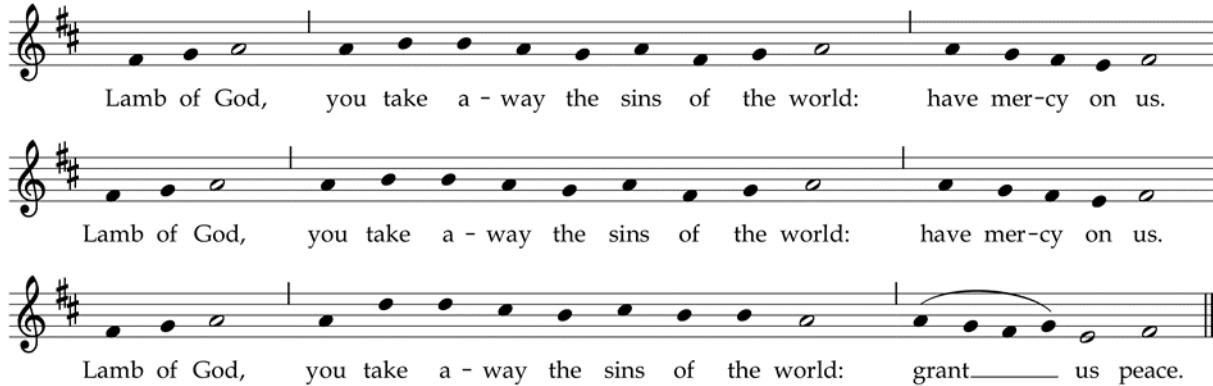
**(Traditional) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.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

**(Contemporary) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**(Spanish) Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este dia y perdona nuestras deudas, como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread and Distribution (Spoken at 8:00 and Sung at 10:30)**

*David Hurd*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant \_\_\_\_\_ us peace.

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*People:* **Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.**

*Presider:* All are invited to receive Holy Communion which contains both consecrated bread and wine. Following the distribution of consecrated bread, please feel free to dip your host into consecrated wine offered in a cup for intinction. Gluten-free consecrated bread is available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with hands crossed over your chest. Please follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left. All are welcome at the Table of the Lord.

**Healing Prayer:** When a healing minister is in the South Transept, a brief and simple healing prayer is offered to anyone.

**Communion Hymn — Blue Hymnal 314: Humbly, I Adore Thee**

*Adoro devote*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*People:* O gracious God, Jesus stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth. We thank you for feeding us with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, the sign and instrument of our common life, food for our Lenten pilgrimage and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet to come; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*Presider:* May the cross of Christ carry us through whatever pain and suffering we endure. May we find in the cross a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven. And, may the blessing of God, †Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us this day and remain with us always, we pray: **Amen.**

*Clergy and all ministers remain in the Chancel for the singing of the final hymn.*

**Sending Hymn — Blue Hymnal No. 158: Ah, Holy Jesus**

*Herzliebster Jesu*

### **Dismissal**

*Priest or Deacon:* Let us go in silence to love and serve God and all God's people.

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

**Silent Recessional (You may stand.)**

*Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended. Then please join us in the Parish Hall for further fellowship.*



## **Holy Week and Easter 2025** *Come! Pray! Worship!*

**Stations of the Cross:** "The Way of the Cross" booklets are available at the Welcome Desk. Come in Monday–Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Good Friday hours will be limited to 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **Today Passion of our Lord (Palm Sunday)**

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Labyrinth Prayer, drop-in 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



### **April 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Holy Week**

- Monday and Tuesday Labyrinth Prayer, drop-in 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Tenebrae (Service of Shadows), 7:00 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday Soup and Bread Supper, 6:00 p.m.  
Foot Washing & Holy Eucharist, 7:00 p.m.  
Keeping Watch until 10:00 p.m.
- Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Park Church, 10 E. Park Pl NE, Noon  
Good Friday Liturgy, 7:00 p.m.
- Vigil of Easter\*, 7:00 p.m. with Fellowship afterward

### **April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Eucharist**

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.\*

Easter Egg Hunt for children following the 10:30 a.m. service

*\*Incense will be used at the Saturday vigil and 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday*

**Church closed for most of Good Friday and on Easter Monday.**