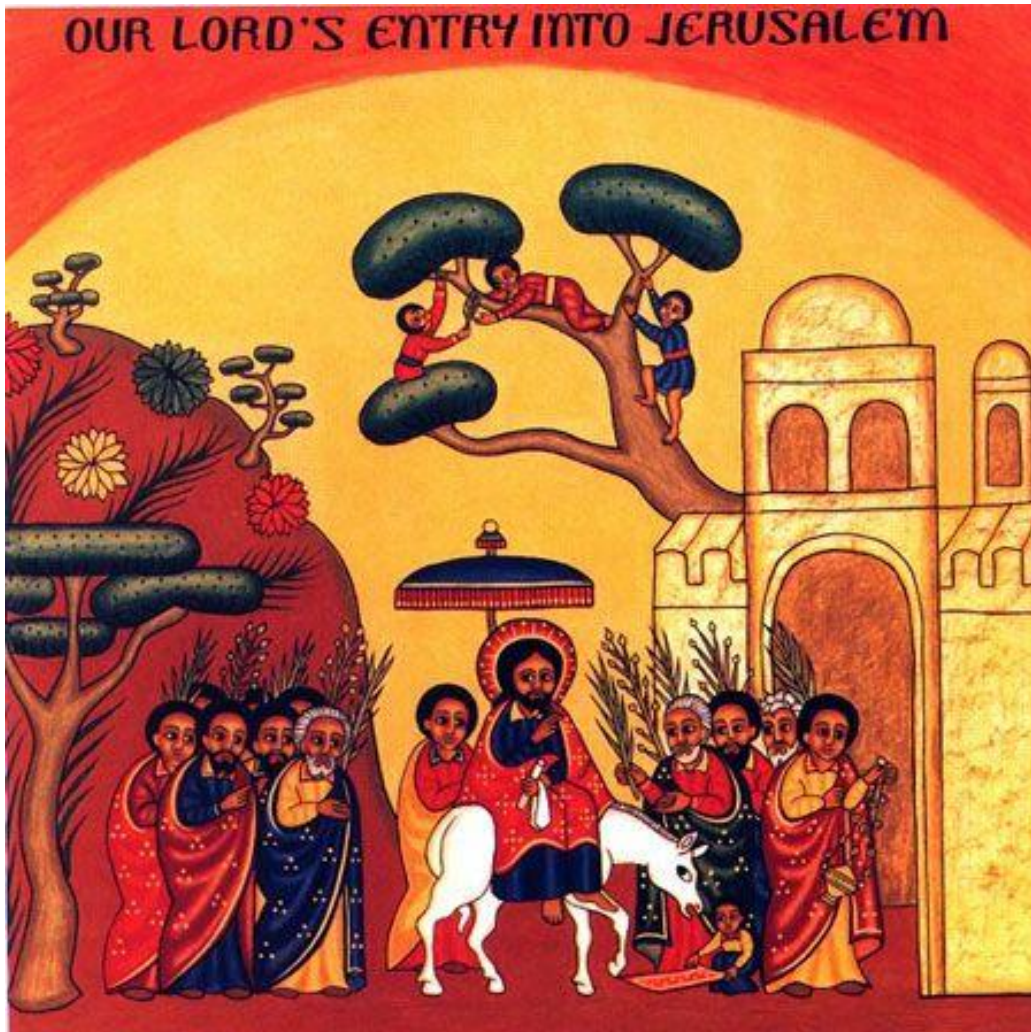


The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

with The Liturgy of the Palms



April 13, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Trinity Church, Swarthmore

"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 ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

~ Luke 19:30-31

The congregation gathers outside by the ramp on the Chester Road lawn for the Liturgy of the Palms.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Cantor or Celebrant

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;

People

Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Presider The Lord 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.**

The Presider continues

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.**

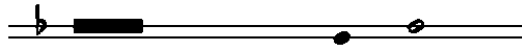
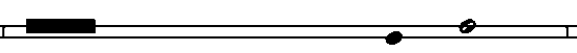
Motet

"Hosanna Filio David"

Franz Schubert

*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
O King of Israel, Hosanna in the Highest.*

The Deacon bids the Procession, chanting

<i>Deacon</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Let us go forth in peace.	In the name of Christ. A - men.

During the procession, all sing the following hymn

Hymn

“All glory, laud, and honor”

Hymnal 1982 #154

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

<i>Presider</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living 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 First Lesson

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--
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 of the Day

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*



In - cline your ear to me, O LORD; make haste to de - liv - er me.

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
11 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.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
13 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.
14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God."
15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson

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.

Hymn

"O sacred head, sore wounded"

1982 Hymnal #168, stanzas 1-2

**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-desiréd,
hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expiréd,
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.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Luke 22:14-23:56

The usual responses at the introduction and conclusion of the Gospel are omitted this day. Readers take their places.

When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "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." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "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." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "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!" 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, "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." And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." He said to them, "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." They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

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, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

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, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" 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, "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!"

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, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" 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, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" 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, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "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." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "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." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

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, "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."

Then they all shouted out together,

CONGREGATION: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

(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,

CONGREGATION: "Crucify, crucify him!"

A third time he said to them, "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." 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, "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?"

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.

All are invited to rise.

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 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, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "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." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Reverent silence is observed.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath

was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

(The usual ending to the Gospel Proclamation is omitted today.)

Hymn "O sacred head, sore wounded" *(continued)* 1982 Hymnal #168, stanzas 4-5

**What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?**

**My days are few, O fail not,
with thine immortal power,
to hold me that I quail not
in death's most fearful hour;**

**Oh, make me thine forever!
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
outlive my love for thee.**

**that I may fight befriended,
and see in my last strife
to me thine arms extended
upon the cross of life.**

Homily

Prayers of the People

The Confession is incorporated today into the following prayers. The Intercessor begins

We pray to you, O God, for the needs of the World, the Church, and of this congregation.

Silence

O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned.

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your grace.

When we avoid examining ourselves, but jump to examine our neighbors:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your hope.

When we show great discipline in pursuit of worldly wealth, but invest neither energy nor enthusiasm in the treasures of the Spirit:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your light.

When we clamor for your crown, but refuse to shoulder your cross:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your love.

When we confess you amongst your friends, but deny you when your enemies close in:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your Spirit.

When we build our comforts and pleasures on the sacrifices of others, instead of sacrificing our privileges to build a world that all can share:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your truth.

When we would rather crucify the prophets than unweave the web of injustice.

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your justice.

When we demand instant results and scorn those who find value in waiting, in yearning, even in suffering, even in dying:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your life.

When we look for an easier Gospel, a lighter cross, a less demanding Savior:

Save us from our sin, O Lord, and guide us on Your path.

The Lord's Prayer

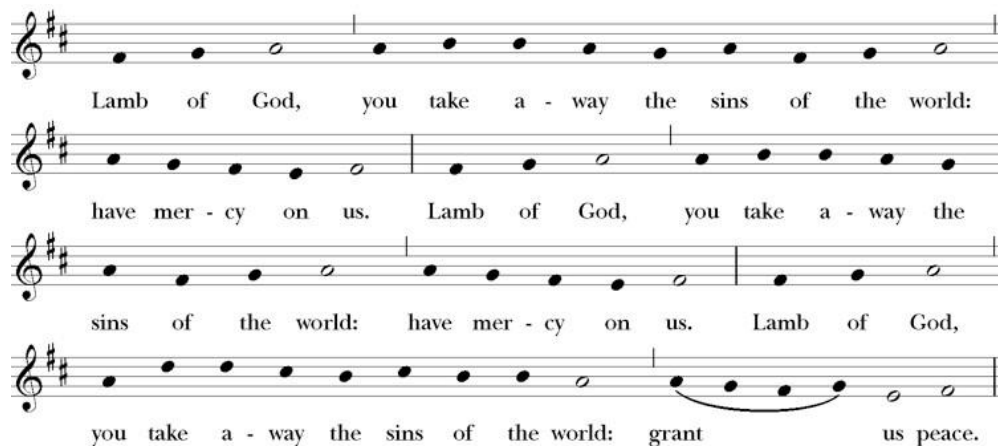
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The Presider breaks the bread. Silence may be observed, then all may join the choir in singing the Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei

Hymnal 1982 S-161



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.

Instructions for Holy Communion – All are welcome to come to the altar rail. Those wishing to share in Communion should stand or kneel and extend their hands, palms up. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine-host may be received by sipping directly from the chalice or by intinction (dipping the bread) in the second chalice. Those wishing instead a spoken blessing from the priest may signal this by crossing their arms over chest.

Communion Hymns

“Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended”

Hymnal 1982 #158

“Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow”

Hymnal 1982 #160

Prayers after Communion

All join in saying

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us bread from heaven to nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us, we pray, to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Solemn Prayer

(Book of Occasional Services)

Presider 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.**

Hymn "At the name of Jesus"

Hymnal 1982 #435

Dismissal

A deacon or priest bids the congregation go forth, to which the people respond

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Etude No. 6"

Philip Glass

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Youth Choir

Hannah Spencer, Colin Spencer, Hannah Garin

Other Youth in Roles

Jensen Englebach, Sam Garin, Katie Hicks, Ezra Hill, Liam Hill

Assisting this morning:

Verger	AnnMarie Stanton
Ushers	David & Rebecca Clemmer
Acolyte/Crucifer	Liam Hill, David Williamson
Torch bearers	Jensen Englebach, Ezra Hill
Reader	Christina Sheehan
Passion readers	Jesse Clemmer, Jensen Englebach, Hannah Garin, Liam Hill, Natalee Hill, Nate Hill
Intercessor	KB Brower
Chalice Bearers	Shirley Meehan, Jean Arnold
Music	Natalee Hill, voice; Nate Hill, guitar; Jared Agee, Director of Music
A/V Tech support	John McCurry
Altar Guild	Kristin Cardi, Tom Izbicki, Gale Donoghue Tina Sheehan, Jill & Rick Smith

The Rev. Dr. Edward E. Thompson, preaching
The Rev. Randy Williamson, presiding

Please Note: The office will be closed on Monday of Easter Week (April 21).

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK and EASTER DAY, April 14-20

Monday – Friday	8:00 am	Daily Morning Prayer (<i>online, see website</i>) <i>Fr. Ted is available for pastoral conversation this week by appointment.</i>
Tuesday, April 15	10:00 am	Diocesan Chrism Mass at the Cathedral <i>The annual Chrism Mass gathers the clergy of the Diocese with the Bishop for renewal of vows and the blessings of oils to be used in pastoral care. All are welcome.</i>
Wednesday, April 16	12 noon	Holy Eucharist <i>in the chancel</i>
Maundy Thursday, April 17	7:30 pm	Holy Eucharist , with foot- (or hand-) washing and stripping of the altar
Good Friday, April 18	7:30 pm	Prayer Book liturgy , with Solemn Collects and choir (no Communion)
Holy Saturday, April 19	8:00 pm	Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Easter Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter <i>The evening begins at 8pm with the Lighting of the Paschal Candle in the Memorial Garden, followed in the Sanctuary by the Easter Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter.</i>
Easter Day, April 20	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, with hymns
	9:15 am	Holy Eucharist, with flower cross
	10:15 am	Easter Egg Hunt***
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist, with festal choir and orchestra

***The **EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held in the back playground, following the 9:15am service.

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