



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026

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

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

Today's liturgy is in two parts. The Liturgy of the Palms celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week of his Passion. At 10:15am, a procession with palm branches brings us into the church building, with festive songs of "Hosanna in the highest!" The second part of today's liturgy changes from triumph to tragedy as it focuses on the suffering and death of Jesus, so that we may have a fuller sense of sharing with him in his redemptive acts of dying and rising for our salvation.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

MUSIC NOTE

The text of this morning's Hymn at the Procession, "All Glory, Laud and Honor" was written by Theodolph, Bishop of Orleans, and first used in the Palm Sunday procession in Angers, France in 821. The original Latin text had thirty-eight verses but was shortened to five verses and translated by John Mason Neale in the nineteenth century.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: Steve Chepiga, Susan Jones (8:00)

Susan Dow, Andrew Ferrante, Christopher Moore (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Ouellette (8:00)

Erin Wright, Kevin Frisch, Nancy Andrus (10:15)

Crucifer: Wayne Least

Altar Guild: Judy McGrath, Nancy Reale, Jackie Barnes, Lila Kennedy

Ushers: Jennifer Bleecker, Diane Healy, Floyd Bayley, Sally Kittredge

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Sonja Slother (10:15)

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Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.

After worship, speak to one another.

Today, the 8:00 am Liturgy occurs in the Chantry, as usual.

The 10:15 am Liturgy begins in the Parish Hall with the blessing of the palms and procession; all are encouraged to participate in the procession.

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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. 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.**

✠ GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

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

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

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

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

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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

✠ BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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.**

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.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest!**

Palms are now distributed. At 8:00 am, the liturgy continues with the Collect of the Day on the next page.

✠ ANTHEM

A Palm Sunday Antiphon

David C. Morgan

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David! Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.

Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

✠ THE PROCESSION (at 10:15 am)

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

✠ HYMN AT THE PROCESSION (at 10:15 am)

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 - 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.

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord 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 WORD OF GOD

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 31:9-16 (Said responsively at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15) Chant: Karl Robson



- 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 u- / pon your servant, *
and in your loving- / kindness save me."

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.**

✠ HYMN 160

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

Cross of Jesus

✠ PASSION GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. Please stand, as you are able, at the appointed place.

The congregation takes the role of the crowd.

Narrator While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, and gave it to the disciples,

Jesus Take, eat; this is my body.

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them.

Jesus Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

Peter Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

Jesus Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Peter Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Narrator And so said all the disciples. Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Narrator Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time,

saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus.

Judas “Greetings, Rabbi!”

Narrator And kissed him.

Jesus Friend, do what you are here to do.

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way? Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Crowd “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”

Narrator The high priest stood up.

High Priest “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

Narrator But Jesus was silent.

High Priest I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Narrator The high priest tore his clothes.

High Priest He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

Crowd “He deserves death.”

Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him.

Crowd Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him.

Servant-girl 1 You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Narrator But he denied it before all of them.

Peter I do not know what you are talking about.

Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him.

Servant-girl 2 This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator Again he denied it with an oath.

Peter I do not know the man.

Narrator After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Crowd Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore:

Peter I do not know the man!

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Narrator When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

Judas I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Crowd **“What is that to us? See to it yourself.”**

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Crowd **“It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”**

Narrator After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.” Now Jesus stood before the governor.

Pilate Are you the King of the Judeans?

Jesus You say so.

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Narrator 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 asked,

Pilate Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Narrator 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, saying, “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.

Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Crowd **“Barabbas!”**

Pilate Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Crowd **“Let him be crucified!”**

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Crowd **“Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator 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.

Pilate I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.

Crowd **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

Narrator 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.

Crowd **“Hail, King of the Judeans!”**

Narrator 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.

✠ *All Stand*

Narrator 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 Judeans.” 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,

Crowd “**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.**”

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him,

Crowd “**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.’**”

Narrator 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,

Jesus “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

Narrator That is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd “**This man is calling for Elijah.**”

Narrator 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,

Crowd “**Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**”

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

~ ~ *Silence is kept* ~ ~

Narrator 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,

Centurion “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Narrator Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Crowd “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”

Pilate “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

Narrator So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

SERMON

The Rev. Sue Ouellette

A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.

Intercessor ...we pray to you, O Lord;

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Deacon says: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (*Psalm 96:8*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum

Edward Elgar

Jesu, word of God incarnate, of the virgin Mary born, on the cross thy sacred body for us with nails was torn. Cleanse us, by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side; feed us with thy body broken, now and in our death.

✠ SAID AT 8:00 **All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.**

✠ SUNG AT 10:15: HYMN 474 (*stz 4*)

Rockingham

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 1

Presider The Lord 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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*said at 8:00 am; sung by all at 10:15 am*)

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 congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM God So Loved the World John Goss
God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION BCP p. 365

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

Presider Bow your hearts before the Lord. 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.

✠ HYMN 458 My Song is Love Unknown *Love Unknown*

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY St. John's Suite Dan Locklair
3. "...the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

PRAYER LIST

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and, the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Scottsville

Jack Worboys, Connie Palermo, Linda, Andrew Visconti, Jack, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Shelia Eiss, Luke Humphry, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Donna Grear, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart.

Those who have died: Gwen Cheney

*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William B. Macomber, Elizabeth Ranlet Macomber, William B. Macomber, Jr., Robert Ranlet Macomber, Samuel E. Durand, Virginia Ranlet Durand Plum, Virginia Shelden, John E. Durand, Caroline Morgan Macomber, and John D. Macomber.

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them. Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Monday – Holy Wednesday
Noon — Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

Triduum Liturgies • April 2nd-4th

6:00 pm — Maundy Thursday Agape Meal & Liturgy
Noon — Good Friday Service
7:00 pm — Holy Saturday Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day • Sunday, April 5th

8:00 am — Holy Eucharist with Hymns
10:15 am — Festival Eucharist with Choir and Brass

Easter II • Sunday, April 12th

8:00 am — Holy Eucharist (Chantry)
10:15 am — Holy Eucharist with Cross of Flowers



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:
As the plate is passed. • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at stpaulsec.org/donate. • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.

Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

9:00 am: Search Committee Town Hall (Cadigan Room)

10:00 am: Sunday School

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)

11:30 am: Search Committee Town Hall (Cadigan Room)

11:30 am: Chorister Rehearsal (Church)

Monday, March 30th

10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Tuesday, March 31st

Noon: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

Wednesday, April 1st

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, April 2nd

6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Agape Meal & Liturgy (Parish Hall)

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Friday, April 3rd

Noon: Good Friday Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

Saturday, April 4th

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

7:00 pm: Great Vigil – *Festive Reception to follow*

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Thank you to this morning's Passion Gospel readers!** John Currie and Steve Chepiga read at the 8am service and Christopher Moore, Erin Wright, Lindsay Korth, Cait Gorges, Andrew Ferrante, Angie Jones, Nancy Curtis, Dan Wright, and Jennifer Bleecker read at the 10:15am service.
- ❖ Envelopes for **Easter Altar Flower Donations** are available in the pews and on tables throughout the church. You can also submit names online at: StPaulsEC.org/flowers. Please submit memorial or thanksgiving names to the office by noon tomorrow.
- ❖ **Bible Study meets each week at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room.** Join us as we study and discuss the week's readings!
- ❖ **Search Committee Town Hall Talks:** Join the Search Committee TODAY and Sunday, April 26th, in the Cadigan Room as they hold "Town Hall Talks" after both the 8:00 & 10:15 am services to share next steps in calling St. Paul's next rector and gather parish input. Childcare will be provided for both meetings.
- ❖ **April Potluck will be held on April 8th** due to Holy Week.
- ❖ **St. Joe's Sandwich Making** will be held on the SECOND Saturday in April at 9:30 am in the Parish Kitchen. For more information, please contact Meredith Halter at meredith5@myyahoo.com.
- ❖ **The Needle Arts Ministry** invites you to take a shawl, lap robe, or baby blanket to someone you know in need of comfort or to celebrate a birth. The supply is located in the East Room in the upper cupboard closest to the door, along with gift bags on the upper shelf. Please use the logbook on the counter to note your name and to whom the item is being given. Prayer squares are also available on the counter—please feel free to share one as a reminder that someone is in your thoughts. For more information, contact the Coordinator of the Needle Arts Ministry, Diane Healy, at dehealy30@yahoo.com.
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm:** The next St. Paul's concert series will be on April 19th at 3:00 pm with *If Music Be the Food*. A program of music for strings and piano by Mozart, Schubert, and Haydn. Donations of non-perishable food or cash to benefit Foodlink.

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