

Welcome to **SAINT MARK'S CHURCH**

**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM
SUNDAY**
MARCH 29, 2026 AT 9:30 A.M.

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BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

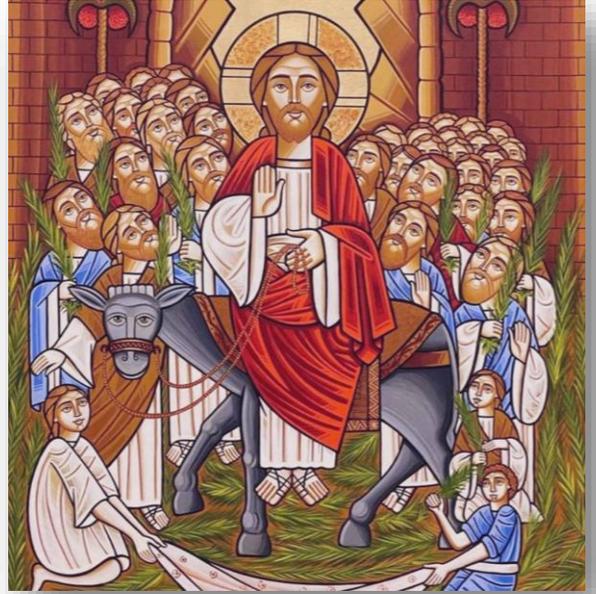
Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

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Notes on Today's Readings

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHURCH. 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. After we hear Luke's account of that event, we give thanks over the branches that we carry. A procession then moves 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. The account of the Lord's Passion from Luke's gospel often is read with individuals and congregation taking various parts so that we may have a fuller sense of sharing with him in his redemptive acts of dying and rising for our salvation.

The Old Testament reading is one of Isaiah's poems about the suffering servant of God whose suffering atones for the sin of the people. This passage and others like it are understood by Christians to foretell the suffering and death of Jesus.

The reading from Philippians is an early Christian hymn which announces that Jesus' Lordship is revealed not in the power of his divinity but in self-giving love to the point of dying for us, his beloved. This is the ultimate restoration from exile brought about by Jesus.

Today we enter into the celebration of the mighty acts of God which brought about that restoration. During this week, we will rediscover what God has done for us, rediscover the meaning of baptism, and rediscover the meaning of our sharing in Eucharist.

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LET US GATHER IN SILENCE TO LISTEN TO GOD BEFORE THE EUCHARIST AND GATHER TO BUILD COMMUNITY AFTER THE SERVICE.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER

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

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

Celebrant Together, 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.

THE BLESSING OF HOLY WATER

Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into new life, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanses and sanctifies your people: ✠ Bless, we pray you, this water for the service of your holy Church; and grant that it may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Celebrant then says the following blessing over the palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. ✠ Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

People *Hosanna in the highest.*

LEM Let us go forth in peace.

People *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

The procession departs the church. All who wish to remain in the church are welcome to do so.

DUET *Highland Cathedral – Bagpipe and Organ*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All glory, laud, and honor

HYMNAL 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.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Together, 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 people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON— *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁴The 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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

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 EPISTLE — *Philippians 2:5-11*

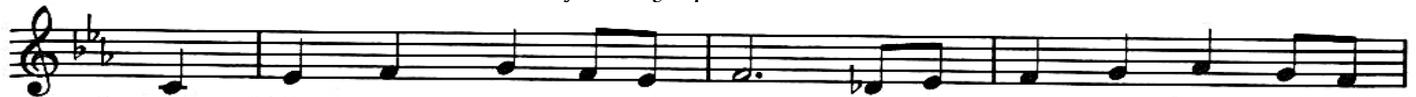
Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and 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.*

The people stand as they are able.



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar -
 *6 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall
 *7 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and



1 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the
 2 earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true
 3 loud; while an - swer - ing ech - oes up - ward float, like
 4 go, from youth to age, by night and day, in
 5 ray, as war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till
 6 rest; the pil - grims find their Fa - ther's house, Je -
 7 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the



Refrain

1 cross of Christ your King.
 2 rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 3 wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 4 glad - ness and in woe. Ho - san - na, ho -
 5 dawns the gold - en day.
 6 ru - sa - lem the blest.
 7 cross of Christ your King.



san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

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SM with Refrain

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GOSPEL—*Matthew 21:1-11*

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



¹When [Jesus and his disciples] had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“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.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Christ, we pray that you would hear our prayers, and graft in our minds the same mind that is in you, that we might be vessels of your humility and grace. Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself, trading in the form of God for the form of a slave; we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers. Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness, and found in human form; we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, and for all who live in the midst of disaster, famine, or terror.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation, you humbled yourself even to the point of death; we pray for our nation, our leaders, and all the people who live within these borders. Bless us with your humility.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus your humility and your love for us was so broad and deep, it cost you your life. We pray for those who we love who have died, and as you were highly exalted, may they rest with you in glory.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your exaltation, O Lord, you were given the name that is above every name; we pray in your name for those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are hurting in any way. Give them your grace.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We also pray, in your name O Lord, for those who are sick (*The people may add petitions for any need or concern.*); give them the gift of healing, strength, and life.

For those who have died, especially Gayle Gurney from our congregation at The Villa. (*The people may add petitions for those they wish to have remembered.*)

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for Betty Ann Catanzaro, Margret Canty, Gwynne Wolgemuth, Kate Gabrielsen, Kieran Quin, and Stephen Turner who are celebrating their birthdays. (*The people are invited name their thanksgivings.*)

FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Betty Ann, Maragret, Gwynne, Kate, Kieran and Stephen as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Palms distributed this morning and on the altar are given to the Glory of God by John & Diane Stewart, in thanksgiving for their Saint Mark's family.

All: You humbled yourself in the manger, and you humbled yourself on the cross; and to you O Lord we bend our knee with those above and those below, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

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The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Priest says

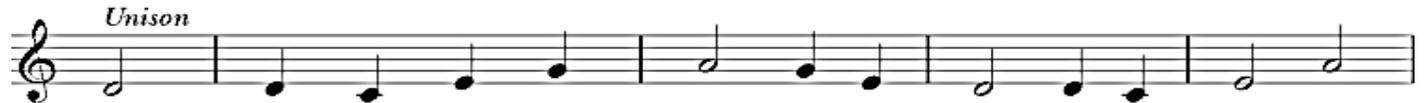
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 6:8

OFFERTORY HYMN

What wondrous love is this

HYMNAL 439



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

HYMNAL 166 VERSE 6



*6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the



6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er



6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in



6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING — *Eucharistic Prayer C (BCP 369)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All: By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may stand or kneel

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

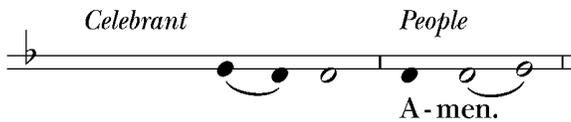
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us † one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Amen.



Communion Norms—We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. Instead, you may keep your wafer visible in your hands and Fr. Chris or the Lay Eucharistic Minister will intinct for you and place the wafer on your tongue. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.

The people stand as they are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Church of England*)

Celebrant and People

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GOSPEL HYMN

When Jesus left his Father's throne

HYMNAL 480



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

The People Sit.

THE PASSION GOSPEL — *Matthew 27:11-54*

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

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

NARRATOR Jesus was brought before the governor, who questioned him,

PILATE Are you the king of the Jews?

NARRATOR Jesus said,

JESUS You say so.

NARRATOR And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?

NARRATOR But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So, when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

PILATE Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?

NARRATOR For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him."

The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply,

PILATE Which of the two do you want me to release to you?

NARRATOR They answered,

CONGREGATION *Barabbas!*

NARRATOR Pilate said to them,

PILATE Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?

NARRATOR They all said,

CONGREGATION *Let him be crucified!*

NARRATOR But he said,

PILATE Why? What evil has he done?

NARRATOR They only shouted the louder,

CONGREGATION *Let him be crucified!*

NARRATOR When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying,

PILATE I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves.

NARRATOR And the whole people said in reply,

CONGREGATION *His blood be upon us and upon our children.*

NARRATOR Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him saying,

CONGREGATION *Hail, King of the Jews!*

NARRATOR They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

The people stand as they are able.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha – which means Place of the Skull – they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

CONGREGATION *You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!*

NARRATOR Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,

CONGREGATION *He saved others, he cannot save himself. So he is the King of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, "I am the Son of God."*

NARRATOR The bandits who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way. From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

JESUS Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

NARRATOR Which means,

JESUS My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

NARRATOR Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

CONGREGATION *This one is calling for Elijah.*

NARRATOR Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in sour wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said,

CONGREGATION *Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him.*

NARRATOR But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

A moment of silence is observed here.

NARRATOR And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said,

CONGREGATION *Truly, this was the son of God!*

The people sit.

MEDITATION AFTER THE GOSPEL

Chopin Prelude In B minor, Op. 28 No. 6

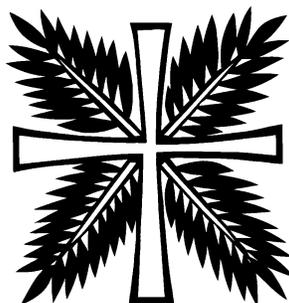
The people stand as they are able.

BLESSING FOR HOLY WEEK

+ Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

LEM Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*



Holy Week

From early times Christians have observed the week before Easter as a time of special devotion. As the pilgrim Egeria recorded in the late fourth century, Jerusalem contained many sacred places that were sites for devotion and liturgy. Numerous pilgrims to the holy city followed the path of Jesus in his last days. They formed processions, worshipped where Christ suffered and died, and venerated relics. From this beginning evolved the rites we observe today on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These services provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection. The BCP provides special liturgies for each of these days. The eucharistic lectionary also provides proper readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week. Some parishes observe the service of Tenebrae on one of these days in Holy Week. In many dioceses, the diocesan clergy will make a reaffirmation of ordination vows in the context of a eucharist during Holy Week, usually before Maundy Thursday. The three holy days, or Triduum, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are at the heart of the Holy Week observance. In many Episcopal parishes, the liturgical color for Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday is red. Holy Week ends at sundown on the Saturday before Easter, or with the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

Source: An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church





THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 03/30

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, 04/01

7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting - Parish Hall
7:30 p.m. Alanon - Atwater Room

Thursday, 04/02

Maundy Thursday

12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers - Atwater Room
2:30 p.m. The Villa - Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar

Friday, 04/03

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service - Saint Mark's
7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

Saturday, 04/04

Holy Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Winter Market - Parish Hall
5:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, 04/05

Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. Ecumenical Sunrise Service - Swordfish Beach Club
9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service with Brass
10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt & Coffee Hour

<u>WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 p.m. "The Way of the Cross"</u>	
March 25	John Kern
<u>SUNDAY March 29, 9:30 a.m. Participants</u>	
LEM	Madeline Glover
Lector	Carol Johns
Ushers:	Saint Mark's Children
Altar Guild	Catharine Nobiletti, Lee Wadelton Norma-Jeanne O'Kula
Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
<u>MARCH BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Betty Ann Catanzaro	03/28
Margret Canty	03/29
Gwynne Wolgemuth	03/31
<u>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Kate Gabrielsen	04/01
Kieran Quinn	04/02
Stephen Turner	04/03
Marjorie Kulesa	04/04
Jason Andria	04/07
Drew Clark	04/10
Jesse Fritz	04/12
Judy McDermott	04/15
Dr. Jill Bastable	04/15
Laura Bott	04/17
Paul Oele	04/19
Lisa Canty	04/25
Meagan Johnson Sherwood	04/30

<u>Services</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On-line</u>
03/21 5:00 p.m.	12	
03/22 9:30 a.m.	46	170
03/25 The Way of the Cross	10	
03/26 Lenten Study	13	
03/26 Mid-Week Service	9	

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04/18 George & Jennifer Kast
04/28 John & Elizabeth Plate'
04/28 Scott & Betsy Johnson

**Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon.
And, remember the People of the Middle East, Armenia,
Ukraine, Haiti, Iran, Syria, and the United States of
America too!**

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WELCOMES YOU

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY -12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service here at Saint Mark's - 7:00 p.m. Way of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY 6:00 a.m. - Ecumenical Service at the Swordfish Beach Club

9:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service with Brass

10:30 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour

WE WELCOME Victor Vaccaro this morning as our Bagpiper!

EASTER PLANT/FLOWER REQUESTS - Forms for your requests are on the table outside of the Parish Hall. Please note that the deadline for submitting them is today.

ANOINTING & PRAYERS FOR HEALING will not be a part of the Saturday, April 4 & Sunday, April 5 services. If you have a need please contact Fr. Chris.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE HOUR ON APRIL 12, 19, 26. Contact Diane Stewart or the church office.

UPCOMING EVENT: April 19, 2:00 p.m. "Voices of America" Concert with Alexander Wu's Piano/Trio Concert here at Saint Mark's, sponsored by the Westhampton Library. stop in or call the library for reservations 631-288-3335 X4.

LADIES LUNCHEON - Saturday, April 11th. Kindly contact Kate in the church office if you are planning to attend.

FYI

PARKING LOT SAFETY - With children and other vulnerable people being present here throughout the day at Saint Mark's, please follow the direction arrows in the parking lot to keep traffic flowing in one direction please watch your speed to help ensure safety.

PLEASE NOTE: The current anniversaries and birthdays are listed in this insert each week. Kindly check it over to be sure your information is correct or if you need to be added. If you have access to the phone directory, kindly check that out also and contact Kate in the church office for any changes or additions. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE - Please notify me if you are sick or in the hospital so that I can pray for you and visit to bring you Holy Communion. Some people hesitate to call me because they think they are inconveniencing me. Not true! I am here for you and your spiritual care. My cell is 410.253.3664 - Chris +

ALTAR FLOWERS: - If you would like to dedicate flowers for the altar please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at

PRAYER LIST

Dick Anderson (Req. by Edie Hofmann), Arma Andon Jr. (Req. by Sundy Schermeyer), Ridgie Barnett (Parishioner), John Burke (Req. by Norma Jeanne Okula), Amanda Cacoperdo (Req. by Tim Feil), Candace F. Cerretani (Catharine Nobiletti's sister), Kim Clark (Req. by Fr. Chris) Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Julia Cloppse (Req. by Jenn Kast), Abby Connett (Req. by Nancy Connett), Dana Davis (Req. by Rosanna Davis), Estrella Farijian (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Ryan Fay (Req. by Jennifer Kast), Owen Foster (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), Nancy Fraser (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), Fred Rees Garcia (son of Victoria Garcia), Sandra Griffith (Req. by Jane Griffith), Elaine Hanes (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Paulann Hoffman (Req. by Chris Adams), Helen Horton (Parishioner), Imogene (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Barbara Ireton (Req. by Carol Smith), Debra Wolgemuth Jarashow, (Req. by Elizabeth Wolgemuth), Nancy Jones (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Karen (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), Tom Kurfman (Req. by Carol Jubinski), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), Warren McCann (Kate Gabrielsen's son-in-law), Thomas Meyer (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Irene Monahan (Req. by Laura Bott), Jeanette Navas (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Paul Oele (Parishioner), Jesse O'Neil (Req. by Jenn Kast), Andrew Ortega (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Frank P. (Req. by Stephen Hunt), Cassie Panzarino (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Rosemary Rees, (Victoria Garcia's sister), Tom Simson (Parishioner), Allison Skinner (Parishioner), Artos Stelmaszczyk (Req. by Bozena Stelmaszczyk), Dale Tracey (Req. by Carol Jubinski), Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia.), Walter Zalaski (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), John Zuby (Req. by Carol Jubinski).

If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Francis Gordon, Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Cameron Garcia, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner, James Mercready and Midshipman 4th Class Luke Williamson.



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Church Services

Saturdays 5:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Sundays 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed)

The first "Sunday" of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

Thursday Services

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office

8:00 PM Compline via zoom

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All Members of Saint Mark's are Ministers of the Church!

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano - *Bishop of Long Island*

The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf - *Assisting Bishop*

The Rt. Rev. William Franklin - *Assisting Bishop*

The Very Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski

Rector of Saint Mark's

Priest-in-Charge of the Church of the Atonement, Quogue

Dean of the Peconic Deanery

Email: chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org

The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie - *Priest-in-Residence*

Stephen Hunt - *Director of Music*

Kate Gabrielsen - *Parish Administrator*

Chris Adams - *Facilities Manager*

Rosanna Davis - *Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool*

Tom Horan - *Warden*

Steve DeCaro - *Warden*

Vestry Members:

(Class of 2026) Rich Caccavano, Marjorie Kulesa, Steve Turner

(Class of 2027) Diane Feil, John Kern, Sandy Wyman

(Class of 2029) Tom Hadlock, Madeline Glover, Norma-Jeanne Okula

Thomas Simson - *Treasurer*

Carol Fitton - *Clerk of the Vestry*

