

Welcome to SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"
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)
Please silence your cell phone



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.

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 Word of God

The First Lesson — *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

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.*

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

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

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.

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Lord, What a Parade!

LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!")

- 1. Lord, what a parade! The crowd quickly grew;
What noise they all made in welcoming you.
"Hosanna!" they shouted. "It's David's own son!
Hosanna! Come save us! God's reign has begun!"*
- 2. They welcomed you in, a conquering king,
Yet what kind of reign would you really bring?
It wasn't a war horse you rode on that day;
A creature of peace carried you on your way.*
- 3. Did those in that crowd expect something more
Than one who reached out in love to the poor?
Did they think a savior with armies was best,
Or did they remember: the peaceful are blessed?*
- 4. Lord Jesus, it's true – we give you glad praise,
Yet living for you will challenge our ways.
So may we be open and welcome your reign.
Hosanna! Come save us! Renew us again!*

Biblical References: Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19; Zechariah 9:9-10; Matthew 5:9

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Gospel—Luke 19:28-40

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



²⁸[Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “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. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Celebrant 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

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 remembering Jean Scopinich whose life we celebrated here yesterday. (*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 Judy McDermott, Dr. Jill Bastable, Michael Tessitore, Laura Bott and Paul Oele who are celebrating their birthdays and for George & Jennifer Kast who are celebrating the anniversary of their wedding . (*The people are invited name their thanksgivings.*)

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Judy, Dr. Jill, Michael, Laura, and Paul 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.

For the Anniversary of a Marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon George & Jennifer that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Palms this morning are given to the Glory of God by John & Diane Stewart for the Blessing of our Church 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.*

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

Unison



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

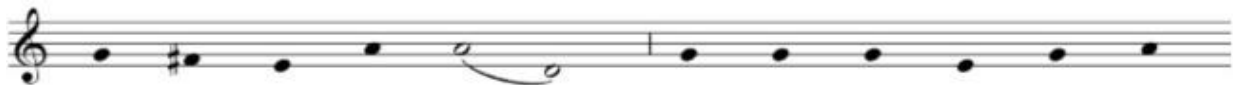
Hymnal 166 vers 6



*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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The 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,
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.

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. *AMEN.*

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.

The Breaking of the Bread—Agnus Dei

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

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

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

INVITATION 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 will intinct for you and place the wafer on your 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.

Communion Hymn

Stay with me

WLP 826

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
No - ho pū, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a
pray watch and pray.
pu - le, kiai a pule.

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.



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 – Luke

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

Luke The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According To Luke.

Luke And Jesus out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

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

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

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

Luke 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,

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

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

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

Luke When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Men *Lord, should we strike with the sword?*

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

Jesus No more of this!

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

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

Luke 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,

Women *This man also was with him."*

Luke But he denied it, saying,

Men *Woman, I do not know him."*

Luke A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Men *You also are one of them."*

Luke But Peter said,

Men ***Man, I am not!"***

Luke Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Men ***Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."***

Luke But Peter said,

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

Luke 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,

Jesus Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.

Luke 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,

Everyone ***Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?***

Luke 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,

Women ***If you are the Messiah, tell us.***

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

Everyone ***Are you, then, the Son of God?***

Jesus You say that I am.

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

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

Women ***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."***

Luke Then Pilate asked him,

Men *Are you the king of the Jews?*

Jesus You say so.

Luke Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

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

Luke 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."

Luke 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,

Men *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.*

Luke Then they all shouted out together,

Women *Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!*

Luke (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,

Everyone *Crucify, crucify him!*

Luke A third time he said to them,

Men *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.*

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

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

Luke Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

The people stand as they are able.

Luke When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

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

Luke And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, Women He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Luke The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

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

Luke 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,

Men ***Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!***

Luke But the other rebuked him, saying,

Men ***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. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.***

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

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

Jesus Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Luke Having said this, he breathed his last.

A Period of Silence is Kept.

Luke When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Men *Certainly this man was innocent.*

Luke 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.

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

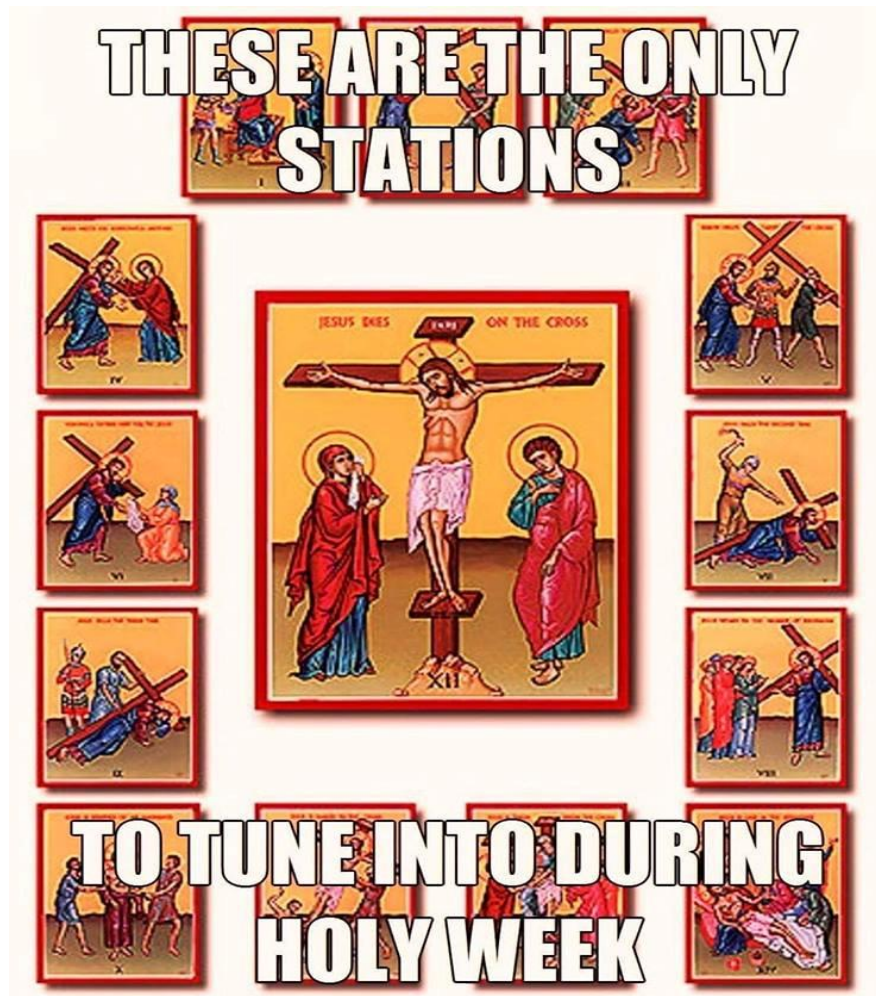
LEM Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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, 04/14 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, 04/15 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 04/16 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae (A service of shadows and light)
Holy Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting – Atwater Room

Thursday, 04/17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Maundy Thursday 11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service with Holy Eucharist
 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday with Potluck Supper in the Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, 04/18 12:00 Noon Ecumenical Good Friday Liturgy here at Saint Mark's
Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Way of the Cross (6:45 Meditative Music)

Saturday, 04/19 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Winter Market in the Parish Hall
Holy Saturday 6:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, 04/20 6:00 a.m. Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Swordfish Beach Club
Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns
 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir
 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt in churchyard
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Participants
LEM: Carol Fitton
Lector: Helen Horton
Ushers: Tim Feil, Bill Glover
Altar Guild: Catharine Nobiletti, Karen Love

MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS
 Gwynne Wolgemuth 03/31
 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
 Michael Tessitore 04/16
 Laura Bott 04/17
 Paul Oele 04/19
 Lisa Canty 04/25
 Meagan Sherwood 04/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES
 Hope and Jay Kaufman 04/11
 George and Jennifer Kast 04/18
 Ken and Louise Reeves 04/23
 John and Elizabeth Plate 04/28

<u>Services</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On Line</u>
04/06 8:00 a.m.	8	
10:00 a.m.	54	96
Total	62	96
04/04 Way of the Cross	6	92
04/05 Bill Berrien Funeral	150	
Saint Mark' Ladies Lunch	14	
04/10 Bible Study	6	
04/10 Mid-Week Healing Service	4	

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

The Palms are given to the Glory of God by John & Diane Stewart for the Blessing of our Church Family.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK STARTS TODAY – I invite and wholeheartedly encourage you to make coming to church this week a priority as we watch, wait, and pray with Jesus in anticipation of his resurrection on Easter Sunday. I know how exhausting this week can be, but I know how spiritually satisfying it feels to make this journey. We are giving our children a valuable gift by introducing them to the customs and traditions of Holy Week and helping to keep these sacred traditions alive for generations to come.

BOCCE BALL – Start now to form your groups for when we start playing sometime around May/June. Contact Larry Andria at 516-903-6514.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – Spring will be springing soon. Sign up for your Community Garden plots. Contact Larry Andria at 516-903-6514.

ALTAR FLOWERS – If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. There are two vases available for May 18th. Each vase is \$40. Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sunday, May 18, at 11:15 a.m. Parish Annual Meeting (changed from May 4)**
- **Sunday, June 22 – Saint Mark's 100th Anniversary Celebration**

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:

Kurt Andon (Req. by Sundy Schermeyer), **Ridgie Barnett** (Parishioner), **Noah Berger** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Stan Billie** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Amanda Cacoperdo** (Req. by Tim Feil), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Abby Connett** (Req. by Nancy Connett), **Victoria DiRocco** (Fr. Chris & Carol's daughter), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), **Fred Rees Garcia** (son of Victoria Garcia), **Jason Gordon** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart's Sister), **Max Gorman** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Barbara Ireton** (Req. by Carol Smith), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** (Fr. Chris' Parents), **Cole LoRusso** (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), **Bob Love** (Req. by Fr. Chris), **John & Anita Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Earl Meyers** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **John & Lois McLaughlin** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Jock McLean** (Parishioner), **Sean McLean** (Req. by Jock McLean), **Carol Marin**, (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Michele Parks** (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), **Kenneth Reeves** (husband of Louise Reeves), **Diane Stewart** (Parishioner) **John Stewart** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia). **Steve DeCaro** (Parishioner), and **Pope Francis**, Bishop of Rome. **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: Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.

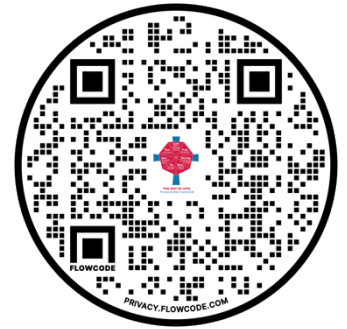


BULLETIN INSERTS

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday (C)

Week 6: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at iam.ec/lifetransformed or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Week 6

Sunday, April 13

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 6. The topic is based on the practice "Worship" and is titled, "The Gathering of God's People".

Read: Zephaniah 3:12-20

Monday, April 14

Today's Prompt: Listen to the daily office today at missionstclare.com

Read: "Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he will hear my voice." - Psalm 55:17

Tuesday, April 15

Today's Prompt: Who can support you in living a Jesus-centered life?

Read: "Our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." - 2 Corinthians 3:6

Wednesday, April 16

Today's Prompt: When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open?

Read: "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but it finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order." - Matthew 12:43-44

Thursday, April 17

Today's Prompt: How do you want to prepare people to remember you?

Read: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God." - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Friday, April 18

Today's Prompt: How did you turn back towards God's love when you made a big mistake?

Read: "I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.'" - Luke 15:18

Saturday, April 19

Today's Prompt: Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God?

Read: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." - Psalm 119:105

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Holy Week Worship At Saint Mark's 2025

Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)–April 13

9:00 a.m. Blessing of Palms, Procession, and Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Coffee Hour

Holy Wednesday–April 16

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae (*A service of shadows and light*)

Maundy Thursday–April 17

6:00 p.m. Simple Potluck Supper in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

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12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Saint Mark's

7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday–April 19

6:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday–April 20

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245 Dune Rd, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir

11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt in churchyard

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by request.



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Fall-Winter Weekend Church Services

Sundays 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist in the church (10 a.m. Livestreamed)
The first Sunday of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

Thursday Midweek Service

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

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!

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The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf—*Assisting Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. William Franklin—*Assisting Bishop*
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Diane Stewart—*Warden*
Tom Horan —*Warden*

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