

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday  
April 2, 2023  
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

Opening Voluntary      *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*      Johannes Brahms

Introit:      *Hosanna filio David*      Matthew 21

*Please stand*

## Liturgy of the Palms

*Cantor or Celebrant*  
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

*People*  
Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

*Celebrant:* 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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (21:1-11)

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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."

*Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### Blessing over the Branches

*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.

**Spoken by Celebrant:**

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*

**At the Procession**

*Deacon*  
Let us go forth in peace. *People*  
In the name of Christ. A - men.

*During the hymn, the Celebrant and Altar Party will process around the sanctuary and narthex, waving their palms; any congregants who wish to join the procession are invited to leave their pews and do so.*

**Processional**

*"All glory, laud and honor"*

**Hymn 154**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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.*

*Please be seated*

*Reader* A reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

*Please stand*

**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 con/sumed.

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 a/void 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 a/round; \*  
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."

*Please be seated*

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi (2:5-11).

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

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

*Sequence Hymn* "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" *Hymn 158*

*Please be seated*

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (26:14-27:66) is found in the blue pamphlets. All are asked to shout the Crowd's lines during the Judgement of Pilate. The congregation is seated until the narrative comes to Golgotha, at which point all may stand.*

*Crowd:* Kill him Barabbas Crucify him! Crucify him! Hail, King of the Jews!

(Please put the blue pamphlets in the Narthex when you leave. Thank you!)

*Please be seated*

*The Sermon*

*Rev. John Adams*

*Please stand*

*The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin  
Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son.

With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the  
dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People Form VI**    *Standing or kneeling*

**BCP 392**

*Reader*     In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Reader*     For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People*     For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are  
alone.

*Reader*     For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People*     For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Reader*     For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People*     For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

*Reader*     For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People*     For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the  
needy.

*Reader*     For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People*     For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

*Reader*     For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Mark our Bishop; and for all  
bishops and other ministers;  
*People*     For all who serve God in his Church.

*Reader*     For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially *Sue, Julia,  
Irene, Betty, Crystal, Mary Jo, Nathan, Randy, Pete, Beth, Tom and the Rice,  
Sutton and Shelton families.* [*Pause for petitions, out loud or silent.*] Hear us,  
Lord;

*People*     For your mercy is great.

*Reader*     We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. [*Pause for petitions, out  
loud or silent.*] We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People*     And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Reader*     We pray for all who have died, especially *Eric Rice, James Patterson Sutton,  
Jr. and Hannah 'Lou' Shelton,* that they may have a place in your eternal  
kingdom. [*Pause for petitions, out loud or silent.*] Lord, let your loving-  
kindness be upon them;

*People*     Who put their trust in you.

*Reader*     We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Reader and People, kneeling or standing*

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

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

**The Peace**

*Standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements.*

**Offertory Anthem**

*“Agnus Dei”*

Donald Moore

**The Doxology** (*standing*)

Hymnal 380, v. 3

**The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A** *Standing*

BCP 361

*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*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and people*

*Hymnal S 125*

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.

*Celebrant Kneeling or standing*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Hymnal S 132*

*Celebrant and people*

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

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

*Celebrant and people*

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.
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*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; (omit the alleluias) *Hymnal S 154*  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Chant: *If this cup may not pass away* Matthew 26, Psalm 22

Communion Music: *Kyrie Pantokrator A Song of Penitence* Hymnal S 239

*Once all have received, the celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people, kneeling or standing*

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.

*Celebrant* Bow down 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.*

Recessional Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded”

Hymn 168

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

*O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded* Johann Gottfried Walther

*The Altar & Narthex palms are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Eric Vernon Rice by the Family*

Pray today for the Bishop’s Visitation to Emmanuel, Covington. Pray for the people of Emmanuel, Covington and their Priest-in-Charge The Rev. Katherine Kanto Doyle. The People of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

**Discretionary Fund** – Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector’s Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, “For RDF”.

### **Sunday Bible Study**

Our Sunday Bible Study is reading and discussing the Gospel according to John. We meet in the Parish House at 9:30 am, and all are invited to join the conversation.

**Sunday services at 10:30 am** - Rite I, w/HE Rev. John Adams presiding.

### **Wednesday Eucharists**

At Noon on Wednesdays, Eucharist is offered in the Chapel (accessed by the glass doors at the back of the church building).

### **Flowering Cross for Easter**

We would like for the congregation to participate in bringing back the “flowering cross” for Easter. Children and adults please bring a few flowers with stems wrapped in foil or held together with something to be placed on the wire covered cross as you enter the church.



## Holy Week

- Holy Week is April 2-8; as is our tradition, there will be services each evening Monday through Saturday.
- Palm Sunday, April 2, 10:30am – Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
- Monday, April 3, 7pm – Evensong
- Tuesday, April 4, 7pm – Stations of the Cross
- Wednesday, April 5, 7pm – Tenebrae
- Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7pm – Holy Eucharist with Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar
- Friday, April 7, Noon – Stations of the Cross
- Friday, April 7, 7pm – Good Friday Liturgy
- Saturday, April 8, 8pm – The Great Vigil of Easter
- Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:30am – Holy Eucharist

## Nursery Open; Volunteers Wanted

The Nursery (located off the Undercroft) is now open during the 10:30 service on Sunday mornings for children [up to 6 years old]. Following Safe Church guidelines, in order to keep it open, we must have two adults present who aren't related to each other. We are presently staffing entirely with parents and volunteers; please talk to Hank or Deborah if you are interested in volunteering. Note that all volunteers must have either taken Safe Church training (provided several times each year by the Diocese) within the last three years or be willing to take the training when it is next offered. If you have a trusted sitter who might be interested in being hired as our regular nursery attendant, please give their contact information to Deborah. **We are in need for the following volunteers during April: 4/2 1 adult OR 1 youth; 4/16 1 adult & 1 youth OR 2 adults; 4/23 1 youth OR 1 adult; 4/30 1 youth OR 1 adult.**

## Loaves & Fishes – April 26

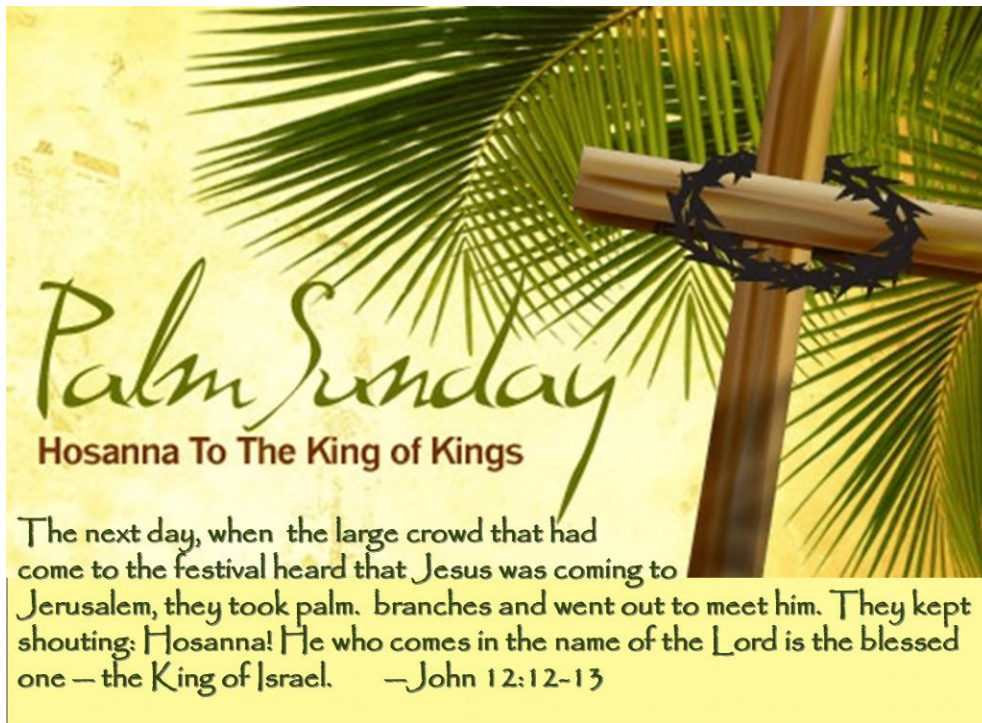
Loaves & Fishes (which often involves bread, but rarely fish) is our free community meal, served in the Undercroft from 5:00 to 6:00 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Andy and Tara Williams have assumed responsibility for planning and organizing the meals; **volunteers are always needed to help with preparing, serving, and cleaning up.** We also try to have fruit and other desserts available, and donations of either may be brought to the Office or Undercroft in the days leading up to each meal. We have resumed our prior custom of serving dine-in only, with leftovers distributed as takeout only at the end of the meal.

## Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **April thru June: Juice (40-64 oz.)** For the month of **April: toilet paper, feminine products and deodorant.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

## Rent the Parish House!

Christ Church's beautiful and historic Parish House is available to rent for your engagement parties, baby showers, portrait sessions, and other special meetings and gatherings. Parish members receive a **20%** discount off the rental rate. Contact Deborah ([office@christchurchmvl.org](mailto:office@christchurchmvl.org) or 276-632-2896) to book your event.



**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Hank Long

**Passion Readers:** Fr. John, Tara Williams, Hank Long, Bob Bushnell,  
Ann Gardner, Page & Ben Beeler

**Chalicers:** Rives Coleman, John Swezey

**Acolyte:** Claire Warner Coleman

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Pete Scouras, Andy Quirk, Will Smith

**Counters:** Ruby Stultz, Will Zimmer

**Altar Guild:** Team Two – Page Beeler, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain, Ruth Foley, Rita Hodges,  
Ruby Stultz, Valerie Payne

**Camera Operator:** Pat Russell

**Nursery Attendants:** Pat Russell, Baylie Coleman

**Special Flower Committee:** Becky Farrar, Frankie Smith, Karen Jones, Debbie Lewis, Liz Wolchko, Susan Smith, Page Beeler, Rita Hodges, Beth Cahill, Stuart Webster, Natalie Coleman, Pat Russell, Dawn Stone, David Cole

**2023 Christ Church Vestry**

**Year 3:** Hank Long, Senior Warden; Ruby Stultz; Rebin Titus; Pat Walmsley

**Year 2:** Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Beverly Lyle, Treasurer; Andy Williams, Junior Warden

**Year 1:** Pat Bondurant, Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Will Zimmer