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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday  
April 13, 2025  
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*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      BCP 270

*Cantor or Celebrant*  
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:  
*People*  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*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 Luke (19:28-40)

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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

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

*Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### Blessing over the Branches

BCP 271

*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.**

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

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

### 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*

S 214

Ray Francis Brown  
(1897-1965)

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 ac/quaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street /they avoid /me.

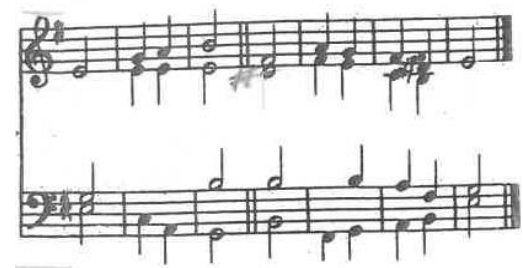
12 I am forgotten like a dead man, /out of /mind; \*  
I am as useless /as a broken /pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is /all 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 Luke (22:14-23:56) is found in the PINK pamphlets. All are asked to shout the Crowd's lines during the Judgement of Pilate.*

*Crowd:* Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

*Crowd:* Crucify him! Crucify him!

*The congregation is seated until after Jesus addresses the Daughters of Jerusalem, when the narrative comes to the place that is called The Skull, at which point all may stand.*

*(Please put the pink pamphlets on the counter in the Narthex when you leave.)*

*Please be seated*

*The Sermon*

*Rev. John Adams*

*Please stand*

*The Nicene Creed*

*BCP 358*

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 Sean 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, Betty, Betsy, Jennifer, Carleigh, Rebecca, Harry, Ralphie, Carolyn, Sanddii, Millard, Tom, Chuck, Will, Virginia, and Alice.* [*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, 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*

BCP 360

*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. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.*

Offertory Anthem

*“Crown of Thorns, Crown of Glory”*

Fraure/Schweizerlings

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 124*

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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Hymnal S 153*

*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.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving*

*the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.*

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

**Communion Music:**                    *When Jesus Wept*                    Wm. Billings

*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  
Lyn Frazier, Christine Cahill, and Eric Vernon Rice by the Family  
and  
Zula & Ben Townes and Camila & Hairston Townes by the Family*

Pray today for the Bishop’s Visitation to Trinity, Arrington. Pray for the people of Trinity, Arrington and their rector, The Rev. Donna Steckline. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

### **Charles Cain Celebration of Life**

A Celebration of Life for Charles C. Cain, father of long-time church member Kelly Cain, will take place in the Parish House on Sunday, April 13, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm; parishioners and friends are invited to attend.



### **Maundy Thursday Vigil**

In obedience to Jesus, who wondered that his disciples were unable to keep watch with him for one hour in Gethsemane, some find it deeply meaningful to stay awake and pray for a portion of the night on Maundy Thursday (April 17). Kyle Trent is organizing a vigil in the Chapel between the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy and Friday morning; if you are interested in taking an hour, please contact him at [kyletrent@kyletrent.com](mailto:kyletrent@kyletrent.com).

### **Easter Flowering Cross**

As is tradition, on Easter morning (April 20), parishioners young and old are invited to bring a few flowers (with stems wrapped in foil or otherwise held together) to place in the wire-covered cross in the narthex, thereby adding even more colorful joy to our celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

### **Bring a Bell to Ring**

Please bring a bell to ring during the 'alleluias' on Easter Sunday.

### **Holy Week Schedule**

Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 pm - Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar (followed by overnight Vigil in the Chapel)

Good Friday, April 18, Noon - Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 19, 8:00 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter (in partnership with Holy Trinity Lutheran, with Vicar Andy Taminger preaching)

Easter Sunday, April 20, 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist

### **Wednesday Eucharist**

On Wednesdays, we celebrate Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer to help them through the week. **Our schedule in April is inconsistent: there will be Wednesday Eucharists on April 9 and 30, but no Wednesday Eucharist on April 2, 16, or 23.**

### **Grace Network**

Our Grace Network Assignments for April - June: Deodorant (Men's or Women's) For April: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and hygiene items. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by 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.



**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Kelly Cain

**Passion Readers** – Fr. John Adams, Bob Bushnell, Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Hank Long

**Chalicers:** Jay Dickens, John Swezey

**Acolyte:**

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Cantor:** Raul West

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

**Ushers:** Hank Long, Pete Scouras

**Camera Operator:** Andy Williams

**Counters:** Michael Hodges, LaRue Powers

**Altar Guild Team #1** - Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, LaRue Powers, Jane Thomasson, Beth Cahill, Dan Cahill, Bill Sibbick

**Nursery Attendant:** Emily Williams

**Special Flower Committee** - Beth Cahill, Becky Farrar, Frankie Smith, Karen Jones, Debbie Lewis, Susan Smith, Page Beeler, Rita Hodges, Stuart Webster, Natalie Coleman, Pat Russell, Dawn Stone, Ashley Ullstein, Susan Critz, Valerie Payne, LaRue Powers

**2025 Christ Church Vestry**

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