

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10AM

We are glad that you are here today. We hope that you feel right at home, whether you are a first-timer or an old-timer. Relax; you are among friends.

Lift your heart and voice to the God who loves you.

However you found us, and by whatever means you are here, we are delighted to share this Way with you. If you'd like more information about St. Mary's, or would like a call from our clergy, please let us know – either in person, or by visiting www.GodsView.org/connect.

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

The Ministers of St. Mary's are all the People

PRESIDER: The Reverend Michael Burke, Rector, St. Mary's

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Israel Portilla-Gómez, Associate Rector, St. Mary's

CELEBRANT: The Reverend Betty Glover, G.M., Thomas Center for Senior Leadership

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READER: Deb Kennedy

FIRST READING: Marcia Natrass

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Hannah Moderow

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE: Al Alvarez

NARRATOR 1: Thad Hunter

NARRATOR 2: Deb Kennedy

JESUS: April Kuiper

PETER: Lindsey Holmes

PILATE: Chris Hyde

JUDAS: Dave Rush

CHIEF PRIEST: Cole Barker

ASSORTED ROLES: Kristina Reza, Mary-Alice Johnson, Margaret Sharrow

MUSICIANS: Praise Singers

MEDIA SPECIALIST: Jamie Aiden Green

FLOWERS: Victoria Ault, *in thanksgiving for Del*

DONUTS: Ruth and Tom Nighswander

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The people and ministers gather outside the sanctuary, so that all may go into the church in procession.

GATHERING MUSIC • *Various selections from the Liturgical Music*

GATHERING MUSIC • *Spring at Last* • W. H. Miller

*It's the time of the season, it's the time of the year,
When we smile with good reason and we're feeling good cheer.
The snow is finally melting to be a thing of the past,
All the happy children singing: spring at last!*

*I've never seen a winter like the one that we just had.
I tried to keep my spirits up, but, brother, it was bad.*

*Months of heavy snowfall, it just leaves me aghast,
Looking to the future singing: spring at last!*

[BRIDGE] *I got up today, the sun was out and shining.
I felt better than I had in weeks and weeks.
There was not a single cloud on the horizon,
And the snow was finally melting off the streets!*

*It's leather jacket weather, 'cause the wind's still kinda raw.
I'm as light as a feather, I'm as sharp as a saw.
I feel like a sail is billowing from my mast,
Blowing me to glory, singing: spring at last!*

[REPEAT BRIDGE]

*So give thanks to the Father and give thanks to the Son,
Give thanks to the Spirit who unites and makes us one.
Give thanks for the warmth that puts an end to winter's blast,
Give thanks for the season, singing: spring at last!
Spring at last! Spring at last!!!*

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing.

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.**

***PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING** • Mark 11:1-11

Reader When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you

doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

***BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

A Celebrant then says the following blessing

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 God thanks and praise.***

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.***

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs are distributed to the people.

***SECOND ANTHEM**

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

***THE PROCESSION**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.

***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.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *God's mercy endures forever.*

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People *One God and Father of all.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*THE COLLECT

Priest God be with you.

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

Priest 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.***

PSALM 31:9-16

ANTIPHON



In- to your hand I en- trust my spi- rit. Ran- som me, God, my faith- ful Lord.



I have be- come like a bro- ken ves- sel, I am for- got- ten as though I were dead.

Have mercy on me, O God, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow,

and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief

and my years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction,

and my bones are consumed.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

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.

I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

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.
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O God.
I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies
and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness, save me."

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

FIRST READING • Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A reading from Philippians.

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,

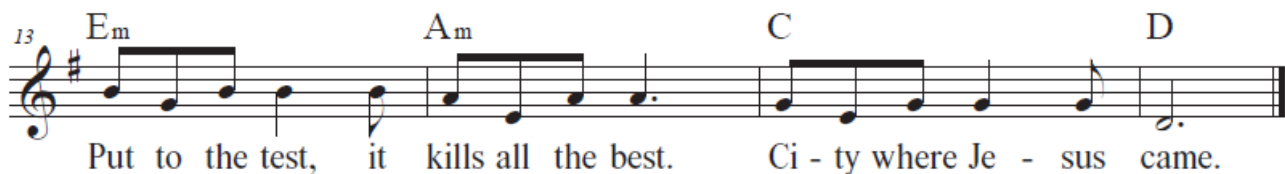
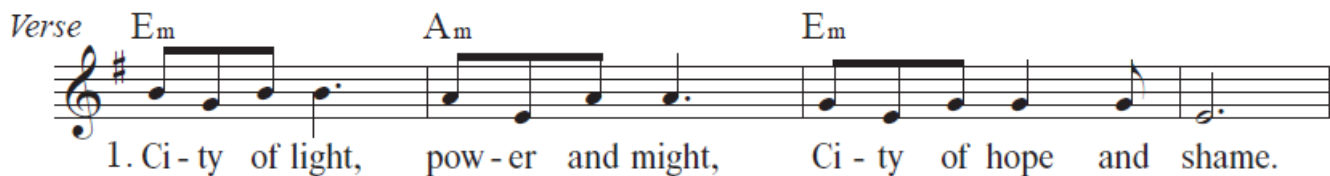
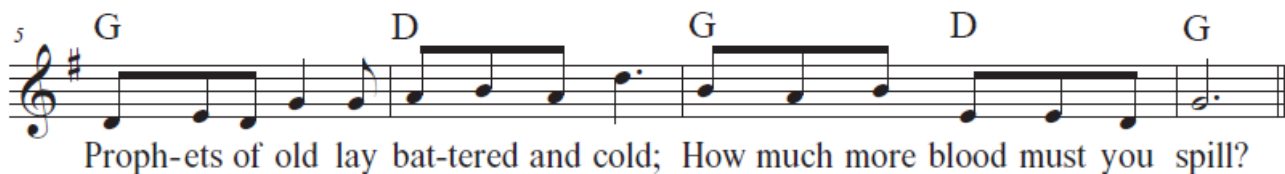
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in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

***GOSPEL HYMN • Jerusalem, Jerusalem • W. H. Miller**



2. Hailed as a king, "Hail!" the crowd sings,
 Cheering along his path.
 Then He's betrayed, by traitors waylaid,
 And suffers their bloody wrath.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

3. Paying the cost, nailed to the cross,
 Sentenced by wicked men.
 Heaven is torn, new hope is born:
 Jesus will rise again!

[NEW CHORUS]

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, I cry!

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God on high!

THE PASSION GOSPEL • Mark 14:1-15, 47

The congregation may be 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 Mark.

SCENE I

The Plot Against Jesus

Narrator 1: The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for a clever way to arrest Jesus. They wanted to kill him.

High priest *(in a low urgent voice)*

“Jesus must be arrested, but not during the Feast. The people may stir up trouble.”

Narrator 2: Judas Iscariot as one of the Twelve. He went to the chief priests to hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear that he would do this. They promised to give Judas money. So he watched for the right time to hand Jesus over to them.

SCENE TWO

The Lord's Supper

Narrator 1: It was the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. That was the time to sacrifice the Passover lamb. Jesus' disciples asked him,

Disciple 1

“Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?”

Narrator 1: So he sent out two of his disciples. He told them,

Jesus

“Go into the city. A man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. He will enter a house. Say to its owner, The Teacher asks, “Where is my guest room? Where can I eat the Passover meal with my disciples? He will show you a large upstairs room. It will have furniture and will be ready. Prepare for us to eat there.”

Narrator 2: The disciples left and went into the city. They found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover meal. When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were at the table eating, Jesus said,

Jesus (*quietly, seriously*)

What I'm about to tell you is true. One of you who is eating with me will hand me over to my enemies.

Disciple 1, 2, 3 (*sadly, urgently*)

"It's not I"?

"It couldn't be ME"!

"Who would betray you, Lord?"

Jesus (*quietly, seriously*)

"It is one of the Twelve. It is the one who dips bread into the bowl with me. The son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But how terrible it will be for the one who hands over the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

Narrator 1: While they were eating, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to his disciples and said,

Jesus (*solemnly*)

"Take it. This is my body."

Narrator 2: Then he took the cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. All of them drank from it.

Jesus (*solemnly*)

"This is my blood of the new Covenant. It is poured out for many. What I'm about to tell you is true. I won't drink wine with you again until the day I drink it in God's kingdom."

Narrator 1: Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

SCENE 3

Jesus Says That Peter Will Fail

Jesus (*with certainty*)

"You will all turn away, it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd down.

Then the sheep will be scattered.'

But after I rise from the dead, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Peter (*firmly, with conviction*)

"All the others may turn away, but I will not."

Jesus (*with sad certainty*)

“What I’m about to tell you is true. On this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will say three times that you don’t know me.”

Peter (*in disbelief*)

“I may have to die with you. But I will never say I don’t know you.”

Narrator 2: And all of the others said the same thing.

Scene 4

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Narrator 1: Jesus and his disciples went to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them,

Jesus (*calmly*)

“Sit here while I pray.”

Jesus (*upset*)

“My soul is very sad. I feel close to death. Stay here. Keep awake.”

Narrator 2: After going a little farther, he fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass by him.

Jesus (*quietly, slightly fearful at beginning, with certainty 2nd sentence*)

“Abba, everything is possible for you. Take this cup of suffering away from me. But let what you want to be done, done. Not what I want.”

Narrator 1: Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping on the ground.

Jesus (*annoyed, disappointed*)

“Simon, are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray. Then you won’t fall into sin when you are tempted. The spirit is willing. But the body is weak.”

Narrator 2: Once more Jesus went away and prayed the same thing. Then he came back. Again he found them sleeping. They couldn’t keep their eyes open. They did not know what to say to him. Jesus returned the third time and said to them,

Jesus (*very upset*)

Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? The hour has come; the Son of Man is about to be handed over to sinners! Get up! Let us go! Here comes the one who is going to betray me, give me over to them!”

SCENE 5

Jesus is Arrested

Narrator 1: Just as Jesus was speaking, Judas appeared. He was one of the Twelve. A crowd with swords and clubs. The chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders had sent them. Judas, who was going to hand Jesus over, had arranged a signal with them.

Judas

“The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him and have the guards lead him away.

Narrator 2: So Judas went to Jesus at once. He said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. The men grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

Narrator 1: Then one of those standing nearby pulled his sword out. He struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

Jesus (*reproachingly*)

“Am I leading a band of armed men against you? Do you have to come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Every day I was with you. I taught in the temple courtyard and you didn’t arrest me. But the scriptures must come true.”

Narrator 2: Then everyone left him and ran away.

SCENE 6

Jesus is Taken to the Sanhedrin

Narrator 1: The crowd took Jesus to the high priest. All of the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. Not too far away, Peter followed Jesus. He went right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards. He warmed himself at the fire.

Narrator 2: The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for something to use against Jesus. They wanted to put him to death. But they did not find any proof. Many witnesses lied about him. But their stories did not agree. Then some stood up. They gave false witness about him.

Witness 1

“We heard him say, “I will destroy this temple made by human hands!”

Witness 2

“He then said,” In three days I will build another temple, not made by human hands,”

Narrator 1: But even on this point they did not agree. Then the high priest stood up in front of them. He asked Jesus,

High Priest (*accusatory*)

“Aren’t you going to answer? What are these charges these men are bringing against you?”

Narrator 2: But Jesus remained silent. He gave no answer.

High Priest (*impatiently*)

“Are you the Christ? Are you the Son of the Blessed one?”

Jesus (*with humble conviction*)

“I am. And you will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Narrator 1: The high priest tore his clothes.

High Priest (*angrily*)

“Why do we need any more witnesses? You have heard him say a very evil thing against God. What do you think?”

Narrator 2: They all found him guilty and said he must die.

Narrator 1: Then some began to spit at him. (in the background several voices should be loudly saying “Prophecy!”) They blindfolded him. They hit him with their fists. The guards took him over and beat him.

SCENE 7

Peter Says He Does Not Know Jesus

Narrator 2: Peter was below in the courtyard. One of the high priest’s women servants came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

Woman Servant (*accusatory*)

“You were also with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.”

Narrator 1: But Peter said he had not been with him.

Peter (*defensively*)

“I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about.”

Narrator 2: He went out to the entrance to the courtyard. Then the cock crowed.

Narrator 1: The servant saw him there. She said again to those standing around.

Woman Servant (*forcefully*)

"This fellow is one of them."

Narrator 1: But again, Peter denied it.

Narrator 2: After a little while, those standing nearby said to Peter,

Man in Courtyard (*with certainty*)

"You must be one of them. You are from Galilee."

Narrator 1: But Peter began to curse and he swore an oath.

Peter (*in an angry way*)

"I do not know this man you're talking about!"

Narrator 2: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had spoken to him, "The cock will crow twice." He said to him. "Before it does, you will say three times that you don't know me." (*narrator, pause here*) Peter broke down and sobbed.

SCENE 8

Jesus is Brought to Pilate

Narrator 1: It was very early in the morning. The chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law, and the whole Sanhedrin made a decision. They tied Jesus up and led him away. Then they handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate (*forcefully*)

"Are you the king on the Jews?"

Jesus (*firmly, yet humbly*)

"You say so."

Narrator 2: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate (*confused*)

"Have you no answer? See how many things they charge you with!"

Narrator 1: Jesus made no further reply. Pilate was amazed.

Narrator 2: It was the usual practice at the Passover Feast to let one prisoner go free. The people could choose the one they wanted. Now a man named Barabbas was in prison. He was there with other rebels who had fought against the country's rulers. They had committed murder while they during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

Pilate (*obligingly*)

“Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator 1: He realized that it was out of jealousy that the priests handed Jesus over.

Narrator 2: But the chief priests stirred up the crowd. So the crowd asked Pilate to let Barrabbas go free instead.

Pilate (*perplexed, slightly confused*)

“Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

Group Voices (*angry*)

“Crucify him!”

(should not be shouted in unison, but with overlapping voices. Perhaps we open up Zoom to have the parish participate live, or invite co-hosts to unmute and speak the voice of the crowd)

Pilate (*upset with the situation*)

“Why? What evil has he done?”

Group Voices (*angry*)

“Crucify him!”

(should not be shouted in unison, but with overlapping voices, as just noted)

Narrator 1: So, Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them. After flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

SCENE 9

The Crucifixion

Narrator 2: The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace. It was called the Praetorium, and called together the whole company of soldiers. They then put a purple robe on Jesus. Then the soldiers twisted branches of thorns together to make a crown. They placed it on his head. The soldiers then called out to him “We honor you king of the Jews!” Again and again they hit his head with a stick. They spit on him. They fell on their knees and pretended to honor him.

After they had made fun of him, they took off the purple robe. They put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to nail him to a cross.

Narrator 1: A man named Simon from Cyrene was passing by. He was the father of Alexander and Rufus. Simon was on his way in from the country. The soldiers forced him to carry the cross.

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha. The word Golgotha means 'The Place of the Skull'. Then they gave him wine mixed with spices, but Jesus did not take it. The soldiers nailed him to the cross. Then they divided up his clothes. They cast lots to see what each of them would get.

(Mark 15:22 "They brought Jesus..." At this central moment, the congregation usually rises and stands for the rest of the Passion.)

Narrator 2: It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. They wrote out the charge against him. It read, 'THE KING OF THE JEWS'. With Jesus, they crucified two robbers, one on his left and one on his right. Those who passed by shouted at Jesus and made fun of him. They shook their heads. *[include images of "The King of the Jews" or images from current events]*

Crowd *(mockingly)*

(different speakers for each line {3})

"So you are going to destroy the temple and build it again in three days?"

"Then come down from the cross!"

"Save yourself!"

Narrator 1: In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law made fun of him among themselves.

Priests and Teachers *(sneeringly)*

(different speakers for each line {3})

"He saved others - but he can't save himself!"

"Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross!"

"When we see that, we will believe."

Narrator 2: Those who were being crucified with Jesus also made fun of him.

SCENE 10

Jesus Dies

Narrator 1: At noon, darkness covered the whole land. It lasted three hours. At three o'clock, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

Jesus *(in despair)*

"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"

Narrator 2: Which means "My God, My God, why have you deserted me?" Some of those standing nearby heard Jesus cry out. They said,

Man (*wonderment*)

“Listen! He’s calling for Elijah!

Narrator 1: One of them ran and filled a sponge with wine vinegar. He put it on a stick. He offered it to Jesus to drink, saying,

Man with sponge (*mockingly*)

“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

Narrator 2: With a loud cry, Jesus took his last breath.

Silence

Narrator 1: The temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. A Roman commander was standing there in front of Jesus. He heard his cry and saw how Jesus died. Then he said,

Roman Commander (*in respectful wonder*)

“This man was surely the Son of God!”

(*Musical solo: singing of the Spiritual - “Were you there”*)

Narrator 2: Not very far away, some women were watching. Mary Magdalene was among them. Mary, the mother of the younger James and of Joseph, was also there. So was Salome. In Galilee those women had followed Jesus. They had taken care of his needs. Many other women were also there. They had come up with him to Jerusalem.

SCENE 11

Jesus is Buried

Narrator 1: It was the day before the Sabbath. That day was called Preparation Day. As evening approached, Joseph went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. Joseph was from the town of Arimathea. He was a leading member of the Jewish Council. He was waiting for God’s Kingdom.

Narrator 2: Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead. So he called for the Roman commander. He asked him if Jesus had already died. The commander said it was true. So Pilate gave the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought some linen cloth. He took the body down and wrapped it in the linen. He put it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb.

Translations: New Revised Standard Version and NiRV Children’s Study Bible (Zondervan)

*NICENE CREED • BCP, p. 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 she is worshiped and glorified.
She 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**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, and Mark our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence may be kept.

*A Priest says Together, praying,
Minister and People*

Most merciful God,

*we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.*

*We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

*For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

A Priest says

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

The Peace is now exchanged.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *Now the Green Blade Riseth* • Hymnal #204

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise God, all creatures here below,
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*



*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(An Alternative Great Thanksgiving, Celebrating the Grace of God (NZ Prayer Book, p. 436)

Celebrant God 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 God thanks and praise.***

A Celebrant continues

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy and everlasting God,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise
through Christ your Beloved.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image.

When we sinned and turned away, you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.

Lifted high upon the cross, Christ drew the whole world to himself;
the tree of shame became the tree of glory.

Where life was lost, there life has been restored.

In Christ you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Through the waters of baptism, in which we die to sin and rise to new life,
you have made us members of Christ,
the children of God, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,
joyfully we give you thanks and sing:

(next page)

SANCTUS • arr. Luke Honeck

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is the one who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory and honour to you, God of grace,
 for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
 once for all on the cross
 to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,
 that all who believe in him might have eternal and abundant life.

The night before he died,
 he took bread, and when he had given you thanks,
 he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
 do this to remember me." 🍷🍷🍷

After supper he took the cup,
 and when he had given you thanks,
 he gave it to them and said:
 "Drink this, all of you,
 for this is my blood of the new covenant
 which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins;
 do this as often as you drink it, to remember me." 🍷🍷🍷

Therefore, loving God,
 in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,
 we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come in glory.

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,

we were far off until you brought us near

and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine,

through the power of your Holy Spirit

feed us with your heavenly food,

renew us in your service,

unite us in Christ,

and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.

O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God;

how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

From you, and through you, and for you are all things.

To you be the glory for ever. AMEN. B B B

Celebrant As Christ teaches us we sing:

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Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your

Name, your king-dom come, your

will be done, on earth as in heav-en.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-

give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-

gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, —

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the

king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are

yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men, A - men. —

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *therefore let us keep the feast.*

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION HYMN • *Up Jumped Spring (Instrumental)*

(second Communion hymn on next page)

COMMUNION HYMN • *Who Follows in His Train?* • W. H. Miller

The Son of God go-es forth to war, a king - ly cr-own to gain His
might - y banner streams a - far who fol - lows in his train? Who
best can drink his cup of woe, Tri-umph-ant ov - er pain? Who
pat - ient bears his cross be - low who fol - lows in his train?
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2. The martyr first whose eagle eye,
Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his master in the sky and called on him to save,
Like him with pardon on his tongue
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for those who did the wrong,
Who follows in his train?

3. A glorious band the chosen few,
On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints their hope they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame,
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane,
They bowed their necks the death to feel,
Who follows in their train?

4. *A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice,
In robes of light arrayed,
They climbed the steep ascent to heaven,
Through peril, toil and pain,
Oh God to us may grace be given
To follow in their train.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, a priest says

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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| GO IN GOD'S NAME |
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BLESSING

A priest blesses the people.

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: (Name), in the name of this congregation, we send you to share our Eucharist with _____. May you take the prayers of all of us as you deliver the sacrament of Christ's presence.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one cup!

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your child, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding, abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants. Sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. Amen.

SOBRIETY

Bless, O God, your servant in their work or recovery; defend them in their sobriety; and bless them with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

WORK TRANSITION OR RETIREMENT

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer the way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING SONG

May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son. And may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love, be with you all your days.*

**Spirit of Peace [second verse]*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN • Walkin' to Jerusalem (Just Like John) • Traditional hymn

Call: *Say John oh John what did He say?*

Response: *Walking To Jerusalem Just Like John*

Call: *Said he'd meet you there at the break of day.*

Response: *Walking To Jerusalem Just Like John.*

[CHORUS] (All): *I want to be ready, I want to be ready, I want to be ready,
To Walk In Jerusalem Just Like John. (repeat)*

Call: *Now some come a-crippled and some come lame,*

Response: *Walking To Jerusalem Just Like John.*

Call: *Some come a-walkin' in Jesus' name,*

Response: *Walking To Jerusalem Just Like John.*

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Call: *The one who's coming is greater than me,*

Response: *Walking To Jerusalem Just Like John.*

Call: *The Son of God in Galilee,*

Response: *Walking To Jerusalem Just Like John.*

[REPEAT CHORUS TWICE]

DISMISSAL

A priest says Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you for you Easter Lily sponsorships!

Bob and Karol Libbey: *In loving memory of Bobby Libbey and In Thanksgiving for our Family*

Nancy, Michael, Jesse, and Cassidy Burke: *In Thanksgiving for the People of St. Mary's*

Michael Burke: *In Thanksgiving to God for our St. Mary's staff members*

Bob and Jann Sherrill: *In memory of Caroleena, Herb, Doris, and Dionna*

Mary Alice Johnson: *To the Glory of God*

Rashmika Paton: *In memory of my mother*

Barbara Stek: *In memory of my parents May and Ralph Wagner*

Judy Brady: *Dedicated to Al and Pat Fleetwood*

Jill and Dave Rush: *Dedicated to Nick and Helen Ebacher, David Rush Sr., and Eddie Rush*

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

March 24-30, 2024

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Sunday, March 24

- 8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
Chapel
- 10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online;
ID 940 3189 1877
- 10 am **Godly Play & Sunday School**
Downstairs classrooms
- 11:20 am **Fellowship Hour**
Waldron Hall
- 4 pm **Evening Prayer**
Sanctuary

Monday, March 25

No scheduled events

Tuesday, March 26

No scheduled events

Wednesday, March 27

- 7 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online;
ID 584 949 088
- 6:15 pm **Choir Rehearsal**
Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm Women's Book Club
Online; ID 864 8947 7980

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy

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- 7 am **Men's Group**
Waldron Hall
- 6 pm **Maundy Thursday service and meal**
Waldron Hall

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

- 12 pm **Good Friday Service**
Sanctuary
- 8 pm **Tenebrae**
Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

- 4 pm **Holy Saturday Children's Service**
Sanctuary
- 8 pm **Easter Vigil Service**
Sanctuary

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

- 10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online;
ID 940 3189 1877
- 11:20 am **Fellowship Hour**
Waldron Hall

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Easter Lily Dedications

You are invited to make a donation towards an Easter lily; we will list donors and dedications in the Easter service bulletin. Please find the tear off portion at the bottom of this page, write your information where prompted (Name, contact info, etc), tear it off, and place it in today's offering basket, or give to one of the clergy after the service, and someone from the office will contact you. Or please contact the office tomorrow, Monday, March 25 before 5pm, so we can get it into next week's bulletin.

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