

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 at 10 o'clock in the morning

The Liturgy begins in the Courtyard

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Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the spoken and sung responses and hymns as you are able. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by everyone.

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.



Reflections

Today is the first day of Holy Week, the most solemn time of the Church Year. During this period, Christians throughout the world strive to "walk the road that Jesus trod" from his arrival in Jerusalem, his last meal with his friends, his trial, his crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection. In particular, liturgical focus is centered on the *Triduum* (the three sacred days): Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil on Saturday.

Today's liturgy is dramatic in predictable and unpredictable ways. We follow the usual sequence, beginning with a procession into the church with hymns and songs of praise, witnessing publicly to our faith through the ritual commemoration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The service soon takes a dramatic turn as we switch from praise to condemnation. As we act out the terrible drama of Jesus' abandonment, torture and death, we are cast in a role: We are among those who contribute to his condemnation. And because we are implicated, the drama has the power impact each of us differently, unpredictably, year by year, as our lives are in constant transition. None of us is quite the same person as we were last year, while the sufferings and horrors of the world around us bear new faces. —Author composite

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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation is invited to gather in the Courtyard, so that all who are able may go into the church in procession. Palm branches are distributed to all after the blessing over the branches.

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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.

People Amen.

Gospel Lesson Luke 19:28-40

Reader

Presider

Presider

When [Jesus] 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."

BLESSING OVER THE PALMS

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God 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.

People Amen.

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

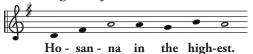
Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Procession into the nave begins. Please follow the crucifer into the church. All join in singing this Psalm refrain as the procession continues

PSALM 118 Confitemini Domino

Please sing the refrain as indicated; the Choir sings the verses



Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the LORD. Refrain

"This is the gate of the LORD; *

he who is righteous may enter." Refrain

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation. Refrain

and have become my salvation. Refrain

The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone. **Refrai**

This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes. Refra

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it. Refrain

25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *

LORD, send us now success. Refrain

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD. Refrain

- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
 form a procession with branches
 up to the horns of the altar. Refrain
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
 you are my God, and I will exalt you." **Refrain**
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever. Refrain

Please remain standing as the Procession continues, and join in singing the following hymn

Hymn st. Theodulph

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.

Tune: Melchior Tescher. 1615, alt.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider People God be with you.

And also with you.

Presider

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.

People

Amen.

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader

A reading from the Book of Isaiah. 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 and sing

A Song of Christ's Humility

Tone II



Cantor ALL Though in the form of God, *

Christ Jesus did not cling to equali /ty with God,

But emptied himself, taking the form of a *ser*vant, * and was born in / hu*man* likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled him *self** and became obedient to death, even death / on *a* cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him * and given him the name above / every name,

- That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall **bow**, * in heaven and on earth and un / der **the** earth.
- 6 And every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is *Lord*,* to the glory of / God *the* Father.

-Philippians 2:6-11

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Luke 23:1-49

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. You are invited to participate by joining in the parts printed in **bold.**

Deacon The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Please be seated

Evangelist The assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council. They said,

Crowd "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

Evangelist He replied,

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."

Evangelist All of them asked,

Crowd "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

Evangelist He said to them,

Jesus "You say that I am.

Evangelist Then they said,

Crowd

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

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

"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."

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Evangelist Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Evangelist Jesus answered,

Jesus "You say so."

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

Pilate "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Evangelist 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."

Evangelist 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,

Pilate "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."

Evangelist Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Evangelist (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,

Crowd "Crucify, crucify him!"

Evangelist A third time Pilate said to them,

Pilate "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."

Evangelist But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus 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,

"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and *Jesus* 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?"

Please stand as you are able

Evangelist Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with

> him. 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,

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

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; Evangelist

but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his Crowd

chosen one!"

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

saying,

"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." Crowd

Evangelist 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,

Criminal 1 "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." Evangelist But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2 "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."

Evangelist Then he said,

Criminal 2 "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Evangelist Jesus replied,

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

Evangelist 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."

Evangelist Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence is kept for a space; you may kneel if you wish

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

Centurion "Certainly this man was innocent!"

Evangelist 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.

Reflection The Rector

Please stand

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to the Father through the Son who suffered on the cross for the

world's redemption, and say: By the Savior's cross and passion,

People Lord, save us and help us.

Leader Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church. Give to Christians

everywhere a deep longing to take up the cross and to understand its

mysterious glory. By the Savior's cross and passion,

People Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship at this solemn time, especially Leader Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carlye our Bishop, and all the leadership of our churches. In the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments draw your people close to you. By the Savior's cross and passion, People Lord, save us and help us. Leader Strengthen those who are preparing for baptism, together with their teachers, sponsors and families, especially _____. Teach them what it means to die and rise with Christ and prepare them to receive the breath of his Spirit. By the Savior's cross and passion, People Lord, save us and help us. Leader Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much that you sent your Son to suffer and to die. Be present with all those whose lives are torn by war and violence throughout the world. By the Savior's cross and passion, People Lord, save us and help us. Leader Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice, especially ____. Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to know their salvation. By the Savior's cross and passion, People Lord, save us and help us. Leader We thank you for all the blessings of this life, for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially _____, for all the good things we have been given, and for the joy of celebrating the most holy mysteries of the suffering, death and resurrection of your Son. By the Savior's cross and passion, People Lord, save us and help us. Leader Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your love, especially ____. According to your promises, bring them with all your saints to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection. By the Savior's cross and passion, People Lord, save us and help us. Presider Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

for ever.

Amen.

People

THE PEACE

Presider People The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Мотет

Tomás Luis de Victoria

O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam, attendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus. [O all of you
who pass along this way,
attend and see
if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.]
—Lamentations 1:-12

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

LORD'S PRAYER

Breaking of the Bread

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, page 361 Hymnal 1982, S 124 BCP, page 364 Martens



Cantor

Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him all you peoples. For his loving kindness toward us is

For his loving kindness toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. REFRAIN

Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

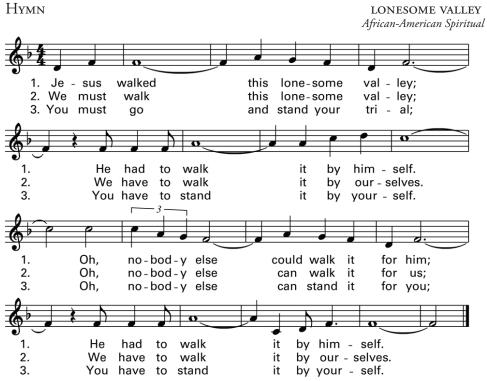
Anthem John Stainer

And they came to a place named Gethsemane, and Jesus saith to His disciples: "Sit ye here, while I shall pray. Could ye not watch with Me one brief hour? Could ye not pity my sorest need? Ah! if ye sleep while the tempests lower,
surely, My friends, I am lone indeed."

Jesu, Lord Jesu, bowed in bitter anguish,
and bearing all the evil we have done,
Oh teach us how to love Thee for Thy love,
help us to pray, and watch, and mourn with Thee.
—W.I. Sparrow Simpson

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Please stand and say together

Hear, O Lord, the prayers of those whom you have fed with the precious body and blood of your Son; and as by his death you have given us the hope of everlasting salvation, bring us by his resurrection to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE & DISMISSAL

Please kneel

Presider Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Savior 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.

People Amen.

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

SILENT PROCESSION

Please leave quietly after the Procession departs the Nave

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Alcott, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Grace Bishop, Nancy Bivona, Kris Blake, Carl, Murriel Bowness, Kathy Calfee, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Wayne Hill, Tania Jenkins, Sheila & Norman Johnson, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Julie Lanning, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Ben M., Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Nunno Family, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Mike, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Jean Whiting Smith, Kathy Stanton, Frank Zupa.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NOTICES

STEWARDSHIP 2025

This year's theme is *Walk in Love*, taken from the Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in love as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2). Make your pledge online at https://stpetersef.org/donate/pledge-form. Contact a member of the Vestry or Father Nate to find out more about how you can *Walk in Love* at St. Peter's.

Palm Sunday, Adult Forum, & Children

Today is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. The children will remain in church, and Sunday School classes will resume on May 4. The Adult Forum will take a break and resume on Sunday, April 27. There will be one service only on April 27, at 10 am.

God's Children Sing!

Our Sunday School children have prepared a song for the 9 am mass on Easter Day. Singing is a vital part of Christian education and formation—we tend to believe what we sing; and of course there is the familiar saying, "those who sing pray twice." Please let Mark Trautman (trautman@stpetersef.org) know if your children will be here for the service.

Coffee Hour Hosts

Help make St. Peter's a welcoming place by signing up to be a Coffee Hour host! This is an important time for us to connect with one another and meet our guests and visitors. Please either sign up on the sheet posted in the upper room or contact Mary Shearin (shearchaos38@gmail.com, 973-590-1678) to let us know the date you prefer. Thanks to our Parish Choir for hosting last week. Today: Potluck.

CHRISTINE'S KITCHEN, APRIL 26

With the warmer spring temperatures, we tend to see an increase in visitors seeking food at Christine's Kitchen. Please consider helping us make enough lunches for our hungry friends. Ways to help are easy and fun including: making sandwiches, donating food items like oranges, granola bars and bottled water, or gathering with us to organize and hand out lunches. Come for a few minutes or stay an hour, whatever time you can share is appreciated! To check out volunteer opportunities and/or sign up to donate food: www.signupgenius.com/go30E0C49ACAB22A3FC1-56071172-christines
Options for Dropping-Off Food Donations (Please leave in St. Peter's Kitchen labeled for "Christine's Kitchen.")

- (1) During Office/Worship hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 am-4 pm; Thursdays, 1-4 pm; Sundays, 8 am-12 pm
- (2) Apr. 26, Saturday, 9-10 am
- (3) Contact Jennifer (<u>icvonderahe@gmail.com</u> 773-575-2325) for a convenient door-step pick-up.

Care & Connect

Prayer Circle: Join us *today* as we gather to focus our prayers of healing and thanksgiving for ourselves and others, both aloud and quietly in our hearts and minds. Our April Prayer Circles will be today and April 27, immediately following the 10 am service. We meet in the All Saints' Chapel on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. There is plenty of time following our Prayer Circle to enjoy the special fellowship of coffee hour.

Wednesdays Away: Mark your calendars for the next two retreats at Cross Roads: May 7 is Music and Meditation and June 4 is Move Like the Wind. They both sound great and I've already registered! Wednesdays Away is from 9:30 am-3 pm, cost is \$50, and it is open to all. A lovely lunch is served. Cross Roads is in Port Murray, about 45 minutes away. For more information and/or to register you can visit their website (www.crossroadsretreat.com/wednesdaysaway) or reach out to me. Dana Leach, leach@stpetersef.org, c 201-694-6543.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025

PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 13

8 am, Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist—All Saints' Chapel 10 am, Palm Procession and Choral Holy Eucharist—Nave 4 pm, Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist—All Saints' Chapel

Wednesday in Holy Week—April 16 7 pm, The Office of Tenebrae—Nave Sung by the St. Peter's Parish Choir

THE TRIDUUM—THE GREAT THREE DAYS
MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 17
7 pm, Foot-washing and Eucharist—Nave

Good Friday—April 18

12 pm, Stations of the Cross—*Courtyard* 7 pm, St. John Passion, Solemn Collects and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament—*Nave*

Holy Saturday—April 19
7 pm, The Great Vigil of Easter—*Nave*

Easter Day—April 20

Note time changes for Easter Day
9 am, Choral Holy Eucharist for Families—Nave
Easter Egg hunt follows the 9 am mass
11 am, Festal Choral Holy Eucharist—Nave

Easter Flowers and Music

Please mark "Flowers" or "Music" in the memo line of your check, and let the Parish Office know if you are giving your gift in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones. The names may be sent to the Parish Office (<u>info@stpetersef.org</u>) or placed in the alms basin. Please make sure to deliver your gift and names no later than Monday, April 14.

| Name | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|------|
| | Circle one: | Flowers | Music | Both |
| In memory of/in thanksgiving for | | | | |