

The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

The Liturgy of the Palms & The Holy Eucharist

March 29, 2026 ✠ 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Whether you just stopped in to visit, or you are looking for a place of belonging, we welcome you. In our worship, formation, fellowship, and community engagement work, we strive for justice and peace and to honor the dignity of every human being. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are glad you are here. We believe God loves you—no exceptions!

Communion of the People: All God's people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The Congregation gathers in the meadow for the blessing and distribution of the palms.

Please form a circle on the level area of the meadow.

Introit—Hosanna to the son of David

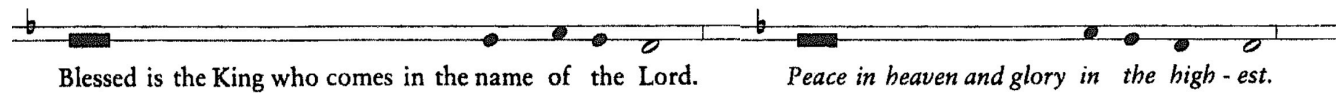
Carol McClure

Beginning Choristers, Junior Choir and Epiphany Choir

Shout "Hosanna!" to the son of David, King of kings, God's royal son; see him riding on a donkey, blessed is the King who comes.
Shout "Hosanna!" to the son of David, King of kings, God's royal son; all Jerusalem is shouting, "Blessed is the King who comes!"
Shout "Hosanna!" to the son of David, King of kings, God's royal son; wave your palms and sing his praises blessed is the King who comes. Blessed is the King who comes!

Celebrant

People



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 following is read

Matthew 21:1-11

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 Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

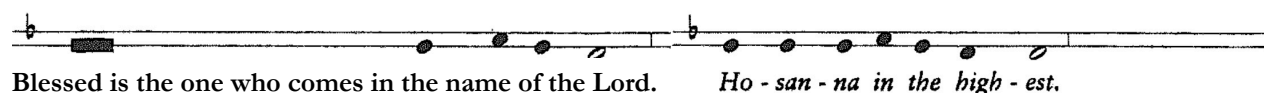
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.**

Celebrant

People



The People follow the Crucifer in procession to the Memorial Garden, singing with the choirs:

Shout, "Ho - san - na!" to the Son of Da - vid, King of kings, God's roy - al son!

Wave your palms and sing his prai - ses, bless - ed is the King who comes!

Upon reaching the Memorial Garden, the Celebrant prays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant

People

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

The people sing the following hymn while we process through the chapel doors into the Nave

Processional Hymn 154—All glory, laud, and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

The opening refrain is sung twice

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The Collect for The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

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.**

Psalm 31: 9-16—Sung by the Choir

Joseph Barnby

In te, Domine, speravi

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson

Philippians 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.**

The Passion Gospel—*seated*

Matthew 26:14—27:66

- Narrator* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
- Judas* “What will you give me if I betray him to you?”
- Narrator* They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
- Disciples* “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”
- Jesus* “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”
- Narrator* So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,
- Jesus* “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”
- Narrator* And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- Disciples* “Surely not I, Lord?”
- Jesus* “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”
- Narrator* Judas, who betrayed him, said,
- Judas* “Surely not I, Rabbi?”
- Jesus* “You have said so.”
- Narrator* While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,
- Jesus* “Take, eat; this is my body.”
- Narrator* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,
- Jesus* “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”
- Narrator* When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,
- Jesus* “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”
- Narrator* Peter said to him,
- Peter* “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”
- Jesus* “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”
- Peter* “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”
- Narrator* And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,
- Jesus* “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”
- Narrator* He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,
- Jesus* “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”
- Narrator* And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.”

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas “Greetings, Rabbi!”

Narrator and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Congregation **“This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”**

Narrator The high priest stood up and said,

High Priest “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

Narrator But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High Priest “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

Jesus “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

Congregation **“He deserves death.”**

Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Congregation **“Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”**

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant Girl 1 “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

Narrator But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter “I do not know what you are talking about.”

Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant Girl 2 “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Narrator Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter “I do not know the man.”

Narrator After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystanders “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter “I do not know the man!”

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

Chief Priests “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

Narrator But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priests “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”

Narrator After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Narrator Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus “You say so.”

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

Narrator But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Congregation **"Barabbas."**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Congregation **"Let him be crucified!"**

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Congregation **"Let him be crucified!"**

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

Congregation **"His blood be on us and on our children!"**

Narrator So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

The Congregation stands

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Congregation **"You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."**

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Chief Priests "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Congregation **“This man is calling for Elijah.”**

Narrator At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Congregation **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence is kept

Narrator At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Congregation **“Truly this man was God’s Son!”**

Narrator Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priests “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”

Pilate “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

Narrator So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Silence is kept

Anthem—Pieta, Signore

Allesandro Stradella

John Yntema, tenor • Epiphany Choir

Pietà, Signore, di me dolente! Signor, pietà, se a te giunge il mio pregar; non mi puniscail tuo rigor, meno severi, clementi ognora, volgi i tuoi sguardisopra di me. Non fia mai che nell'inferno sia dannato, nel fuoco eterno dal tuo rigor. Gran Dio, giammai sia dannato nel fuoco eterno dal tuo rigor, Pietà, Signore, Signor, pietà di me dolente, se a te giunge il mio pregare, Meno severi, clementi ognora, volgi i tuoi sguardi, deh! volgi sguardi su me, Signor, Pietà, Signore, di me dolente. (Have mercy, Lord, on me in my suffering! Lord, have mercy, if my prayer reaches you; do not punish me with your severity. Be less severe, always merciful, turn your gaze upon me. May I never be damned to hell, to eternal fire by your severity. Great God, may I never be damned to eternal fire by your severity. Have mercy, Lord, Lord, have mercy on me in my suffering, if my prayer reaches you. Be less severe, always merciful, turn your gaze, oh! turn your gaze upon me, Lord. Have mercy, Lord, on me in my suffering.)

The Nicene Creed—Celebrant and People

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Beloved in Christ, are we not wholly reliant on God's tender love and mercy? So let us cry out to our Lord, saying, "Look upon us in mercy; and with compassion remember us."

Have mercy on your Church, Holy One, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We are too often quick to speak and slow to love.

Look upon us in mercy; **and with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord, especially those who are threatened by your message of love and mercy. Forgive us for our silence and complicity.

Look upon us in mercy; **and with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation, O God. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Teach us to love what you have called good.

Look upon us in mercy; **and with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on our enemies, Holy One, and on those who persecute us. Teach us the love of Jesus, who from the cross prayed, "Father, forgive them."

Look upon us in mercy; **and with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen the afflicted. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants.

You are invited to add your petitions and thanksgivings.

Look upon us in mercy; **and with compassion remember us.**

Merciful Jesus, you became obedient to death even death upon a cross. Even as you have shared our mortality, mercifully grant us to share in your resurrection.

Look upon us in mercy; **and with compassion remember us.**

Celebrant's concluding collect

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, whose Son humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in everyplace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

silence

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 our Savior 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.

Celebrant

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem—Ave verum corpus

W. A. Mozart

Epiphany Choir & Junior Choir

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. (Hail, true Body, truly born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: May it be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.)

Presentation Hymn 158—Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Herzliebster Jesu

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A, Expansive Language

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

Sanctus W850—Holy, holy, holy Lord

Jonathan Dimmock
from *Missa Appalachia*

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. — Blest is the one who comes in the
 name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est. —

The people may stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 creator of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer—*traditional language*

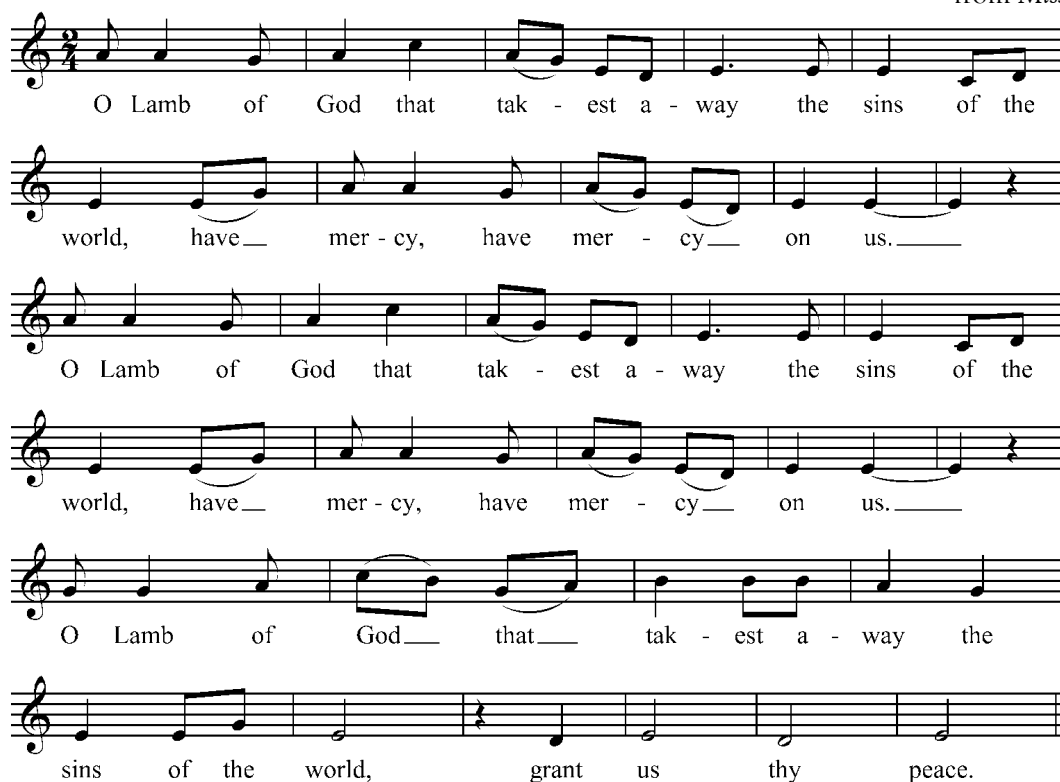
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem MO43—O Lamb of God

Jonathan Dimmock
from *Missa Appalachia*



O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Communion of the People

All God's people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

The Healing Rite

During the Communion of the People, prayers for healing and anointing with oil are offered in the Chapel for those desiring them on their own behalf, or upon the behalf of another. All are welcome.

Communion Hymn 458—My song is love unknown
Sung by all

Love Unknown

Eucharistic Visitation

Celebrant We, the church of Jesus Christ, send you forth bearing these holy gifts so that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Solemn Prayer—Celebrant

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.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Solemn Procession

The People depart in silence after the Solemn Procession

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Names of friends and family are listed for a month. Contact the parish office if you would like them listed for another month.

For members who are bidding our prayers: Joy Boyden • Charity Terrell • George Ross • Lisa Gray • Pam Hall • Richard Shirah • Larry Wilcox • Mike Curry • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Ellen Mintzmyer • Philip Anderson • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: Kyle, friend of Lucy Davidson • Vernell & Teresa, sisters of Larry Wilcox • Cherise MacArthur, friend of Cliff Edge • Larry Peace, relative of Sharon Burrow • Mary Fehl, relative of Randy Shearin • Ward Williams, friend of Randy Shearin • Mark McCord, cousin of Pam Tipton • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Mark Thornhill, uncle of Kurt Erskine • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

For members who desire our continuing prayers: Jewel Allen • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Pat & Bill Graves • Bruce Fort • Esther Harbert • Robin Hairston • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris

Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

For those who have died: Alisa, friend of Ron Hutcheson • Christine Raymond, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf • Bob MacArthur, friend of Cliff Edge • Jack Hokanson, grandfather of Nick & Monica Hokanson, former father-in-law of Marjorie Timmer

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 3/30-4/3: Holly & Charlie Slater

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 3/30-4/3: Kristin Banfield • Todd Davis • Beth Floyd • Abigail Wiles • Avery Sherrill • Shea McNutt • Bobby Cunningham

Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? Send the full date of your anniversary and/or your date of birth to the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org so that we can update our records.

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

Due to persistent scams, parishioner contact information is not published. Please use the parish directory in Realm.

PLEASE NOTE | Children's Chapel and Formation Classes will NOT take place this morning and the **Youth Group** will NOT meet this evening.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Art Ministry—now showing for the month of March

The March show, featuring the beautiful items from Ghana made by the Dignity Sewing Centre, closes on Tuesday. The Dignity Sewing Centre is a partnership of the Diocese of Atlanta and the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast. The clothes and bags are made from authentic Ghanaian kente cloth and fabric, are infused with power, faith, and beauty, joy, and dignity. Learn more about the partnership at epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for Kristin Banfield's birthday, by Rod & Michele MacLeod.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

Altar Arrangements & the Sanctuary Light can be given in honor of an anniversary, birthday, or in memory of a loved one. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY — HOLY WEEK

March 30—Contemplative Anointing Service • 6:00 p.m.

April 2—Agápe Supper (RSVP) • 6:00 p.m.

April 2—Maundy Thursday Liturgy • 7:00 p.m.

April 3—Stations of the Cross • 11:30 a.m.

April 3—Good Friday Liturgy • 12:00 p.m.

GIVING | Easter Flowers & Music—make a donation in thanksgiving or memory of someone

DEADLINE 3/30—You are invited to make an offering for Easter Flowers and/or Music in thanksgiving or memory of a loved one. Visit epiphany.org/easter-flowers-and-music to list your intention. You can choose to pay online from a link on that page, or mail a check to the church. Submissions received by 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 30 will be listed in the Easter Bulletin.

WORSHIP | Holy Week Contemplative Anointing Service—6:00 p.m.

3/30—Right before Jesus' final entrance into Jerusalem, he stops in Bethany where Mary the Magdalene anoints him with costly perfume. In honor of this act of love, we offer a service during Holy Week where we remember that anointing, and Mary's presence accompanying Jesus at his crucifixion, at the tomb, and at the resurrection. The liturgy, written by the Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault, includes readings, contemplative chant, silence, and anointing one another. As we remember Christ's anointing and experience our own, we are drawn more deeply toward the heart of divine love and place Mary the Magdalene back in her rightful place as a central figure in Holy Week as one of Jesus' apostles. *If you would like to participate in this service by doing a reading, please sign up at epiphany.org/rsvp.*

PARISH EVENT | **Easter Candy Donations**

DEADLINE 3/31—Please consider donating a bag of candy with small pieces to fit into our plastic Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. You can drop off candy at Epiphany during regular office hours or on Sunday mornings, in the bin beside the front entrance. We need all candy by Tuesday, March 31. NO CANDY WITH NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, PLEASE!

WORSHIP | **Maundy Thursday “Agápe Supper”**

4/2—Maundy Thursday “Agápe Supper,” begins at 6:00 p.m. The liturgy that includes the Holy Eucharist and foot washing immediately follows at 7:00 p.m. Childcare provided up to age 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Epiphany has a long-held tradition of celebrating this special day beginning with a simple and communal Agápe supper with a menu of what Christians may have eaten at an Agápe (love) feast. The Supper requires reservations. Each seat at the table brings a specific food item listed for their table. Visit epiphany.org/agape-supper for more details about the meal and to reserve your seat. There is an option of purchasing a serving of fish prepared by Epiphany Chef Joel Fowler. Please list that request on your reservation by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 30. The cost of the fish is \$10 per serving (*note the price change this year*), \$30 max for families.

WORSHIP | **Stations of the Cross—Good Friday, April 3 • 11:30 a.m.**

4/3—From as early as the fourth century, pilgrims have traveled to Jerusalem to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as he made his way from the trial with Pontius Pilate to the cross and to the tomb for his burial. This day we walk the Stations of the Cross as a mini-pilgrimage in prayer and contemplation. The stations at Epiphany were created by former parishioner, and talented artist, Jim Stevens. We hope that these carvings and prayers will help you to approach the way of the cross with a special reverence.

WORSHIP | **Good Friday**

4/3—The Good Friday Service takes place at 12:00 p.m. The offering for the day will go to the support the ministry of the dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Our contributions are used to assist them to promote peace and mutual understanding and education programs throughout the region. You can learn more and donate directly at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/> or by cash or checking, noting “Good Friday Offering” in the memo.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday - April 5

The Great Vigil of Easter • 6:00 a.m. (incense)

Easter Day Services • 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast • 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt • 10:15 a.m.

WORSHIP | **Easter Vigil**

4/5—Join us for the Great Vigil of Easter at 6:00 a.m. to begin our Easter celebration. There will be incense at this service. Remember to bring bells to ring and plan to stay afterwards for some bubbly and strawberries.

WORSHIP | **Easter Day Services**

4/5—Easter Sunday liturgies will take place at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Please bring a flower from home to flower the cross in the courtyard.

PARISH EVENT | **Easter Breakfast**

4/5—Easter Breakfast will be served from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Please sign up at epiphany.org/rsvp with your TABLE READY breakfast dishes to share (fruit, pastries, casseroles, and other savorys) and remember to put your name on your dishes. Parish Life will provide biscuits with jams and jellies, ham, and beverages. Include a card listing dietary/allergen comments (i.e., meat, dairy, gluten, nut ingredients). No charge/donations welcome.

PARISH EVENT | **Easter Egg Hunt**

4/5—Gather your children (up to 5th grade) in the church nave after the first service for instructions and we will dismiss for the egg hunt from there at 10:15 a.m. Please bring your own baskets.

NOTICE | **Office Closed**

Please note that the office will be closed on the Monday and Tuesday following Easter - April 6 and April 7.