

# St. John's Episcopal Church



## Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 - 9am Holy Eucharist

Prelude

The Liturgy of the Palms (liturgy begins in Ashworth Hall)

*Lay Reader:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*A Prayer Book for Australia*

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever. ***Amen.***

*Lay Reader:*

(*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."

### The Blessing of the Palms

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*Priest:* 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 palms 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.***

*Lay Reader:* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* ***Hosanna in the highest.***

*Lay Reader:* Let us go forth in peace.

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

### The Procession

*Priest:* Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first 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.***

1. Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessed One.

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

2. The company of angels  
is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.

*Refrain*

3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.

*Refrain*

4. To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

*Refrain*

Collect of the Day

*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 Lesson:

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the 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. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 31:9-16 (said responsively, alternating verses)

- 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."***

Sequence: Ride on! ride on in majesty!

1940 Hymnal 2<sup>nd</sup> Tune - Winchester New - #64

1. Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on! ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see th'approaching sacrifice.

The Passion according to Matthew (26:14-27:66) (Congregation says those parts in ***bold.***)

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?" 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, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "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.'" 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, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "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." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the 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."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "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." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "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." Again, he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." 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, "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."

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, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." 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, "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?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "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." 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, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "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.'"

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "**He deserves death.**" Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "**Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?**"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" 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, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." 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."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" 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, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" 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, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." 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, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "**Barabbas.**" Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "**Let him be crucified!**" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "**Let him be crucified!**"

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, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "**His blood be on us and on our children!**" 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, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 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. 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."

**[Please STAND, as you are able]**

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, "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." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "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.'" 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, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." 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, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

**[PAUSE in reverence]**

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, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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, "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 said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Prayers of the People:

*Common Worship, Church of England*

*Lay Reader:* In solidarity with Jesus, let us offer our hearts and prayers to the Holy One:

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For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death,  
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,  
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow  
a rich union in Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our  
common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,  
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and  
encouragement,  
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God  
is far from them,  
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,  
let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in need of God's abiding presence, especially those named on our weekly prayer list,

let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we, with Ralph Selvitella, Helen & Warren LeGallo, Preston & Jean Lobbregt, Lewis & Helen Stanhope, Patricia O'Brien, The Rev. Philip & Naomi Anthes, James & Doris Smith, Kenneth Noonan, and those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ,

let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

*Priest:* Holy and immortal God, open our hearts to the Blessed One, so that we may enter the gates of your justice, confessing in our words and in our deeds that Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Peace and Announcements

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
*And also with you.*

### Invitation to the Offering

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Offertory Hymn: *Alone thou goest forth, O Lord*

Hymnal #164

1. Alone now goest forth, O Lord, in sacrifice to die;  
is this thy sorrow nought to us who pass unheeding by?
2. Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord; make us thy sorrow feel,  
till through our pity and our shame love answers love's appeal.
3. This is earth's darkest hour, but thou dostlight and life restore;  
then let all praise be given thee who livest evermore.
4. Grant us with thee to suffer pain that, as we share this hour,  
thy cross may bring us to thy joy and resurrection power.

### Doxology

(v. 3) Hymnal #380

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

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love. *Amen.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Common Worship, Prayer D

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest. [in the highest].*

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

*Hosanna in the highest. [in the highest].*

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope, he touched the untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story. *This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story. *This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my Body, given for you all." Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: "This is my Blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

This is our story. *This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

Therefore, Father, with this Bread and this Cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story. *This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

Send your Spirit on us now, that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you, and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, O Father, through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit:

*Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.*

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

*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.*

Fraction: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

*Jesus, Lamb of God, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Savior of the world, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, gentle Prince of Peace, grant us peace [grant us peace].*

The Invitation to Holy Communion

In fellowship with our sisters and brothers worshipping online, let us join together in praying for that spiritual communion shared by all Christ's disciples.

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

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

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Mt 11:28-29). All those wishing to share in the life of Christ are welcome at God's altar.

Post-communion Prayer

*Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing:

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will,  
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory,  
set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional: *There is a green hill far away*

Hymnal #167

1. There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.
2. We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.
3. He died that we might be forgiv'n, he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heav'n, saved by his precious blood.
4. There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin,  
he only could unlock the gate of heav'n, and let us in.

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

**Welcome to St John's Episcopal Church.** All those wishing to share in the life of Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Proceed up the aisle on the right, allowing room on the left for others to return. You may kneel or stand at the rail to receive. Most people receive the consecrated Host in the hands, and some receive on the tongue. We have not returned to the Common Cup but offer individual Communion Cups. Please deposit the empty cups in the tray as you return. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Holy Communion, simply cross your hands over your chest as the priest approaches.

**Parish Calendar**

Apr 2	Thu	Agape Meal, 6pm
	Thu	Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7pm
Apr 3	Fri	Good Friday Liturgy, 12pm
	Fri	Good Friday Liturgy, 7pm (Winthrop)
Apr 4	Sat	Great Vigil of Easter, 5:30pm (Winthrop)
	Sat	Vigil Feast in Parish House, 7pm (Winthrop)
Apr 5	Sun	Ecumenical Sunrise Service, Winthrop Beach, 6:10am
	Sun	Easter Day, 9am
	Sun	Easter Day, 11am (Winthrop)
Apr18	Sat	Spring Craft Fair, Parish House, 10am-2pm

**Announcements**

Weekly Prayer List (Please help to keep this list current and kindly inform the office of any changes)

Week One of the Month:

Emily Graves Autori, Nicholas Bettencourt, Paul Brophy, Norma Cahill, Barbara Cox, Ken DiBiccari, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne & Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Allison Gray, and Jerica Hamre

Week Two:

Will Hare, Carolyn Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Anthony K., Janet Lancaster, Melissa McSheffery, Matt, Mary & Dante, Harriet Miraglia, Jonelle Moloney, and Joe W.

Week Three:

Erica Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Lisa P., Kathy Pothier, Tom & John Puckett, Shirley Raithel, Sandy & David St. Clair, Marilyn Aham, Amy Wright, Bob Shaw, Nina Lafauci, and Janice Noseworthy

Week Four:

Nancy Scarry, Malcolm Silva, Teddi, Terrie Sevier, Gail Smith, Dom & Joanie Tello, Kathy Webber, Nancy White, Rachel, Abigail, Claire, Kevin O'Connor, and Jesse Tucker

**Current St. John's Officers & Vestry for 2026**

**Officers:** Donna Manoogian, Sr. Warden, John Rogalski, Jr. Warden, Paul Felci, Treasurer, James Duracin, Asst. Treasurer, and Brenda Caggiano, Clerk of the Vestry

**Vestry:** Rose Holt (2027), Joanne Lancaster (2027), M. 'Dibby' LeBlanc (2027), Colleen Marcotte (2028), and Diana White (2029)

**Participants in this Service:**

The Rev. Walter Connelly, Priest-in-Charge

Stephen Sikorski, Music Director

Sandy Mears, Layreader ~ Colleen Marcotte, L.E.M.

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