



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 a.m.



Weather permitting, the congregation will gather on the sidewalk next to the church steps. Following the blessing of the palms, the choir will lead the procession into the nave.

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THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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

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

Celebrant Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Here a Deacon or other person appointed reads the following

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 Celebrant then says the following blessing

271 *Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The people hold their palm branches aloft for this blessing.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

During the procession, all hold their palms aloft as the hymn is sung.

HYMN #154

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

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

Repeat Refrain

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector A reading from the Prophet 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?

-The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16 (*in unison*)

**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."**

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

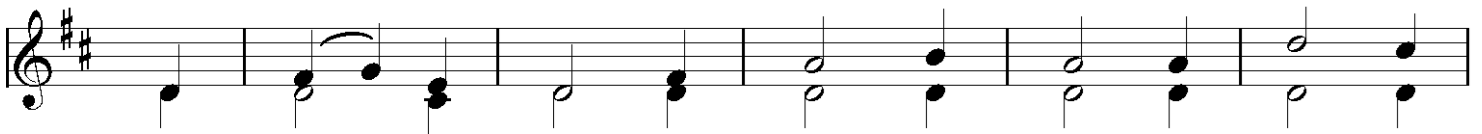
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-

even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, 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. *All: Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN #474 (vv. 1-4)

When I survey the wondrous cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an



Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

All may be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel. The people read the bolded parts. All stand where indicated.

Celebrant The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.

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?"

"BARABBAS"

Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

"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." And all the people 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."

All Stand.

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.

(A period of silence may be kept.)

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. 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."

The people sit.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

387 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III) *(All standing)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, **Josey** Parker, and **Brianna** Cantrall,

and those with special needs:

Ed Kelaher, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Lou** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Ella** Asebes, **Louise** Billings, **Tom** Blalock, **Sissy** Bolstad, **Judy** Boyd, **Alice** Brandon, **Lynne** Broch, **Jack** Buckheit, **Gayle** Burke, **Seraphina** Byers, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Jim** Clodfelter, **Bob** Cook, **Linda** Cox, **Wesley** Crump, **Dylan** Daw, **Susan** Dixon, **Renee** Ewbank, **Cathy** Farley, **Charlotte** Froehlich, **Shana** Garland, **Angie** Gowen, **Lilly** Griffin, **Jimmy** Hall, **George** Hanna, **Jennifer & Michael** Hinton, **Chris** Hodges, **Bob** Holcomb, **Marlene** Jones, **Ray** Kent, **Lisa** Lightfoot, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Debbie** Mason, **Kate** McKenzie, **Charles** McNeair, **Arnold** Miller, **Angela** Mott, **Walker** Peoples, **Gabby** Plott, **Ellen** Rickert, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Betty Jo** Sadler, **Jacob** Salazaar, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Lynn** Santolla, **Suzy** Sheets, **Carol** Sills, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Morgan** Simmons, **Robin** Sink, **Clyde** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Austen** Sprinkle, **Jenny** Hedrick Stilwell, **Sean** Sullivan, **Jackie** Touchton, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Sandy** Wallace, **Barry & Patricia** Wardle, **Flynn** Williams, **Paul** Wylie, and **Charlotte** Young.

“Are there others?” Lord in Your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of yours Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

360 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

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

360 THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (*choir only*) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* – T. A. Dorsey, arr. J. Schrader
Neil Shepherd, Tenor ~ Shannon Lindergren, Piano

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS DOXOLOGY #705 (v. 3) (*In the Blue Hymnal*)

*With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love
with all humanity.*

*O thou who gavest us thyself
in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.*

361 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (*sung by all*)

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. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

364 **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.**

364 **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

364 INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

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

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine. Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally. If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.

During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN #325

Let us break bread together on our knees

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;*

*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;*

*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;*

*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

365 POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people

May Christ, who gave his life for the world and was revealed even in suffering as the Son of God, fill your hearts with humility, mercy, and hope; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL HYMN #435 (vv. 1-4)

At the Name of Jesus



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A Minor – J. S. Bach

PROCESSION TO THE CITY SQUARE

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Lector: Penny Taylor
Intercessor: Judie Reed
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Tommy Black, Miles Cleckley
Ushers: Sims Riggan, Joe Wallace
Greeter: Sandra Husted
Acolytes: Anderson Carter
Merritt Carter
Analise Petruzzi

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex.

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary. However, we also offer a nursery in our Parish Hall (adjacent building). Children will be walked up to the sanctuary during The Peace.

The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper-changing stations are provided in both rooms.

During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

Lexington Community Palm Sunday Celebration
The Olde Courthouse on the Square
March 29, 2026 - 12:15 pm

GATHERING MUSIC

The Alive! Praise Band
First United Methodist Church

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION FROM LEXINGTON AREA CHURCHES

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

Rev. Matthew Miller, First Lutheran Church

INVOCATION

Rev. Ray Howell III, First Baptist Church

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Elizabeth Horton, First Reformed UCC

One: Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession in Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power.

***All:* We come to praise Jesus the Messiah, the One who saves!**

One: The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

***All:* We come to call on Jesus the Messiah, the One who saves!**

One: The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

***All:* We come to witness Jesus the Messiah, the One who saves!**

One: Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kingdom of God, Not the kingdoms of this world?

***All:* We come to follow Jesus the Messiah, the One who saves!**

HYMN

"The Wondrous Cross"

by Isaac Watts & Chris Tomlin

1, When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride

2. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless
Your name.

3. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine,
demands my soul my life my all

Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J. D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, Lowell Mason –
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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10

Mr. Ken Davis
Shady Side Presbyterian Church

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:7-11

Rev. Cindy Ramirez
Trinity & Linwood United Methodist Church

HOMILY

“Peace Steps”

Rev. Jon Martin
First Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly
St. Stephens United Methodist Church

HYMN

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

by Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let There Be Peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let me walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

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BENEDICTION

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One: The way is long;

***All:* let us go together.**

One: The way is difficult;

***All:* let us help each other.**

One: The way is joyful;

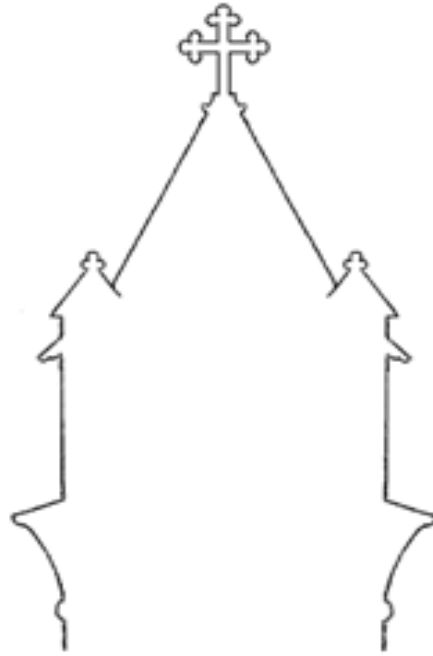
***All:* let us share it.**

One: The way is Christ's, for Christ is the way;

***All:* let us follow together.**

One: The way is open before us, let us go:
with the love of God, the grace of Christ,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

***All:* Amen and Amen!**



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