

**The Sunday of the Passion  
Palm Sunday  
March 28, 2021 9:30 AM Online**



**St. John's Episcopal Church**

*Today starts Holy Week, during which the church dramatizes the events leading up to the suffering and death of Jesus. Today is called Sunday of the Passion, or Palm Sunday, which focuses on Jesus' joyous triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*

*The euphoria and triumph of Jesus' entry is short-lived and the tone of the day changes dramatically, as Palm Sunday also includes a portion of the Passion Narrative in place of the Gospel. We, who moments earlier shouted "Hosanna" now cry "Crucify him! Crucify him!" The stage is set for the remainder of Holy Week.*

## The Liturgy of the Palms

Priest: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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.**

### Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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

*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.**

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.**

*Priest:* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Palm fronds were made available for pickup at the church during the past week. If you were able to pick up a palm frond, or if you have some other sort of greenery from your home or yard, please wave it as the processional hymn is sung.*

## **HYMN 154: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

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

All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

The company of angels  
Is praising thee on high;  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

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.**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

**Amen,**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

*Venite — Psalm 95:1-7*  
*Officiant and People together,*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***  
**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**  
**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**  
**For the Lord is a great God, \***  
**and a great King above all gods.**  
**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***  
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**  
**The sea is his, for he made it, \***  
**and his hands have molded the dry land.**  
**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***  
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**  
**For he is our God,**  
**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\***  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

**Psalm 31:9-16**

*The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.*

- 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."**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
\* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.**

### **Old Testament: Isaih 50:4-9a**

A reading from Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader*    The word of the Lord.  
*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11***

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.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

### **THE GOSPEL NARRATIVE**

*Priest:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*The Gospel Narrative is read by several persons and the Congregation will voice the role of the "Crowd."*



## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark

*You (the congregation) will take several roles in this narrative, including some of the priests and scribes, bystanders, and the people, who often speak with one voice. Your part is presented below in **large bold print**.*

NARRATOR: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

DISCIPLES: "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

NARRATOR: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

NARRATOR: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

DISCIPLES: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

JESUS: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

NARRATOR: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

NARRATOR: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: "Surely, not I?"

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For 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: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

JESUS: "Take; this is my body."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: But he said vehemently,

PETER: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I pray."

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

JESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

JESUS: "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

NARRATOR: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

NARRATOR: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

JUDAS: "Rabbi!"

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

NARRATOR: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

**ACCUSERS: "We heard him say, `I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"**

NARRATOR: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

HIGH PRIEST: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I am; and `you will see the Son of Man seated at the right

hand of the Power,' and `coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

NARRATOR: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

**ACCUSERS: "Prophecy!"**

NARRATOR: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

NARRATOR: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: "This man is one of them."

NARRATOR: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

BYSTANDERS: "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: "I do not know this man you are talking about."

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

JESUS: "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: And he broke down and wept.]

NARRATOR: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered him,

JESUS: "You say so."

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

PILATE: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted back,

**CROWD: "Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

**CROWD: "Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped

him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)*

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**BYSTANDERS: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"**

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: which means,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**BYSTANDERS: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."**

NARRATOR: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

**BYSTANDERS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."**

NARRATOR: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.



## THE SERMON—The Reverend Minerva Camarena Skeith

### The Prayers

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People together*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### *Suffrage A*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*The Collect for 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.**

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for the Mission of the Church*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN 671: "Amazing Grace"**

Sung by Kay and Wayne Harry

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Deacon or other leader says:*

Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of Peace. Let us pray, saying: "Lord, hear our prayer."

That Christians may hear and share the word of God as true disciples, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all leaders of all nations and of the Church may prefer humble service to empty power, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That when we see the cross starkly revealed in our lives, we may draw strength from the name above every name, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we may be God's loving heart in the world, reaching out in the midst of trouble, turning darkness into light, and hatred into love, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we may remember that your mercy was given to the prisoner beside you, and that prisoners and all who care for them may know your loving compassion, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those who suffer in any way, especially *<names may be inserted here>*, may find strength, peace, and healing through the knowledge of your redemptive love, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the lives of those who celebrate their birthdays, especially <names may be inserted here>, and those who celebrate their wedding anniversary, especially <names may be inserted here>, may glorify your holy name, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died, especially <names may be inserted here>; may they have entered your eternal glory, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those celebrating a birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The priest says a blessing*

Let us pray for those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The priest says a blessing*

Other Special Intercessions – You may offer your petitions and thanksgivings by writing in the “Chat” to be shared aloud.

*The Celebrant adds the following Concluding Collect.*

God, our Creator, you show your beloved disciples the way to freedom through gentle obedience of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## *The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People together*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## *Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**  
*2 Corinthians 13:14*

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord,

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**HYMN 671 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

Sung by Lisa Shirah-Hiers

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

**POSTLUDE: "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded"**

Organ performance by Philip Riley

## PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

St. John's is interested in meeting the pastoral needs of our community.

If you have prayer requests, please contact Sheri Rasmussen  
at [sheri@austinstjohns.org](mailto:sheri@austinstjohns.org).

If you would like the Daughters of the King to include you in their prayer  
list, please contact Sandra Ward at [1redsand2@gmail.com](mailto:1redsand2@gmail.com).

If you need pastoral care please contact  
Mother Minerva at [revminerva@austinstjohns.org](mailto:revminerva@austinstjohns.org) or  
Deacon Victoria at [deaconvic@austinstjohns.org](mailto:deaconvic@austinstjohns.org).

**HEALING AND GUIDANCE:** John, Petra, Jim, the McCoy family, Christina,  
Terry, Cindy, Ed, Ramona, CJ

**DECEASED:** Sherry, Jamey, Rev. Armistead Powel

**BIRTHDAYS:** 4/1: Catherine Turner, Angie Bautista,  
Carol Bautista

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** — Each Thursday at 10:00 AM.

For access information, please refer to the “Christian Education and  
Formation” email which is sent out each Tuesday. Bible Study will not  
meet on April 1, Maundy Thursday.

**THE BRIDGE**—Our weekly newsletter, “The Bridge” is emailed every  
Friday and it is also published on our web site. Check it out for news  
and other items of interest.

**LECTIONARY BASED BIBLE STUDY** — Our Lectionary Based Bible  
Study will resume after Easter.

**NEED HELP?** If you find that your situation is causing financial, spiritual,  
or emotional difficulties, or if you are in need of food, do not hesitate to  
call Mother Minerva ([revminerva@austinstjohns.org](mailto:revminerva@austinstjohns.org) / 512-593-1178)  
or Deacon Victoria (512-297-5953).

# 2021 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN'S

**Sunday, March 28**

**The Passion of our Lord: Palm Sunday**

9:30 AM	Online Palm Sunday Service in English
10:15 AM	Virtual Coffee and Fellowship in English
11:15 AM	Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in English
1:00 PM	Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in Spanish

**Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday**

7:00 PM	Online Maundy Thursday Service
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**Friday, April 2 Good Friday**

12:00 NOON	Online Good Friday Service in English
6:30 PM	Outdoor Via Crucis in Spanish

**Saturday, April 3 No Easter Vigil at St. John's this year**

*We invite you to participate in the online Easter Vigil at  
Christ Church Cathedral (Houston) on Saturday, April 3, at 8:00pm.  
[www.christchurchcathedral.org/easter](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/easter)*

*Another option that you may want to consider is the Easter Vigil at  
Trinity Church Wall Street in New York City on Saturday, April 3 at 7:30pm.  
<https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/worship/holy-week-easter>*

*Washington National Cathedral is not holding  
an Easter Vigil service this year,*

**Sunday, April 4 Easter Day**

9:30 AM	Online Liturgy of the Word in English
10:15 AM	Virtual Coffee and Fellowship in English
11:15 AM	Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in English
1:00 PM	Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in Spanish

***Online worship services are conducted using the Zoom online meeting system and are recorded for replay on Facebook, on our web site, and on our YouTube channel.***

***Bring fresh flowers to the 11:15 AM and 1:00 PM services for the "flowering of the cross" on Easter.***



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Steve Kriechbaum  
Sandra Welles, Clerk

### *Class of 2024*

Maria Caballero  
Alfonso Hernandez  
Sandra Ward

## SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 AM  
11:15 AM  
1:00 PM

Online Morning Prayer in English  
In Person Outdoor Holy Eucharist in English  
In Person Outdoor Holy Eucharist in Spanish



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