



The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 AM

The Liturgy of the Palms

BCP 270

Luke 19.28-40 (see the 10:30 section) *During the procession, the following psalm is recited in unison.*

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 168

The Lessons Isaiah 50.4-9a (see the 10:30 section)

Bible 670

Psalm 31.9-16

BCP 623

Philippians 2.5-11

Bible 1339

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (23.1-49)

Bible 1232

The traditional response is not made at the announcement of the Gospel; remain seated at the first.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, Form III

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The Confession of Sin

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing

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Hymn at the Procession Hymnal 474 When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

Dismissal

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 AM

The Liturgy of the Palms

We gather under the oak, behind Heyward Hall. If seated in the church, please sit towards the wall and down front.

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.

A Reading from Luke: 19.28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God.

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.

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

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people follow the clergy to the front door of the church and then enter and take their places in the pews. The following hymn begins when the congregation is in place.

Hymn at the Procession Hymnal 154 All glory, laud and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

The 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 Old Testament: Isaiah 50.4-9a

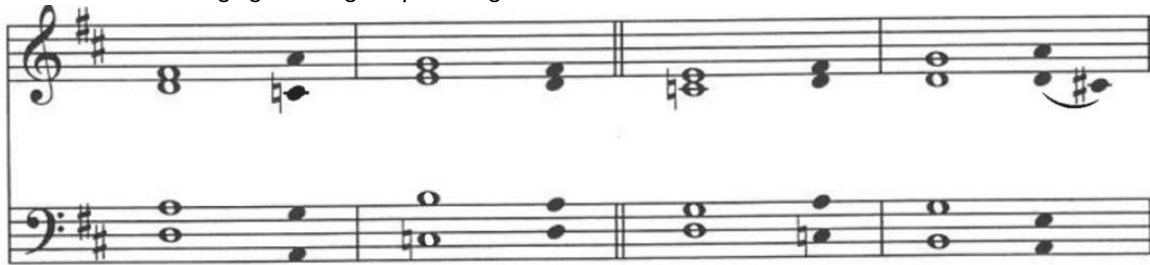
Bible 670

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 Gradual: Psalm 31.9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

BCP 623

The choir and congregation sing the psalm together.



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.
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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."

At the Sequence Hymnal 171 Go to dark Gethsemane

Petra

Procession to Children's Chapel, for 3K, 4K, and 5K. Children will return at the Peace.

The traditional response is not made at the announcement of the Gospel.

People remain seated until standing is indicated.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 23.1-49

Bible 1232

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him

back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together,

People: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

People: "Crucify, crucify him!"

A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull (**All Stand**), they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Sermon
The Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People, Form III
The Confession of Sin
The Peace

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The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

“When Jesus Wept”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner
William Billings

St. John’s Ringers

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

At the Presentation Hymnal 380, v. 3 Praise God, from whom all blessing flow
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Hymnal S-130 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

BCP 361
Franz Schubert

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-164 Lamb of God—*Agnus Dei*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

BCP 364
Franz Schubert

Hymns at the Communion

Hymnal 166 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle
Hymnal 168 O Sacred Head, sore wounded
Hymnal 474 When I survey the wondrous cross
Hymnal 170 To Mock Your Reign

Pange Lingua
Herzlich
Rockingham
The Third Tune

Postcommunion Prayer and Prayer over the People

Hymn at the Procession Hymnal 458 My song is love unknown
Dismissal

BCP 366
Love Unknown

Accessibility

St. John's is equipped with a T-loop hearing system that connects directly to hearing aids and implants via the "T" or "T Coil" setting. We have a number of In-Loop listening devices that deliver amplified sound through headphones.

We are also equipped with ADA accessibility via the side door by the Memorial Garden.

Please ask one of the greeters or an usher for assistance.



Our Worship

Palm Sunday, the Sunday of Our Lord's Passion, is a liturgy of painful contrasts and offers a preview of all that is to come during Holy Week. Jubilant entry turns to painful rejection all too soon. Both services include the Liturgy of the Palms and a dramatic reading of the Lord's Passion. The 10:30 service begins in the parking lot; come early to see the donkey, get your palm or palm cross, and prepare to process. Our procession will be led by a bagpiper this year.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Those participating in worship:

8 AM EM: Bill Todd

10:30 AM EM 1: Gordon Schell EM 2: Faxie Watt

Acolytes: James and Jack Long, Tyler Turnipseed,
Henry Kohler

Greeter: Holly Godwin, Brink Hinson

Ushers: Smith Richardson, Matt McCloghry, Rhett
Heyward, Jim Wheeler

Altar Guild: Margaret Axson, Betty Jones, Barbara Jones,
Julian Horst, Margaret Woodrum

Children's Chapel: Rebecca & Thomas Coleman

Altar Flowers: Rebecca Coleman

Family Ministries

Join us for **EYC** this Sunday!

Middle school 5-6 PM | Dinner 6-6:30 PM | High school
6:30-7:30 PM

LeConte Lodge - June 22-25: High school youth who would like to join our hiking trip to LeConte Lodge should let Alex know ASAP that they would like to reserve a spot! Due to the cabin size at LeConte Lodge, we only have room for 4 youth boys and 4 youth girls. We will spend 2 nights in Gatlinburg, and there is lots to do there! Feel free to reach out to Alex with any questions.

Carowinds - Monday, June 16: Middle and high school youth are invited to join us on a day trip to Carowinds! Sign up to let Alex know you'll be joining us!
<https://forms.gle/RtDNyVtUkaMu6f98>.



Holy Week

April 13

Palm Sunday Services,
8 & 10:30 AM

April 14-16

Holy Eucharist Service,
6 PM in the Chapel

April 17

Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM
Nursery Available
Gethsemane Watch begins 8 PM

April 18

Morning Prayer, 7 AM
Good Friday Service, 12:15 PM
Nursery Available

Easter

April 20

7:45 Holy Eucharist
9 AM Holy Eucharist,
St. John's Singers,
Nursery & Children's Worship
11 AM Holy Eucharist
Chancel Choir, Nursery Available

Flowering Cross

Don't forget to bring your
fresh cut flowers next
Sunday to help adorn our
Flowering Cross!



Prayer Requests

Those to be Baptized: Thomas Horst, son of Margaret & Ben Horst; Clay David Cowan, son of Chandler & Susan Cowan; Emmalyn Rose DeFranco, daughter of Anthony & Mary DeFranco

Expecting Parents: Raiford Collins Strasburger & Andrew Strasburger; Cody & Samantha Harper, Isabel & Marshall Sheorn, William & Ashleigh Axson, Rachel & Joseph Thomas, Meredith & Biff Blocker, Lindsay & Bossie Morris

New Parents: Mary Ashley & Chase Williams - Kaiden Reeves Williams, born 4/7

For Military Service Personnel

Matthew Simmons, Byron Davison, Brennen Fleischer, Salters Kneece, Rivers Chadwick, Ryan Sheard

St. John's Church Members

Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Jerryana Birch-Bibloni, Jackie Boylston, Abby Bray, George Brunson, Al Dozier, Janice Fort, Bet Gettys, Miriam Hedgepath, Rusty Hodnett, Pam Hodnett, Leigh Jones, Alice King, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Jimmy Mitchell, Linda Mittenzwei, Christine Prioleau, George Reid, Annette Shuler, Jack Sterne, Mollie Sullivan, Bill Todd

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Needing Prayer Support? *Fill out our prayer request form on the website at any time! We will pray for you or your loved one for 6 weeks. The names of church members will be read aloud in prayer in Sunday worship; others will be included in the prayer section of the Sunday bulletin and shared with our prayer team for their private prayers. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/praystjohns>*

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Upcoming Events

Gethsemane Vigil

Gethsemane All-Night Vigil A St. John's tradition returns this Holy Week, keeping watch with the Lord as the disciples struggled to do, in the garden at Gethsemane, before Good Friday. A member of the Men of St. John's will be present as watchman each hour. The Vigil begins at the end of the Maundy Thursday service and will conclude with Morning Prayer at 7 AM on Good Friday. Sign up to Pray: <https://tinyurl.com/GethsemaneWatch2025>

Trinity Cathedral: Lent Preaching

Join us each Wednesday during Lent for our annual Lenten Preaching Series. The 2025 series theme is "You Did It For Me," based on Matthew 25:31-46. Each week will focus on a specific call from this passage. Lunch is served at 11:45 AM & 1:00 PM in Satterlee Hall (choose one seating). \$10 per person.

April 16, 2025: "The sheep and the goats" *The Right Reverend Daniel Paul Richards, IX Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina*

The Flock Gathers

Friday, April 18 at 4 PM

Home of Lockey and Adam Plyler: 4209 Devereaux Road. BYOB; please bring about 10 filled Easter eggs

The Flock is a newer fellowship group at St. John's. Like our existing fellowship groups and guilds, there aren't strict age guidelines for participation. We imagine the Flock is somewhat younger than our Connections group (many participants in their 40s) and older than the Young Adults (typically in their 20s). Flock participants might be in their 30s. Those who are parents might have babies, preschoolers or young elementary age kids. You don't have to be married or have children to participate in any of our groups, of course. Church members can choose a fellowship group based on any kind of affinity they feel; their own age, the age of any children they have, and who they already feel close to in the life of the church.



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Sunday Adult Formation & Sunday School

Sunday Adult Formation

At 9:30 Every Week

Equipping the Saints - Multipurpose Room, lower level Heyward Hall. Marriage Imagery in Scripture. During Lent, Fr. Garrett and Fr. Nicholas will be teaching on marriage imagery from the Bible, as a way of exploring our life in God and our hope for the Resurrection.

The Wired Word - Parlor, First Floor. Discussion-oriented, this class works off lessons emailed to participants in advance, that provoke reflection on Scripture, current events, and our common life. Email Sandy Leach (alexandrasandyleach@gmail.com) to be subscribed to the emails.

Parenting Class - Join us at 9:30 in the Library for our new series 'Children's Books for Forming Faith & Character'. Today, listen to Faxie Watt discuss children's books on the Easter. On April 27, join the Keeneys to hear about joy, contentment, and blessing.

Children's Sunday School:

At 9:30 Every Week

Little Lambs (age 3-4): Room 129
K-2: Room 226
3-5: Room 215
Middle School: Room 221
High School: Room 222

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