



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:
PALM SUNDAY

11:15AM

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Præambulum in E Major

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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 270

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

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray.

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

THE PALM SUNDAY LESSON

Luke 19:28–40

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.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

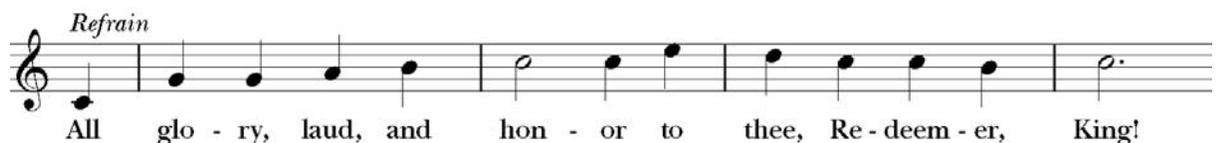
THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN • 154 All glory, laud, and honor *repeated as necessary for the procession*

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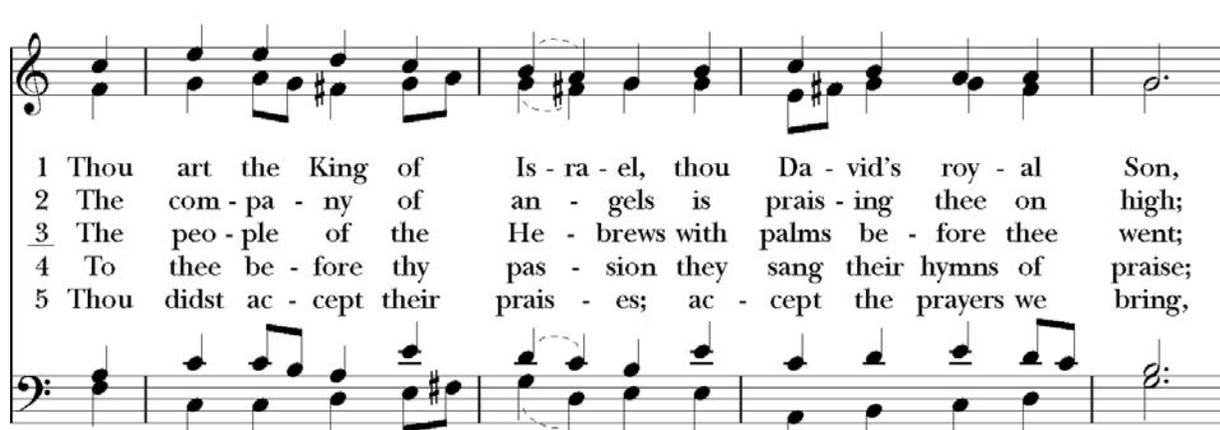
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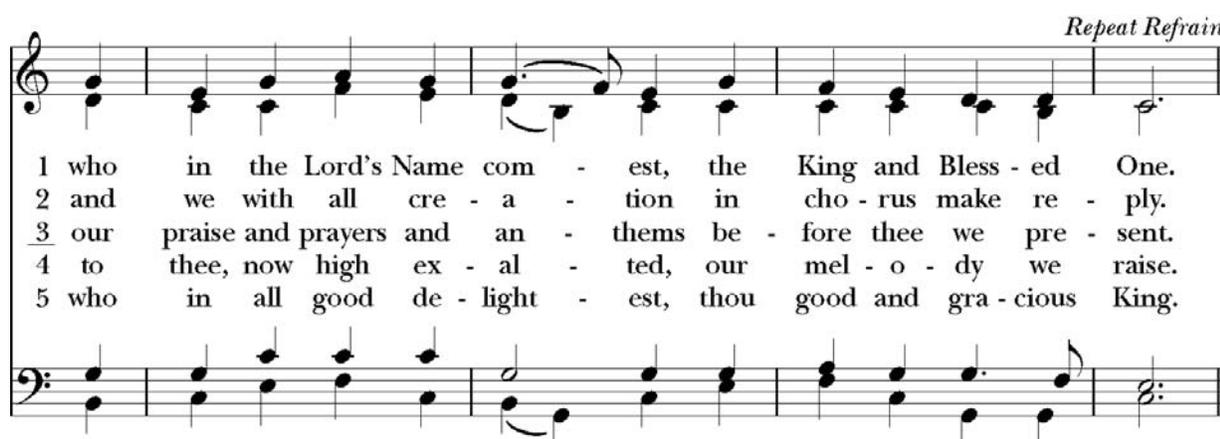
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!



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.

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

HYMN • 156 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

The King's Majesty

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 168

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, has sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

EPISTLE

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

- 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.”

Please stand, as you are able, for the hymn.

HYMN • 168 vv. 1–3 O sacred head, sore wounded

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Please be seated.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

NARRATOR It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread. The religious leaders who collaborated with the Roman occupation were conspiring against Jesus. They had gathered in the palace of Caiaphas the High Priest. This man had received the High Priesthood at the hands of Valerius Gratus, the former Roman governor, and now retained the office under Pontius Pilate. They all were planning to arrest and destroy Jesus quietly so as to avoid a popular revolt among the Jews.

NARRATOR At this time Jesus was lodging at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper. While he was there, a woman approached and anointed him with an alabaster jar of pure nard. When his disciples saw the act, they were outraged.

DISCIPLES Why this waste?

A DISCIPLE Such costly ointment might have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.

JESUS Why do you bother the woman? The poor are always with you. Indeed I tell you that wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will be told in her memory.

NARRATOR Then one of the Twelve named Judas Son of Simon the Iscariot went to the priests and asked:

JUDAS What will you give me if I deliver Jesus to you?

NARRATOR When they heard the offer, they were glad and promised Judas thirty pieces of silver. From that hour he sought an opportunity to betray Jesus.

NARRATOR At the beginning of the feast, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the disciples of Jesus approached him and asked:

A DISCIPLE Where do you wish us to prepare the Paschal meal?

JESUS Go into the city, and you will see there a man carrying a water jar. He will show you a suitable place.

NARRATOR The two did as Jesus commanded. They entered the city where they found the man with the water jar, who brought them to a large upper room.

NARRATOR When evening had come, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were eating, he said:

JESUS I tell you truly that one of you is going to betray me.

NARRATOR The disciples were stunned with grief.

PETER Surely not I!

A DISCIPLE Nor I!

JUDAS Nor I!

JESUS The betrayer is one of you dipping his hand in the dish with me. The Son of Man is fulfilling Scripture, but woe to that one through whom the Son of Man is betrayed.

NARRATOR Then Judas slipped out into the night.

NARRATOR As they were eating, Jesus took bread. After reciting the blessing, he broke it and gave it to his disciples.

JESUS Take, eat; this is my body.

NARRATOR Then taking the cup with the traditional blessing, he gave it to his disciples.

JESUS This is my blood of the New Covenant which is being shed for many. I tell you in truth that I shall not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it fresh in the Kingdom of God.

NARRATOR Then, having sung a hymn, they left the city for the Mount of Olives.

NARRATOR As they walked, Jesus said to his disciples:

JESUS You will all desert me this very night. So it is written in the prophet Zechariah, "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."

PETER Though all desert, I will remain by you.

JESUS I tell you truly that in this very night, before the cock crows twice, you shall deny me three times.

PETER Even though I must die with you, I will never deny you.

NARRATOR And so declared all the disciples.

NARRATOR Jesus halted at an olive grove called Gethsemane. Then going apart with Peter, James, and John, he left them on watch and continued a little further alone. There he fell on his face in anguished prayer. Soon he returned to the three on watch and found them sleeping.

JESUS Could you not watch with me for just one hour? Watch and pray that you are not put to the test; for the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

NARRATOR Again Jesus went apart in troubled prayer; and again he returned to find the disciples sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. A third time Jesus withdrew to pray, and a third time he found the disciples sleeping.

JESUS Sleep on and finish your rest. Now is the time for the Son of Man to be delivered into the hands of sinners. Here comes my betrayer.

NARRATOR Jesus had not finished speaking before Judas, one of his own disciples, arrived with a group of Roman soldiers and other armed men from the Temple. Now the betrayer had arranged with the authorities for a sign and had said:

JUDAS The man whom I kiss is the one you want.

NARRATOR In accord with this arrangement Judas went directly to Jesus.

JUDAS Greetings, Master.

NARRATOR Then he gave him the kiss.

JESUS Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?

NARRATOR Immediately the soldiers laid hands on Jesus and held him fast. Then one of the disciples with Jesus drew his sword and cut off an ear from the slave of the High Priest.

JESUS Sheathe your sword. All who take up the sword will perish by the sword. Do you not know that I can call upon God, who will respond at once with more than twelve legions of angels?

NARRATOR Then turning to the mob, Jesus continued:

JESUS Have you come for me as against a rebel bandit with swords and clubs? Why did you not seize me in the Temple, where I sat teaching by day? Were you so afraid of the Jewish people that you must come for me by stealth? Nevertheless, your actions are fulfilling the words of the prophets.

NARRATOR Then all of his disciples forsook him and fled.

NARRATOR Those who had seized Jesus brought him to Caiaphas, whom the Romans had made High Priest. Peter followed at a distance as far as the courtyard. There he sat with the attendants and warmed himself by the fire. The High Priest had gathered his whole council and they began to arrange the case against Jesus which they would present to Pontius Pilate the governor. The charge was that Jesus claimed to be King of the Jews; and they brought in many false witnesses, but to no avail. Finally, two came forward.

FIRST WITNESS We heard this man say, "I will tear down this temple made with hands and . . ."

SECOND WITNESS And within three days build another not made with hands.

NARRATOR The testimony was evidence that Jesus claimed an authority over Temple affairs which traditionally belonged only to the rulers of Israel, and in those days Israel was ruled from Rome. Yet even these witnesses were unable to agree on their testimony. Finally, Caiaphas stood up and examined Jesus directly.

HIGH PRIEST Have you no answer to these charges?

NARRATOR Jesus remained silent and answered nothing. Then the High Priest put the question of kingship in terms of the royal titles “Anointed” and “Son of God.”

HIGH PRIEST Are you the Anointed one, the Son of the Blessed?

JESUS I am, and you shall see the Son of Man seated on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven.

HIGH PRIEST What need have we of witnesses? He has condemned himself.

NARRATOR They all concurred that Jesus was indeed worthy of death. Then those holding Jesus began to spit on him. They covered his face and were striking him as they taunted him.

FIRST BYSTANDER O Anointed One. . .

SECOND BYSTANDER Prophecy who it is who is striking you.

NARRATOR Now Peter was warming himself in the courtyard when a small slave girl entered. She confronted Peter and said:

SLAVE GIRL You also were with this Jesus the Nazarene.

PETER I do not know what you are talking about.

NARRATOR Peter went outside into the gateway. Meanwhile the cock crowed. The slave girl followed him out and said to the bystanders:

SLAVE GIRL This man is one of them.

NARRATOR Again Peter denied knowing Jesus. After a little while the bystanders said directly to Peter:

THIRD BYSTANDER Surely you are one of them, for you speak with a Galilean accent.

NARRATOR Then Peter began to swear with an oath:

PETER I do not know this person of whom you are speaking.

NARRATOR But the cock interrupted him as it crowed for the second time. Immediately Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” He went out and wept bitterly.

NARRATOR When morning arrived, all of the chief priests, along with the other Roman collaborators, bound Jesus and delivered him over to Pontius Pilate, the imperial Roman governor. When Judas saw what was happening, he knew that Jesus was doomed and repented. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the priests.

JUDAS I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.

HIGH PRIEST What is that to us?

A PRIEST That is your affair.

NARRATOR Judas threw down the thirty pieces of silver in the Temple. Then he went out and hanged himself. Picking up the silver pieces, the priest said:

HIGH PRIEST It is unlawful to put this silver into the treasury; for it is blood money.

NARRATOR Whereupon they used the money to buy the potter’s field for the burial of strangers. Therefore, that field is known to this day as the Field of Blood.

NARRATOR Jesus stood before the Roman governor as the accusers made their charge.

FIRST WITNESS We found this man perverting our nation.

SECOND WITNESS He was forbidding us to pay taxes to the Emperor and proclaiming himself Anointed King.

PILATE Are you the King of the Jews?

JESUS You say so.

NARRATOR The priests were accusing him of many things.

PILATE Have you no answer to give? Look at how many accusations they are making!

NARRATOR Jesus astonished Pilate by remaining silent.

NARRATOR At that festival the governor used to release a prisoner, and some were urging Pilate to do so at this time. Now there was a notable rebel in prison with those who had committed murder during the insurrection. His name was Jesus Barabbas. Therefore, the priests arranged a demonstration to demand Barabbas.

PILATE Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus the Anointed One?

CROWD (*congregation*) **Barabbas!**

PILATE What shall I do then with Jesus the Anointed One?

CROWD (*congregation*) **Crucify him! Crucify him!**

PILATE Are you certain of his guilt?

NARRATOR The crowd took up the chant.

CROWD (*congregation*) **Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!**

PILATE Shall I crucify your King?

CROWD (*congregation*) **We have no king but Caesar.**

NARRATOR Then Pilate agreed to release Jesus Barabbas, but Jesus the Anointed King he handed over to his soldiers for scourging and crucifixion.

NARRATOR The soldiers led Jesus away within the governor's palace. There they assembled the whole batallion. They clothed Jesus in royal purple. They set a crown of thorns upon his head and shoved a reed between his fingers for a scepter. They began to mock him by kneeling before him.

SOLDIERS Hail, King of the Jews.

NARRATOR They also spat upon him and smote him on the head with a stick. Then, after mocking him, they took away the purple, returned his own clothes, and brought him out to crucify him.

Please stand, as you are able.

NARRATOR On the road they met an African of Cyrene named Simon coming in from the countryside. Him they compelled to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha, which means "skull." There they crucified him. It was nine in the morning. They offered him wine mingled with myrrh, but he refused it. His garments they divided among themselves, casting lots for them. Over his head they inscribed the charge against him, "The King of the Jews." Also there were two insurrectionists crucified with him, one to his right and one to his left. Those who passed by were shaking their heads in derision.

FOURTH BYSTANDER So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days!

ALL BYSTANDERS Save yourself! Come down from the cross.

NARRATOR Likewise the priestly collaborators mocked him.

HIGH PRIEST He saved others; himself he cannot save.

A PRIEST Let the Anointed One, the King of Israel, come down from the cross that we may see and believe.

NARRATOR Even the two crucified with him reviled him.

NARRATOR Now from midday there was darkness over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At that hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice.

JESUS Eloi, Eloi, lema sabahthani! My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

FIRST BYSTANDER Look, he is calling for Elijah.

NARRATOR One of them put a sponge full of vinegar on a stick and laid it on his lips.

SECOND BYSTANDER Wait! Let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

NARRATOR Then Jesus, having uttered a loud cry, breathed his last breath.

NARRATOR Suddenly the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. Even, the tombs of the dead were opened. Now, when the centurion on watch and the others who were with him saw all that was taking place, they were filled with awe.

CENTURION Truly this was the Son of God!

Please stand, as you are able, for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

**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.

Please kneel, as you are able, for the Prayers of the People.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM V

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming. In the Anglican Communion, for the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. In the diocese, for Church of the Resurrection in Franklin. In our community, for Woodmont Bible Church. In our parish, for our Lenten Discipleship Groups; our Nashville Fellows Daniel, Alicia, Noemie, and Julie; our Organ Scholar Nara; and our Choral Scholar Luke. We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for John our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. For persecuted Christians throughout the world, and for all who are threatened for their religious beliefs, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our president, Bill, our governor, David, our mayor, and parishioner Bill Hagerty, our Ambassador to Japan, and his family, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person; and for those serving in the armed forces especially Matt Abernathy, Charlie Ezzell, Matt Smith, and John Womack, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; and for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

You are invited to add your own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence is kept.

The celebrant prays the concluding Collect and the people respond Amen.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Almighty God,
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 maker of all things, judge of all men:
 We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
 and wickedness,
 which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
 by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
 provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
 We do earnestly repent,
 and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
 the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
 the burden of them is intolerable.
 Have mercy upon us,
 have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
 for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
 forgive us all that is past;
 and grant that we may ever hereafter
 serve and please thee in newness of life,
 to the honor and glory of thy Name;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able, for the Peace.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated for the Offertory.

THE OFFERTORY

Crucifixus

Antonio Lotti

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato: passus, et sepultus est.

Christ was crucified for us and our salvation, he suffered under Pontius Pilate: Ah! how long the bitter pains he bore; he gave up his spirit, and was laid to rest.

Please stand, as you are able, as the offerings are brought forward.

AT THE PRESENTATION

GPS

The life I live in the bo - dy I live by
faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Him - self for me.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer I*

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The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

The people sing Holy, Holy, Holy

(Hymnal S113) Merbecke

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts,

which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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Lamb of God

(Hymnal S157) Merbecke

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

Celebrant

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.

NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to come to the communion rail for a blessing. You may indicate your desire for a blessing by simply crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available from the intinction cup to the left of the lectern. If it is not easy for you to come to the altar rail, please inform an usher and we will bring the Eucharist to you.

AN INVITATION TO RECEIVE HEALING PRAYER *During the distribution of communion, the chapel is open for healing prayer. If you desire prayers for healing, for yourself or others, you may go to the Chapel after receiving communion. A priest and a lay person will be present to pray with you.*

MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle
Soloist: Renee Lancaster

Gerry Senechal

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
of the mighty conflict sing;
let the triumph of the victim,
to his cross thy tribute bring.
Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer
from that cross now reigns as King.

Thirty years among us dwelling,
his appointed time fulfilled,
born for this, he meets his passion
this the Savior feely willed:
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,
were his precious blood is spilled.

He endures the nails, the spitting,
vinegar, and spear, and reed;
from that holy body broken
blood and water forth proceed:
earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean,
by that flood from stain are freed.

Faithful cross! above all other,
one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peer may be:
sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
for a while the ancient rigor
that thy birth bestowed, suspend;
and the King of heavenly beauty
gently on thine arms extend.

Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
one in might and one in glory
while eternal ages run.

Please kneel, as you are able, for the prayer.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical

body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN • 458 My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

Let us kneel and bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

You will hear the timpani as you leave the church today instead of an organ voluntary to signify the solemnity of the upcoming Holy Week services. You are all invited to depart in silence.

THE PASSION PLAY

Narrator Clay Lutz

Jesus Rocky King

Judas Justin King

Peter Eric Lutz

1st Witness Emma Meyers

2nd Witness Kristen Kent

High Priest Jenna Meyers

Pilate Elise Ikejiani

A Disciple/Soldier Ella Redkevitch

Timpani Christopher Norton

MUSIC NOTES Antonio Lotti is an Italian Baroque composer. The musical language you hear in *Crucifixus* is typical style of that time, when the lines of the choir (this is written for 8 parts) enter at different times, but clash with dissonances that are systematically introduced to depict the whole text. “Sing my tongue” is based on our beloved hymn tune “Pange Lingua” and written by our very own Gerry Senechal. He cleverly maintains the character of the tune, while emphasizing specific texts with his unique harmonic language. This anthem qualified as one of finalists for the 2019 Fyfe Composition competition sponsored by the Sewanee Church Music Conference, where more than 200 composers submitted their work from all over the world.

WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. Michael Blaess, celebrant; The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill, preacher; the Rev. Richard Kew; and the Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess

Verger Frank Puryear

Acolytes Annelisa Williams, Thomas Collins, and Nate Collins

Lector Kathleen Briordy

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Mickey Long, Beth Ross, Whit Smyth, and Judith Broadbent

Ushers Brandon Jackson, Doris Matthews, and Jim McGregor

Greeters Katy Lalor and Tom Taylor

The palms on the altar in the church and the Jane Tompkins Weeks Chapel today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Noah E. Fehl by the Lucy Chan Family.

The aumbry candle in the sanctuary this week is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George Gilman Robinson Johnson by Lucy, Caroline, George, Nathan, Grace, and David Johnson.

The aumbry candle in the Jane Tompkins Weeks Chapel this week is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Emme Osment Norvell and William Edmund Norvell by their children and grandchildren.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLASSES RESEUME SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT 10:05AM

For complete descriptions of all classes, please visit stgeorgesnashville.org.

Adult Classes

- The Rector's Forum led by the Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill *Johnson Hall*
- Adult Confirmation led by the Revs. Michael Blaess and Sam Adams *Hampton Hall*
- How to Read the Bible led by the Rev. Clint Wilson *Chapel*
- Raising Kids for True Greatness led by the Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess *Rooms 210–211 (upstairs)*
- Creating Your Way of Life led by David Weeks *Youth Outer Office (upstairs)*
- ETC: Ethics, Theology, and Conversation facilitated by Shirley Hercules *Conference Room (upstairs)*
- Sitting with God *Bride/Family Room*

Youth *Upstairs*

6th Grade 209 | 7th Grade/Confirmation *Dandridge A & B* | 8th Grade 206 | 9th - 12th Grade *Akers Hall*

Children: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd *Sunday School*

5th Grade *Murray Hall* | 4th Grade 216 | 3rd Grade 117 | 2nd Grade 118 | 1st Grade 119 | Kindergarten 115
Preschool 116, 138, 217

TODAY

At the Bookstore: Limited Time Only Free personalization on select bibles and books of common prayer. Perfect gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Baptisms, Confirmation, and Graduation! This is a \$7.50 value. Details in store. Sale ends Sunday, April 28.

Choral Evensong and Organ Concert Tonight Please join us for a Lenten Choral Evensong preceded by an organ concert featuring Zachary Zwahlen from Sewanee: The University of the South. The organ concert begins at 4:30pm and will include music by Reger and Mendelssohn. Choral Evensong, sung by the Choristers and Lay Clerks of St. George's, begins at 5:00pm immediately following the concert and will feature music by Gibbons, Barnard, Senechal, and Leighton. A reception will follow in Hampton Hall.

St. George's Farmers Market Come and extend the hospitality of St. George's at our weekly Farmers Market by greeting customers and helping with vendor relations. This is a critical role we need several people to fill. Farmers Market begins Thursday, May 2, 3:30 to 6:00pm. Contact Joe King at joe.king@stgeorgesnashville.org.

UPCOMING

Ladies' Lenten Lunches this Wednesday, April 17 Bring your friend, mom, daughter, or sister for fellowship and to nourish your soul. Hear Molly Powell speak about what "Living God's Grace" has done for her. Cost for

noon lunch is \$10 cash or check payable at the door. RSVP to 615-385-2150 x 262.

Living Our Legacy Invitations to the Living Our Legacy event are out! Please join us on Sunday, April 28, at 6:00pm to learn more about how St. George's is responding to the needs of our parish and community. Come enjoy a glass of wine and great food and fellowship while learning about our building and construction plans. RSVP by April 22 to reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 262. Questions? Contact catherine.beemer@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Shoeboxes Selection for Our Little Roses Sunday, April 28 Please stop by the Gathering Space to see photos of the lovely girls of Our Little Roses. Then, select one girl and make a gift box for her. Return your box on May 5 so the June missionaries can deliver it. Questions? Contact Patsy Curry at 615-347-2630.

St. George's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 29 – March 12, 2020 There is no experience quite like walking in the footsteps of our Lord, and one never reads or hears the Bible the same again. Our itinerary includes holy sites in Galilee, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, as well as a visit to Petra in Jordan. Space is limited. More information including a brochure and detailed itinerary are available at stgeorgesnashville.org/pilgrimage. To sign up, please contact Claudia Taylor at 615-385-2150 x 218 or claudia.taylor@stgeorgesnashville.org.

HOLY WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

Rite of Reconciliation While the Absolution we receive at Holy Eucharist is total and thorough, some Christians find comfort from articulating their specific sins to a cleric, and hearing their particular absolution. St. George's clergy will offer private Confession in the chapel through April 19. You may also call any priest on our staff to schedule an appointment at another time. Sign up anonymously in the Gathering Space today.

The Watch April 18 through 19 From Maundy Thursday 9:00pm through Good Friday at 6:00pm, The Watch commemorates the disciples being asked to watch and pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before he was crucified. We need at least two people keeping watch for each hour of the Vigil. Please sign up on the poster by the Chapel.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 18
7:30pm*

Good Friday, April 19
12:00pm* & 6:00pm*

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 20
7:30pm*

Easter Day, Sunday, April 21
7:00am
8:45am*
9:00am The Table*
11:15am*
5:00pm

**Nursery and childcare available for children ages 6 weeks through five years old*

Overflow parking will be available for Easter Day services in the Truxton Trust parking lot across the street from Kroger. The shuttle bus will run every 10 minutes from 7:30am-1:00pm.

Parking at St. George's We are fortunate that our friends at the City of Belle Meade let us use their parking lot during service times on Sunday. Please do not park in the seven spaces behind the garage that are designated for patrol cars or in the pass through in front of the blue USPS mail drop box. You will receive a ticket if you do so. We are working hard to address our parking issues and appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Celebrate Our Shared Life Together Be a part of our community at St. George's by submitting a pledge of support to celebrate all that God is doing in our midst.

Did you know that you can make a financial pledge at any time? Go to stgeorgesnashville.org/stewardship or contact Catherine Beemer at catherine.beemer@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Inreach Shepherd for April
Leslie Overby, 615-309-0612

Next Sunday's Readings:
Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day
April 21, 2019

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We invite newcomers to fill out a Connect Card, found in the pew rack, placing it in the offering plate or handing it to an usher or priest.

Nursery care is available for infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds during the 8:45, 9:00, and 11:15am services and during Sunday school at 10:05am. Childcare (for ages 3-5) is also available during the 8:45, 9:00, and 11:15am services.

Large Print Prayer Books and Hearing Assistance Aids are available in the church foyer. Ask an usher for help.

If you have a “T” switch that is compatible with audio induction systems on your hearing aids, you may switch it on in order to hear the service better.



STAFF MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill, Rector
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The Rev. Michael Blaess, Assoc. Rector
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Mr. Jonathan Riggs, Music Leader for The Table
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Mrs. Catherine Beemer, Director of Parish Giving
Mr. Joe King, Dir. of Lay Ministry Engagement
Mrs. Elizabeth Reavis, Dir. of Communications
Mrs. Laura Zabaski, Parish Administrative Officer

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30, 8:45, 9:00, & 11:15am | Holy Eucharist
5:00pm | Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)

7:00am Monday – Saturday | Holy Eucharist
10:00am Wednesday | Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer



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