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Palm Sunday



Welcome!

Thanks for joining us for worship today. Our name, Emmaus, is taken from a place and event near Jerusalem on the afternoon of Easter. Jesus met up with two disciples fleeing the city, dejected. They didn't recognize him, so along the way, he explained the Old Testament to them—how it pointed to him. Then, they invited him in to a house in the town of Emmaus. When he broke the bread at table, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Thinking back, they realized their hearts burned within them as he explained the Scriptures to them. That is our hope for each Sunday as we gather for worship —that we would encounter Jesus in Scripture and the breaking of bread.

Please leave your name, phone, and email at the guest register in the entryway or narthex. We will get back to you.

For young children, age three and under, feel free to use the nursery in the rear corner. It's hooked up with sound so a parent can hear what's happening in church.

Children age four and up are welcome in Children's Church during the 10:30 service. They go to C.C. after a children's sermon and return for communion with their family.

We serve Sacred Food and Drink here...please don't bring beverages or snacks into church during worship (kids excepted).

Please turn off your cell phones. A deacon calls the people to prepare themselves for worship. The people kneel, and observe a time of silent prayer.

Preparatory Prayers for Individuals

Be present, be present, o Jesus, our High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

They may be said or sung.

Celebrant	Lord have mercy upon us.
People	Christ have mercy upon us.
Celebrant	Lord have mercy upon us.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Prelude: ECHO: All Glory, Laud and Honor

The following or some other suitable anthem is said or sung.

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.All Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant then greets the people and gives a brief introduction, inviting them to participate in the celebration using these or other similar words.

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.CelebrantLet 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 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.



The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

We 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 hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. 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 with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE PROCESSION

I rejoiced when I heard them say Let us go the house of the Lord, And now our feet are standing Within your gates Jerusalem.

8:00 Ushers hand out palms to the congregation at their seats.

10:30 Take palms from the ushers as we process outside to welcome Messiah Jesus to Jerusalem in triumph.

Narrator: The Palm Sunday Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Narrator: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them,

Jesus: "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them," and he will send them at once."

Narrator: ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

Narrator: ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Narrator: ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said,

All: "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Celebrant: "Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Narrator: ¹² And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and

bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³ He said to them,

Jesus: "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

Narrator: ¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, ¹⁶ and they said to him,

Priests: "Do you hear what these are saying?"

Jesus: "Yes; have you never read,

"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?"

Narrator: ¹⁷ And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Process inside to worship Messiah Jesus, singing I Rejoiced. The children go immediately to children's church. "I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say"

Chorus

I rejoiced when I heard them say Let us go to the house of the Lord And now our feet are standing Within your gates Jerusalem

(repeat)

Chorus 2 Jerusalem God's city

Built strong by the hand of the Lord To Jerusalem will the tribes go up The people of our God

(second time to chorus 1)

Verse 1

For the peace of Jerusalem we pray May peace come to your homes For the love of my brothers And my friends may peace come to you

Verse 2 For the love of the house of the Lord I will pray for you And may the throne of justice Be restored in you

(to chorus 2)

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The Sermon:

Fr. Theron Walker

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed: *Celebrant and People*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The deacon says,

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially (_____), that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, *and especially to your servant(s)* ______ that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, (_____), those celebrating birthdays (_____), anniversaries (_____), in our diocese (_____) and in our community (_____); that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, *especially* _____, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in _____.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

For soldiers of this nation deployed to fight for the sake of righteousness and freedom, and for those who bear the wounds of combat: _____.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially ____].

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

Almighty and Holy God, the author and sustainer of all life, in sorrow and repentance for the scourge of abortion and any practices which promote or hasten unnatural death, we appeal to Your mercy and love for the lives of all people and families; the born and unborn, wanted and unwanted, capable or limited, healthy or suffering; that Your perfect will be fulfilled and life ever be cherished as a gift from You, to the Glory of God, our Master, Redeemer, and Friend.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, [especially ______,] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of [_____, and] all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

The Deacon concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

- Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all:
- We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty,

provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;

the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

The ushers present the bread and wine to the deacon. The ushers will pass the offertory baskets.

Offertory: "All Glory Laud and Honor" - ECHO

Priest: All things come from you O Lord. *People*: And of your own, have we given you.

THE SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He 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 he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, **†** with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your 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.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." **†**

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again. And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, **†** O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Officiant and People

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 FRACTION

If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now.

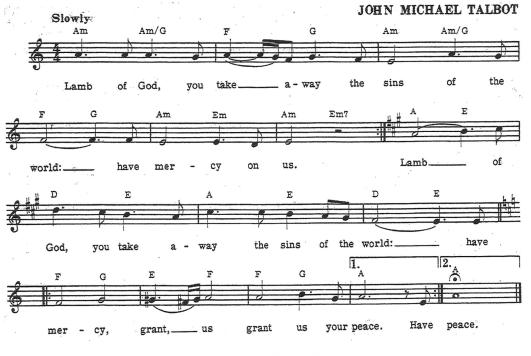
A period of silence is kept.

CelebrantChrist our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all
upon the Cross.PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.
Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

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

Please come forward by row up the center to receive the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are welcome. Take and eat the bread, then take and drink the wine. You may drink from the COMMON CUP, dip your bread in the common cup, or drink from a single serving cup.

If you are not baptized, it would be our pleasure to bless in the Lord's Name. Please come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer up a special prayer for you. If you need gluten free bread, let the priest know.

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those who cannot receive the Sacrament this day.

"Before The Throne Of God Above"

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea A great High Priest whose name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin Because the sinless Saviour died My sinful soul is counted free For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb My perfect spotless righteousness The great unchangeable I Am The King of glory and of grace One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased with His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Saviour and my God With Christ my Saviour and my God

Verse 4

I bow before the cross of Christ And marvel at this love divine God's perfect Son was sacrificed To make me righteous in God's eyes This river's depths I cannot know But I can glory in its flood The Lord Most High has bowed down low And poured on me His glorious love And poured on me His glorious love

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"We Fall Down"

Verse

We fall down We lay our crowns At the feet of Jesus The greatness of mercy and love At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy And we cry holy holy holy And we cry holy holy is the Lamb

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following,

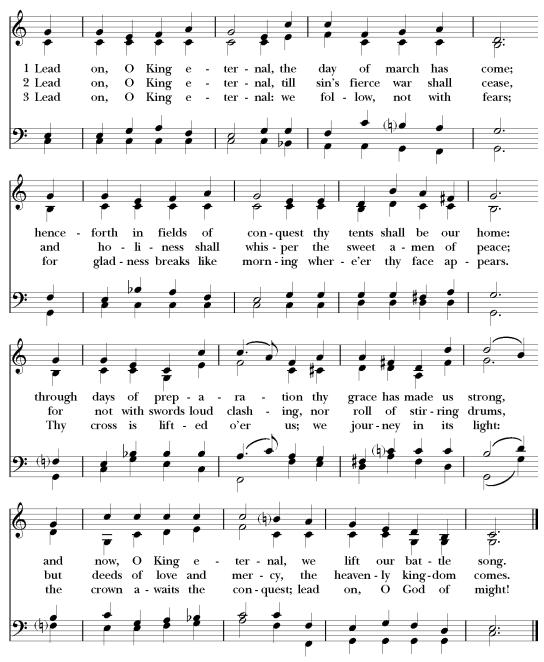
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

People accompany their first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross above the holy table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven. From the Book of Common Prayer of Kenya.

Minister	All our problems,
People	We send to the cross of Christ.
Minister	All our sins.
People	We send to the cross of Christ.
Minister	All the devil's works.
People	We send to the cross of Christ.
Minister	All our hopes,
People	We set on the risen Christ!

THE BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.



Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917) Music: Lancashire, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

SERVING TODAY

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	8:00	10:30	
Jesus	Charles	Ian Embry	
Lector	Dave N.	Scott	
Acolyte	Kelsey	Patricia	
Chalice	Mary	Art	
Jr Acolyte		Tim & Sierra	
Ushers	Harper	Van Keuren	
Children's Church	I.	Candi	
Nursery		None	
Prayer team	Harmony	Hampton	
Flowers	None during	Lent.	
Hospitality	Open		
SERVING Thursday 04/06 – Maundy Thursday at 7:00 (arrive at 6:30)			
Lector	Mary		
Acolyte	Caroline		
Jr. Acolyte	Diego and S	bawyer	
Chalice	Candi		
Ushers	Harper		
SERVING Friday 0	4/06 – Good	Friday	
	12:00	7:00	
Peter		Dave N.	
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Lector		Denise	
Acolyte	Alice	Art	
Jr. Acolyte		None at this point	
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Ushers

Van Keuren

SERVING Sunday 04/09 – Easter Sunday

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-	6:30	8:00	10:30
Lector 1	Lura		
Lector 2	Dave N.		
Lector 3	Kelsey		
Lector 4	Scott		
Lector 5	Cullen		
Acolyte		Mary	Art
Chalice			Patricia
Jr. Acolyte			Tim & Sam
Ushers		Harper	Van Keuren
Prayer team		Cheryl	Hampton
Children's church		ç	1
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Nursery			None
Flowers		Easter Lilies	
Hospitality			

THIS WEEK

Sunday	8:00 Eucharist 9:30 Class & Choir 10:30 Eucharist
Wednesday	NO SERVICE OR CLASS THIS WEEK
Thursday	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Friday	Noon Stations of Cross; 7:00 pm Passion Gospel and Devotions at Cross
Saturday	9:00 Church Clean-Up/Easter Set Up

Easter Lilies

All are welcome to bring lilies to church to celebrate the Passover of the Lord. You may bring them to the church for the clean-up morning on Holy Saturday, or on Easter Day. If you'd like to give them in memory or in thanksgiving of someone, please sign up in the narthex.

Ushers Needed!

Do you like to welcome people to church? Would you represent the people of God as you bring our offerings of bread, wine, and money to the Lord to be consecrated? That's what an usher does. We need you...especially at 10:30. Please reach out to Jim and Betty Harper if you'd like to serve. jbharper4@gmail.com

After eight years of cleaning up after us, **Lucy Lord** is hanging up her vacuum and mop. I cannot adequately express my gratitude to her. I so looked forward to coming to work after she'd been there, everything—and I mean EVERYTHING—neat, washed, tidied, scrubbed, and the place smelling oh so clean. That clean smell is like incense to me. A clean and orderly church honors the Lord and makes people feel comfortable and welcome. Lucy and Walt will be spending half the year in Maine; it just wasn't practical to clean the place 50% of the year.

The Lord provided us with several excellent options. So, starting the busiest week of the church year, welcome **Charlotte Embry**! As a mom, Charlotte has highly refined cleaning skills. She may enjoy some time at church alone. But remember, Charlotte isn't our mom...so let's put up our own bulletins, rinse our own coffee mugs and put them in the dishwasher.

KAPENGURIA DIOCESE LENTEN OUTREACH			
Project	Received 3/30	Requested	
Buildings	0	\$7,744	
Motorbikes	\$1,336	\$6,680	
Seminary	\$2,800	\$2,680	
Pokot Bibles	\$200	\$786	
Goats	0	\$4,000	
Chickens	\$466	\$420	
As Needed	\$4,316.35		
Children's Fund	\$36.69		
Totals	\$ 9,162.40 41% of g	goal: \$22,430	
Deadline: Easter Sunday! Please give at church on through the website:			
https://emmausanglican.org/give			

EASTER SUNDAY IS OUR LAST DAY!

HOLY WEEK

April 2: Palm Sunday

8:00 am Liturgy of the Palms and Eucharist 10:30 Liturgy of the Palms and Eucharist (Outdoors!)

April 6: 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday April 7: Good Friday

Noon: Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Passion Gospel and Devotions at the Cross

April 8: Prepare for Easter—Clean the Church, set-up for Easter 9:00 am – Noon.
April 9: Easter—The Passover of our Lord 6:30 am The Great Vigil

8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

About Holy Week

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Lord.

At Emmaus, we go the extra step of bringing this liturgy to life at 10:30 by going outdoors, welcoming Jesus complete with actual donkeys, and dramatic, participatory readings of the story. While many liturgical churches also read the Passion Gospel (the Cross), we do not because we believe it important to keep the focus on Palm Sunday on those events and encourage our people to attend Good Friday.

Services: 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

The Sacred Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Vigil

The Paschal mystery—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—is at the heart of the Christian Gospel. The evening of Maundy Thursday begins the Triduum (the sacred three days). This service, together with Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and The Great Vigil of Easter, form a single liturgy; thus, the final blessing and dismissal is reserved for the conclusion of the Great Vigil.

Maundy Thursday receives its name from the *mandatum* (commandment) given by our Lord: "*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another*" (John 13:34). At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. This day commemorates the Lord's example of servant ministry, the institution of the Eucharist, the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading to the crucifixion.

Service: April 6, 7:00 pm.

The Good Friday liturgy is the second part of the Triduum (the sacred three days). This most somber of all days is appropriately marked by fasting, abstinence, and penitence, leading us to focus on Jesus and the meaning of his cross. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the cross. The faithful are reminded of the role which their own sin played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the cross we are redeemed, set free from bondage to sin and death. The cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life, in the midst of death. At Emmaus, we will meet at noon for the Stations of the Cross—a devotional practice marking events on Good Friday, and in the evening at 7:00 p.m., we participate in a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel (the crucifixion story), hear a sermon, and bring our sins to the cross. All this happens with the Crucifixion backdrop inviting us into our Savior's passion.

Services: April 7, Noon and 7:00 pm.

Easter Day

We celebrate our Savior's victory over sin and death. Every Sunday commemorates the Feast of our Lord's passing over from death to life. This day is the model for every other Sunday. It is important to remember the ancient and more typical name, outside of the English-speaking world, Pascha—from Passover, for this day is the fulfillment of what the Lord began in Egypt. This day is especially festive, with offerings from our vocal choir.

The Great Vigil, when observed, is the first liturgy of Easter Day. It is celebrated at a convenient time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter morning. It is appropriate that the service begin in darkness.

The liturgy normally consists of four parts:

- 1. The Service of Light: a new fire is kindled, and from it the Paschal Candle is lit, symbolizing Christ, the light of the world. The Exsultet, an ancient song of praise, is sung or said as the climax of this part of the liturgy.
- 2. The Service of Lessons: key passages from Scripture recount the history of God's mighty acts and promises. These readings are accompanied by Psalms, Canticles, and prayers.
- 3. Holy Baptism is the sacrament through which candidates are united to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-4), which the Church celebrates on this most holy night. When the Bishop is present, confirmation may also be administered. If there are no candidates for baptism or confirmation, the congregation joins in a Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

4. The Holy Eucharist is the proper culmination of the Easter Liturgy. As we keep this holy feast, we share the joy of our Savior's triumph and are strengthened by his grace to walk in newness of life. At Emmaus, we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter at the 8:00 a.m. liturgy.

6:30 a.m. The Great Vigil 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Children's Church

Pilgrimage to Israel

Israel has opened up from Covid but prices are still very high, especially during the High Holy Days for Jews in October. In consultation with Connoisseurs Tours, we are now committed to **February 18-28 of 2024**. You can go online and check out where we'll be staying.

February 19 to 20	Renaissance	Tel Aviv, Israel
February 20 to 22	Magdala	Tiberias, Israel
February 22 to 24	Ein Gedi	Dead Sea, Israel
February 24 to 28	Notre Dame	Jerusalem, Israel

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