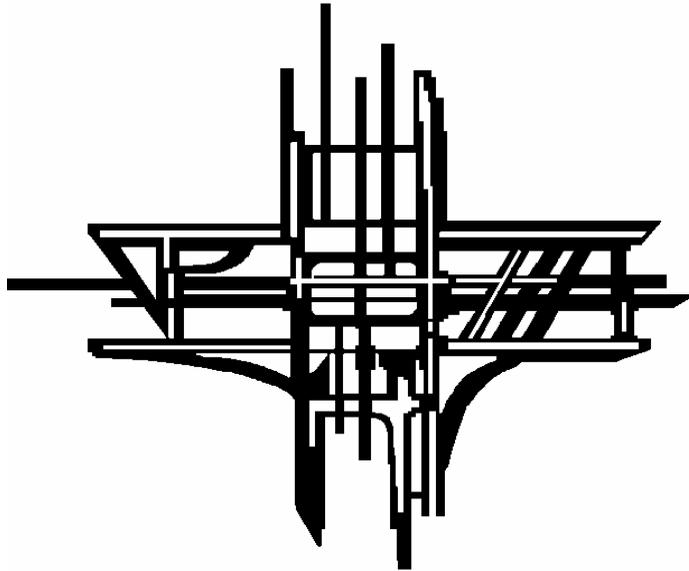


Church of the Transfiguration

**A community praising God,
Growing in Christ, and
Joyfully serving others.**



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

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

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

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 Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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 God 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.**

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

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

Processional Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *H154*

Celebrant

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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

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.**

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **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. [ANT.]
- 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. [ANT.]
- 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." [ANT.]
- 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." [ANT.]

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death--

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

“Lord Have Mercy”

by Steve Merkel

Refrain: Choir and Congregation

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy on me. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy on me.

Verse 1: Choir only

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again [*Refrain*]

Verse 2: Choir Only

I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again [*Refrain*]

Verse 3: Choir only

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night [*Refrain*]

The Passion Gospel

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Deacon The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All stand at the mention of Christ arriving at Golgotha.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Jason Elliot

Prayers of the People

Minister

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, Paula, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Donald, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in
authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, Palos Park, for every city and community, and for those
who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will
to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the needs of our parish, especially for _____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially for _____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Minister

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people stand or kneel.

Minister and People

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

Celebrant

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

The Peace

Celebrant

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory

"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"

H158

Celebrant

All things come of thee, O Lord.

People

And of thine own have we given thee.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,

you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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

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

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

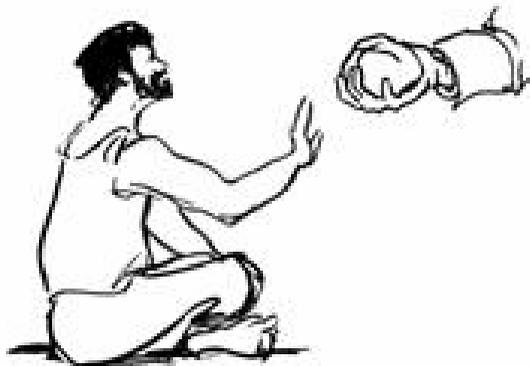
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant 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 Breaking of the Bread

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



Fraction

THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Words and Music by
John L. Bell

Gently $\text{♩} = ca. 72$

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices in the upper staff, and Tenor (T) and Bass (B) voices in the lower staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked 'Gently' with a quarter note equal to approximately 72 beats per minute. The lyrics are: 'This is the bod - y of Christ, bro - ken that we may be whole; this cup, as prom - ised by God, true to his word, cra - dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.' The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

S, A
This is the bod - y of Christ,

T, B
bro - ken that we may be whole; this cup, as

10
prom - ised by God, true to his word, cra - dles our

15
Lord: food for the good of the soul.

The Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you. It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

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 with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to take Communion in the Episcopal Church. If for any reason, you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest and receive a blessing. We have gluten free wafers available upon request.

Communion Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This" *H439*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Blessing and Dismissal

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn “Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord” *H164*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Installation Service** – On April 25th, we will have a special "celebration of new ministry service" to install me formally as the rector of the parish. Our dean, Dean Mike Dwyer, will celebrate at the service, and the vestry will host a dinner afterwards in Leach Hall. Please RSVP by April 11th. You can RSVP by calling the church or by going to the event page from the online church calendar
- **Blessed and Unstressed** – Save the date for our upcoming Women’s Day on Saturday, May 2, from 9AM to 1PM. It will be a morning of faith, fellowship and fun. All women of the parish along with friends, sisters, mothers and daughters are invited.

Holy Week Schedule

Today - Palm Sunday

Join us as we begin our journey through Holy Week together with the Liturgy of the Palms and the reading of the Passion.

March 30th at 7M - Instructional Eucharist

This is an actual eucharistic service, but we will use the actual *Book of Common Prayer* rather than a bulletin, and I will give explanatory notes as we go. This is a great capstone for those attending the Episcopal 101 courses, but I commend it to you all.

March 31st at 7PM - Stations of the Cross

Join us for this traditional Holy Week devotion that takes one on a visual journey through Christ's last days.

April 1st at 7PM - Tenebrae

Join us for this powerful and beautiful service of readings that are accented by an interplay between light and darkness.

April 2nd at 7PM - Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Triduum, a service in three parts that takes place over Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week. Come to whatever services you can, but if you are able, consider coming to the full Triduum, as it is an incredibly enriching experience to journey through the whole thing.

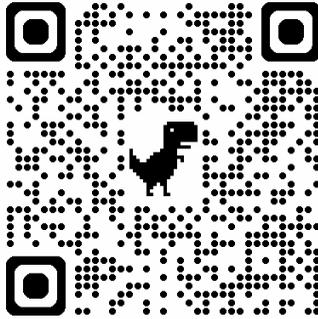
April 3rd at 7 PM - Good Friday

This is the second part of the Triduum, which commemorates Christ's death and offers an opportunity to meditate on the cross.

April 4th at 6PM - The Great Vigil of Easter

This is the third and final part of the Triduum. It begins in quiet contemplation in the dark but culminates in The Great Noise, a moment in the service when we proclaim Christ's Resurrection, and a shift to a tone of celebration. This is a great service for families, as it engages all the senses. It will be followed by a special celebratory time of fellowship.

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Priest's Office Hours

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