

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M. CHORAL EUCHARIST

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.  
WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION,  
TEACH CHRIST'S LOVE AND TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

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## 8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II WITH THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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**Celebrant**  
The Reverend Michael Singer  
**Preacher**  
The Reverend Catherine Powell  
**Assisting**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Altar Server and Lector**  
David Tousignant  
**Greeter/Usher**  
Tom Gerow

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## 10:00 AM LITURGY OF THE PALMS ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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### THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS *Begins at 10 AM in the parish hall*

#### Acclamation and Response

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

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

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

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

#### The Gospel of the Palms: Matthew 21: 1-11

**Gospeller:** 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."

**Gospeller:** 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 him thanks and praise.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in peace.

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

*After the 10:00 AM Blessing of the Palms, the congregation now walks in procession around the block.*

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## 10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

**Voluntary**

*Elegy*

George Thalben-Ball

**Processional Hymn 154**

*All glory, laud, and honor*

Valet will ich dir geben

*(Refrain)*

*All glory, laud, and honor*

*To thee, Redeemer, King,*

*To whom the lips of children*

*Made sweet Hosannas ring.*

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

*(Refrain)*

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

*(Refrain)*

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

*(Refrain)*

4 To thee before thy passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

*(Refrain)*

### Station Collect

**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.*

*(Refrain)*

5 Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.

*(Refrain)*

6 Thy sorrow and thy triumph  
Grant us, O Christ, to share,  
That to the holy city  
Together we may fare.

*(Refrain)*

7 For homage may we bring thee  
Our victory o'er the foe,  
That in the Conqueror's triumph  
This strain may ever flow.

*(Refrain)*

### 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.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

**Reader:** A Reading from the book of 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:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 31: 9-16

*In te, Domine, speravi*

George Black

**Refrain** (*sung first by Cantor, then by all*)



In - to your hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spi - rit.

**Cantor:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.  
For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

**All:** *Refrain*

**Cantor:** 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.  
I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

**All:** *Refrain*

**Cantor:** 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.  
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.

**All:** *Refrain*

**Cantor:** My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.  
Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

**All:** *Refrain*

## The Second Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

**Reader:** A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gradual Hymn 458** (*vs 1-3*)

*My song is love unknown*

Love Unknown

## The Gospel of the Passion: Matthew 27: 11-54

*The traditional pronouncement and responses are omitted.*

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!"

**Refrain** (*sung by all*)

*Jesus, remember me*

Taizé



Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

**Refrain** *(sung by all)*

*Jesus, remember me*

Taizé

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

**Refrain** *(sung by all)*

*Jesus, remember me*

Taizé

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Catherine Powell**

*A period of silent reflection is kept.*

*Please stand.*

**The Prayers of the People**

**Celebrant:** On this day the church hears again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, we pray to the Lord, saying:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Intercessor:** For the whole Church throughout the world, its bishops, clergy, and all the baptized, remembering Rob our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and remembering all those engaged in the formation of Christian souls, and The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East. We pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For those preparing for baptism, and all who will be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed at St. Paul's on April 23. We pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For peace among nations and forbearance among all people, especially those who live in or have fled Ukraine. We pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For this assembly as we walk the road toward the cross. We pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. For all who serve at home or overseas in the military or in mission or outreach work, and their families. We pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For the lonely, sick and troubled, especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish who need our prayers)*. We pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For those who have died and for those who mourn. We pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Celebrant:** Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Peace

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Announcements

### Offertory Anthem

*Surely He Hath Borne our Grievs (Messiah)*

G. F. Handel

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: He was wounded "For our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him". (Isaiah 53: 4-5)

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

*If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 13 for the QR code.*

*Today's undesignated funds go toward the Rector's Discretionary Fund.*

### Presentation Hymn

*Doxology*

Rockingham

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

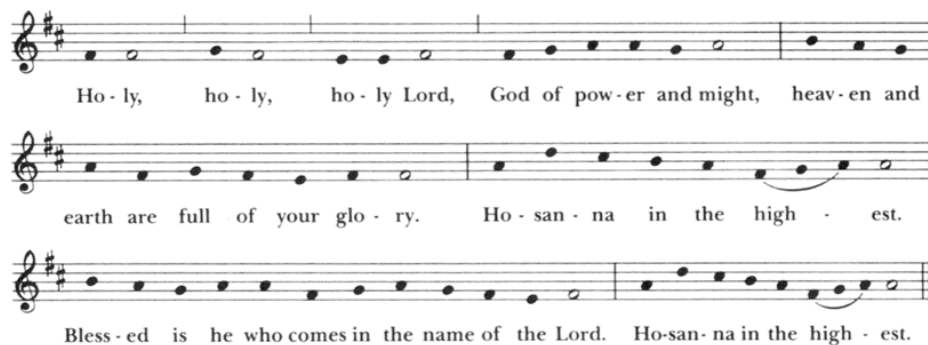
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

### Sanctus and Benedictus S124

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

David Hurd



*The people stand or kneel*

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:

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 forever. *AMEN.*

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

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



## Invitation to Communion

### Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God*

Adrian Batten

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Grant us thy peace.

## The Communion of the People

*Communion stations are available at the altar rail and in the baptistry. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered; or, having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. We believe Christ fully present in either element. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion.*

### Communion Anthem

*Since By Man Came Death (Messiah)*

G. F. Handel

"Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."  
(I Corinthians 15:21-22)

### Communion Hymn 172

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Were You There

### Communion Hymn 167

*There is a green hill far away*

Horsley

*If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent forth today to take the Sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion.*

#### Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors

**Priest:** In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

## The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

*The people stand or kneel.*

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.

## The Blessing

1 Hosanna, to the King of Kings, Hosanna, Lord of all, Hosanna, now with palms and praise, The fading of our Lenten days, Hosanna, great and small, Hosanna great and small.	4 Messiah met with palms and shouts But soon the palms shall cease. When troubling shouts and crucify, When lives for silver pieces buy, Betray the Prince of Peace. Betray the Prince of Peace.
2 Jerusalem, the time has come To welcome Christ as King. From temple, hills and darkened streets, The pathway to our week of weeks, Your echoed voices ring. Your echoed voices ring.	5 From palms that fall from bending branch, To palms nailed to the tree, The Savior walks the wounded road, While Simon shares the Master's load, And now He beckons me, And now He beckons me.
3 The advent of these days announce, Great David's greater Son, Has come to save his people now, The new Goliath soon to bow, His sacrifice begun. His sacrifice begun.	6 Hosanna, to the King of kings, Hosana, Lord of all, Hosanna, now with palms and praise, Our pilgrimage to Easter Day, Hosanna, great and small, Hosanna great and small.

Text by JMA Wright

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of the crucified Christ.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

<b>Celebrant</b> The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	<b>Thurifer</b> Jeffrey Hughes	<b>Ushers</b> Cynthia Smallwood
<b>Preacher</b> The Reverend Catherine Powell	<b>Altar Server</b> Herb Gant	Dianne Stansbury
<b>Assisting</b> The Reverend Michael Singer	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Herb Gant	Jerry West
<b>Verger</b> Leon Tillery	Jeffrey Hughes	Owen Aylesworth
<b>Crucifers</b> Zoë Frederiksen	Carol Fields	David Frederiksen
Mary Jeffreys Nipper	<b>Lectors</b> Larry Hartman	<b>Greeters</b> Gary Dillon
<b>Gospel Book Bearer</b> Cabe Lee	Joan Rosko Miller	Janet Dillon
<b>Torchbearers</b> Laila Coleman O.	<b>Intercessor</b> Elisabeth Sanders Park	<b>Flower Guild</b> Beth Richards
Bennett Sanders-Park		Marie Ashworth
		<b>Altar Guild</b> Dot Erway
		Carolyn Demorest
		Lynda Miller

## ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

### In Our Parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Judy Farri	Dale Curran
Joe Farri	JoAnn Summey
Alice Calder	Barbara O'Rourke
Larry Wright	Katherine Ramsey
Norman LaSalle	Karen DeJarld
Karen Smith	John Morton
Eileen Searle	Greg Thomas
Joyce and Tom Matthews	

### People Requesting Prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Mary Barto
Tammy Tilghman	Melodee Fraser
Richard O'Rourke	Alex Apostolou
Carroll Joines	Kristen Keen
Linda Harris	Mary Barnhill
Lynne Vanstory	Suzanne Rutledge
David Hayes	Rachael Silberman
Tonya Justice	Joe Halecki
Pat Noble	Nathalie Rubin
Bill Warren	Fritz and Beverly Cook
Gina Lewis	John Tinney
Geneva Thompson	Sherry Herman
Fr. Lloyd Olsen and family	Mark Vlahos
John Bakker	Turner Rivenbark
Jim Holliday	Teresa Biddle
Rory Weig	Deborah Pride

### About the Prayer List

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. Names are listed for one month. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, [www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com).

### Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

### Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### Today, Sunday, April 2

#### The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist + *breakfast in parish hall*

**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open

**9:30am-10:00am** Coffee with the Rector before the Liturgy of the Palms (*parish hall*)

**10:00am** The Blessing of the Palms + procession through neighborhood

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist + *reception in parish hall*

**11:30am** Tour of St. Paul's (*back of church*)

### Monday, April 3

**11:00am** Meditations on the Cross: Through the art of Barb Scalia (*nave*)

### Tuesday, April 4

**7:30am** No Early Bird Book Meeting this week

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**11:00am** Meditations on the Cross: Through the art of Barb Scalia (*nave*)

**6:15pm** EfM weekly meeting (*library*)

### Wednesday, April 5

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist + *light lunch in parish hall*

**7:00pm** Adult Choir Practice

### Thursday, April 6

#### Maundy Thursday

**8:30am** GNP

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**11:00am** The Rector's Bible Study (*parish hall*)

**12:10pm** Stations of the Cross

**7:00pm** Holy Eucharist + Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar

### Friday, April 7

#### Good Friday

**8:00am** Mensgroup

**12:10pm** The Liturgy for Good Friday

**7:30pm** The Crucifixion by John Stainer, Choir of St. Paul's & Soloists

### Saturday, April 8

**8:00pm** Great Vigil of Easter + Blessing of the Easter Fire

### Next Sunday, April 9

#### Easter Sunday

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist with hymns + *breakfast in parish hall*

**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open

*No faith formation this morning.*

**10:00am** Pre-service music + Flowering of the Cross

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist + *reception in parish hall*

*Easter Egg Hunt to follow in the Rectory Garden*

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## COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

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### **St. Paul's Early Bird Book Study** **Starting Tuesday, April 11 | 7:30am | Zoom**

Please note there will be no Early Bird Book Study this week (April 4). We will be starting a new book on Tuesday, April 11. Join as we discuss "Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi" by Richard Rohr. The Early Bird Book Study is for anyone yearning to be in a circle of trust in order to explore their faith together. For more information contact Julie Martin at [itsjuliemartin@gmail.com](mailto:itsjuliemartin@gmail.com)

### **Taizé: Service of Prayer, Light & Music** **Thursday, April 13 | 5:30pm**

This ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service is designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song, and prayer.

### **Art Show & Sale** **Friday, April 28 5-8pm | Saturday, April 29 11am-5pm**

The art show and sale will benefit the St. Paul's music program. Art is priced to sell. All local artists.

### **The Reverend Dr. Bill Weisser: My Life In Music** **Monday, April 3 | 7:00pm**

Our very own Dr. Bill Weisser will be featured on WCPE, The Classical Station which is located in central North Carolina. *My Life In Music* showcases professional musicians who share stories about their careers and their work. You can listen to the showcase live or recorded at [www.theclassicalstation.org](http://www.theclassicalstation.org).

### **Confirmation, Reception, Renewal Service** **Sunday, April 23 | 10:30am**

The Right Reverend Robert S. Skirving will be celebrating Holy Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. If you desire to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, reaffirm your baptismal vows, or simply want to know more about the process, please contact Fr. Caleb at [rector@spechurch.com](mailto:rector@spechurch.com) and register on the front page of our website.



## CONFIRMATION RECEPTION, RENEWAL SERVICE

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
16. N. 16th St. , Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 762-4578 | [www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com)

### **Art Show & Sale** **Friday, April 28 5-8pm | Saturday, April 29 11am-5pm**

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### **Vanco Online Giving**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. PAUL'S MARCH MATCHNESS ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE



Final Results  
March 30, 2023

Dear St. Paul's Family,

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

We are profoundly grateful to everyone who gave generously to the March Matchness Endowment Challenge. We set out to raise \$15,000, and we exceeded our goal by 100%! Thanks to your faith and your enduring commitment to celebrate God's love through St. Paul's, we will be adding \$30,342 to the Endowment Fund.

We started with one anonymous donor who promised a matching gift of \$5,000 if we could raise the first \$5,000. A second anonymous donor offered a \$5,000 bonus when we met the match. Your enthusiastic support of this campaign, combined with a donation from The Source Gift Shop, pushed us over \$20,000 (including matching gifts) and prompted a third anonymous donor to promise yet another \$5,000 if we reached \$25,000, which we did. It was a wonderful, collaborative effort: three anonymous matching-gift donors, The Source, and you, our beloved St. Paul's family.

This is an enormous boost to the firm foundation we are building for our church. We are indebted to those who came before us and faithfully supported St. Paul's. It's our goal to carry on this legacy and ensure that St. Paul's will continue to serve our community for generations to come. Thank you for sharing our vision.

In love and thanksgiving,

Your Endowment Board



### MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT Children's Faith Formation

This year's theme for our Children's Faith Formation classes is LOVE GROWS. Each week in the Godly Play classroom (ages 4-7), we begin our lesson with prayer; then we talk about how love grows in our lives. We explore this idea by asking the following questions: How did we share love with someone during the past week and how did someone share love with us? As you can imagine, the stories are authentic, creative, and surprisingly spiritual. With every story, we add a heart to our planter. Look how much love has been shared thus far this year!

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S

### Today, Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2

8:00am Holy Eucharist

No Sunday School - Nursery open

10:00am The Blessing of the Palms, followed by a procession through the neighborhood

10:30am Choral Eucharist

### Meditations on the Cross: Approaching Good Friday through Art

Monday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 4 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Join us in the Nave for a reflective, self-guided tour through the art of parishioner Barb Scalia.

Her art will be focused on the life of Jesus. In particular, Barbara has created a good number of paintings on the crucifixion. As we approach Good Friday and Easter we invite you into this opportunity for quiet reflection.

### Wednesday in Holy Week

Wednesday, April 5

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6

12:10pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

### Good Friday

Friday, April 7

12:10pm The Liturgy for Good Friday

### The Crucifixion by John Stainer

Friday, April 7 | 7:30pm

Featuring the Choir of St. Paul's, soloists and Dr. Bill Weisser, organist.

### Great Vigil of Easter with Blessing of the Easter Fire

Saturday, April 8 | 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9

8:00am Holy Eucharist with hymns

No Sunday School - Nursery open

10:00am Pre-service music and Flowering of the Cross

10:30am Choral Eucharist

*Easter Egg Hunt in Rectory Garden following the 10:30am service*



*2023 Easter Flowers & Music*



You are invited to honor or remember loved ones with a financial gift towards flowers and/or music for our Easter services. Forms can be found in the front or back of the church. Please email forms to [admin@spechurch.com](mailto:admin@spechurch.com) or drop off at the church office. You can also give using the Vanco service accessed by the QR code on page 13.

**The deadline is Wednesday, April 5.**

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## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

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**We are glad you are with us today.** If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

**Welcome:** All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

**Help:** Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

**Handicapped Parking:** Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

**Live-Streamed:** Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

**Masks:** All may, none must, some should.

**Worship:** St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

**Children:** All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

**Worship Kits:** Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew. Please return when church is over.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

**Sunday School:** Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15am in the library for 6th grade and older.

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