

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 AM 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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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant	Preacher	Gospeller	Altar Server & Lector	Greeter & Usher
The Reverend Catherine Powell	The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	The Clergy of St. Paul's	Louise Joyner	Tom Gerow

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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS *Begins at 10:00 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: Mark 11:1-11

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Voluntary

Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

J.S. Bach

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)

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

(Refrain)

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

(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: Mark 15:1-39

The traditional pronouncement and responses are omitted.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back,

People: "Crucify him!"

Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

People: "Crucify him!"

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Refrain (*sung by all*)

My song is love unknown (v. 5)

Love Unknown

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.

Yet steadfast he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
 What makes this rage and spite?
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
 Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

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 this spring. We pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For peace among nations and forbearance among all people, especially those who live in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, and Israel. We pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For this congregation as we walk the road together 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, especially Andrew Austin. 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, especially Paul Henri Eustache V, 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 griefs

George Frideric Handel

Surely He has 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.

*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 12 for the QR code.*

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.

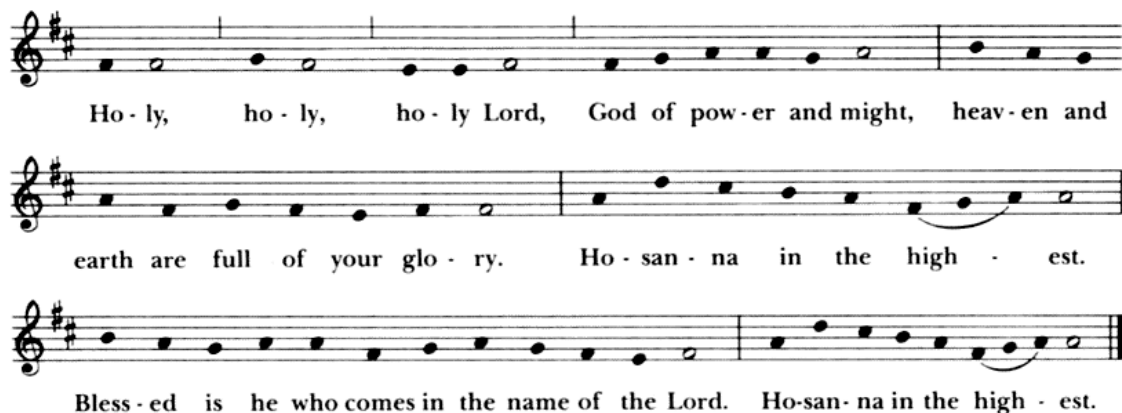
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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 S-124

Holy, Holy, Holy

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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

The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem S-170

Whoever eats this bread

Mason Martens

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor

1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

Cantor

and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er

believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread

which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei S-158

O Lamb of God

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, 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

Jesu, dulcis memoriae

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Jesu dulcis memoria	English translation:
Dans vera cordis gaudia:	Jesus, sweet remembrance,
Sed super mel et omnia	Granting the heart its true joys,
Ejus dulcis praesentia.	But above honey and all things
	Is His sweet presence.

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

Processional Hymn

Hosanna to the King of Kings
Music on p. 11

Repton
Text by J.M.A. Wright

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Prelude in D Major, BWV 532
J.S. Bach

1. Ho - san - na, to the King of kings, Ho -
 2. Je - ru - sa - lem, the time has come To
 3. The ad - vent of these days an - nounce, Great
 4. Mes - si - ah met with palms and shouts But
 5. From palms that fall from bend - ing branch, To
 6. Ho - san - na, to the King of kings, Ho -

1. san - na, Lord of all, Ho - san - na, now with
 2. wel - come Christ as King, From tem - ple, hills and
 3. Da - vid's great - er Son, Has come to save his
 4. soon the palms shall cease, When troub - ling shouts and
 5. palms nailed to the tree, The Sa - vior walks the
 6. san - na, Lord of all, The Ho - san - na, now with

1. palms and praise, The fad - ing of our lent - en days, Ho -
 2. dark - ened streets, The path - way to our week of weeks, Your
 3. peo - ple now, The new Go - li - ath soon to bow, His
 4. 'cru - ci - fy', When lives for sil - ver piec - es buy, Be -
 5. wound - ed road, While Si - mon shares the Mas - ter's load, And
 6. palms and praise, Our pil - grim - age to East - er Day, Ho -

1. san - na, great and small, Ho - san - na great and small.
 2. e - choed voi - ces ring, Your e - choed voi - ces ring.
 3. sa - cri - fice be - gun, His sa - cri - fice be - gun.
 4. tray the Prince of Peace, Be - tray the Prince of Peace.
 5. now He beck - ons me, And now He beck - ons me.
 6. san - na, great and small, Ho - san - na great and small.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

Celebrant & Preacher
 The Reverend Caleb J. Lee
Gospellers
 The Clergy of St. Paul's
Verger
 Leon Tillery
Eucharistic Ministers
 Jeffrey Hughes
 Carol Field
 Ruth Gates
Altar Server
 Zoë Frederiksen
Crucifers
 Zoë Frederiksen
 Cabe Lee
Gospel Book Bearer
 Laila Olsen

Torchbearers
 Katie Rose Sanders-Park
 Bennett Sanders-Park
Lectors
 Teresa Singer
 Phillip Weiss
Intercessor
 Sue Sramek
Thurifer
 Cheryl Wagoner
Ushers
 Ron Miller
 Lynda Miller
 Midge Silberman
 Jenna Butler
 Al Butler

Greeters
 Maryelle Jones
 Valerie DeJarld
Flower Guild
 David Frederiksen
 Beth Richards
Altar Guild
 Cheryl Wagoner
 Leon Tillery
 Gail Gallaher
 Amber Austin

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig	Katherine Ramsey
Alice Calder	Renée Patrick
Eileen Searle	Carroll Joines
Dawn Wilson	Janet Dillon
Lloyd Olsen+	Spencer Weig
Tammy Pollock	Carla Ortiz
Dale Curran	Barbara O'Rourke
Scotty Galganowicz	Vicki Ruston
Alix Dorr	Sandy Poore
Lyle Sullivan	Bill Petry
JoAnn Summey	Nancy Losee
Al Cannon	Margaret Haughey

People Requesting Prayer

Lisa Wilson	Amanda
Irma Cardello	A loved one
Wilford Davis	Carol LeTillier
Teresa & Tim Brewer	Gary Tanzella
Cory Smith	Suzanne Rutledge
Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Teresa Gibbs
Joanie Ward	Arthur & Carol Lederman
Mary Bradley	Nathalie Rubin
Hile Rutledge	Alma Blackwelder
Todd Plocharczyk	Ellie Tanzella
Mēave Brennan	Diane Hutchinson-Earle

Military Personnel

Andrew Austin

The Departed

Paul Henri Eustache V

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. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. All parish prayer requests are listed on the prayer list for one month. ***The complete list of those in need of our prayers are remembered weekly at our 12:10 pm Wednesday Eucharist with Healing Prayers.*** 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.

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 Visitor 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**.



Easter Flowers & Music Gift Form 2024

You are invited to honor or remember loved ones with the gift of flowers and music for our Easter services. Forms are located at both church entrances, and can be emailed to admin@spechurch.com or dropped off at the church office.

You can also donate Easter flowers and music using the Vanco service on our website by scanning the Vanco QR code below.

Deadline is tomorrow: Monday, March 25, 2024.

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

The Blessing Box Ministry

The Blessing Box Ministry is expanding our resources to include SOCKS! Therefore, we ask for a contribution of a pair of warm socks. Donations and supplies for the Blessing Box ministry are especially needed during this season for our supplies are quickly depleted. We are grateful to you for your continued generosity.

Thank you.
- Bob & Judy

COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

Annual Parish Picnic & Plant Swap: Sunday, May 5 from 5 - 7 pm

Parish Hall and Rectory Garden

Rogation Sunday Confirmation Service will occur just before the picnic at **4 pm**.

The Right Reverend Rob Skirving will be with us the afternoon of Sunday, May 5 to celebrate and preach as well as confirm, receive, and reaffirm folks to the Episcopal Church. That day is Rogation Sunday in the life of the church. Rogation days are days when we ask God's blessing on our community and the abundant resources of the earth. It is a bit like Earth Day for Episcopalians. After the service, it is fitting that we will also celebrate our annual Parish Picnic (at the church this year). Don't forget about our annual plant swap that will occur at the same time. Stay tuned for more information.

If you would like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed, scan the QR code below:



The Glory Ridge 2024 Youth Mission Experience July 21-26, 2024

It is time to register for Glory Ridge. All rising 8th through 12th graders are encouraged to register for this week-long mission trip in the NC mountains. Questions? Contact Meaghan Thomas or Fr. Lee.

Scan below to register for Glory Ridge:



A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Beloved of St. Paul's,

Today, we will begin the sacred journey of Holy Week. It is the week of weeks for Christians. It all begins on Sunday with our Liturgy of the Palms, gathering in the Parish Hall at 10:00 AM for our annual parade around the block. The following Sunday is Easter Day where there will be much rejoicing. But, wait, there's more! There is so much beauty and holiness in between these two special Sundays. I call your attention to the various services we will be having this upcoming week. I encourage you to walk with St. Paul's on this journey designed to deepen our connection and relationship with Christ in his Passion, preparing our hearts for Easter.

I am particularly grateful for

- all the hearts and hands that have made the Season of Lent so meaningful.
- the artists who have created the artwork for our Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit.
- the Daughters of the King for their assistance in serving as docents for this exhibit, and for organizing the vigil in the Chapel after the Maundy Thursday service.
- William Gwathmey, who has built a large cross at my request for the Choral Liturgy for Good Friday.
- the Choir and Music Department of St. Paul's, with the additional gift of children singing.
- the various guilds, groups, and individuals who will be working overtime this week who wouldn't have it any other way.

It is all for Jesus, our wounded and risen savior. It is all for the One whom we follow in this coming week of weeks.

Faithfully,
Caleb+



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today, Sunday, March 24: The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist	<i>Breakfast to follow in Parish Hall</i>
9:15 am - 12 pm	Nursery open	<i>Upstairs in Children's Wing</i>
9:30 - 9:55 am	Children's Sunday School	<i>Upstairs in Children's Wing</i>
	Coffee with the Rector	<i>Parish Hall</i>
10:00 am	The Liturgy of the Palms (Begins in Parish Hall)	<i>After the 10:00 am Blessing of the Palms, the congregation walks in procession around the block.</i>
10:30 am	Choral Eucharist	<i>In-person and live-streamed on YouTube. Reception to follow in Parish Hall</i>

Monday, March 25

10 am - 12 pm	Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:10 pm	Stations of the Cross Liturgy	
1:00 pm	Garden Club Executive Committee	<i>Library</i>

Tuesday, March 26

7:30 am	No Early Bird Book Meeting this week	
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	<i>online via Zoom</i>
10 am - 12 pm	Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:10 pm	Stations of the Cross Liturgy	
6:15 pm	EfM	<i>Library</i>

Wednesday, March 27

10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit	<i>Sanctuary</i>
12:10 pm	Holy Eucharist	<i>Lunch to follow in Parish Hall</i>
6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Music Wing</i>
7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	<i>Music Wing</i>

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday

8:30 am	GNP & St. Fiacre Garden Guild Meeting	<i>Parish Hall</i>
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	<i>online via Zoom</i>
11:00 am	Rector's Bible Study ¹	<i>Parish Hall</i>
4 - 6 pm	Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar	

Friday, March 29: Good Friday

8:00 am	Mensgroup	<i>Parish Hall</i>
12:10 pm	A Choral Liturgy for Good Friday	

Saturday, March 30 - Holy Saturday

7:00 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter (First Eucharist of Easter)	
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Next Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday, The Feast of the Resurrection

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Hymns (<i>No breakfast</i>)	
9:15 am - 12 pm	Nursery open	<i>Upstairs in Children's Wing</i>
	No Sunday School or EYC	
10:00 am	Easter Musical Prelude and the Flowering of the Cross	
10:30 am	Festival Choral Eucharist	<i>Light snacks & lemonade provided in Parish Hall during Children's Easter Egg Hunt</i>
~11:45 am	Children's Easter Egg Hunt	<i>Rectory Garden</i>

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed

¹Join Fr. Lee in the Parish Hall for a look at the upcoming readings from our Sunday lectionary. Bring your lunch, your perspective, and your Bible.

2024 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

March 24

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist with Hymns
10:00 am - Liturgy of the Palms, beginning in the Parish Hall
10:30 am - Choral Eucharist*

Monday in Holy Week

March 25

10:00 am-12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit
12:10 pm - Stations of the Cross Liturgy

Tuesday in Holy Week

March 26

10:00 am-12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit
12:10 pm - Stations of the Cross Liturgy

Wednesday in Holy Week

March 27

10:00 am-12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit
12:10 pm - Holy Eucharist *with lunch to follow*

Maundy Thursday

March 28

4:00 pm-6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit
7:00 pm - The Liturgy for Maundy Thursday*

Good Friday

March 29

12:10 pm - A Choral Liturgy for Good Friday*

Holy Saturday

March 30

7:00 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter*
(First Eucharist of Easter)

Easter Sunday**

March 31

The Feast of the Resurrection

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist with Hymns
10:00 am - Easter Musical Prelude and the Flowering of the Cross begin
10:30 am - Festival Choral Eucharist*

** indicates that livestream is available for this service*

***Please note: there will **not** be breakfast after the 8:00 service on Easter Sunday.*

*The usual coffee hour/ reception on Easter will be **light snacks & lemonade** while the Children's Easter Egg Hunt occurs.*

ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

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 10:30 am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

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 9:15 am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

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

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): EYC meets Sunday from 9:30-10:15 am in Meeting Room A downstairs for 6th grade and older.



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