

Schedule of Services for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday - The Sunday of the Passion

March 29

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 30

12:10 pm - Stations of the Cross *with Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday in Holy Week

March 31

12:10 pm - Stations of the Cross *with Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday in Holy Week

April 1

12:10 pm - Holy Eucharist *with lunch to follow*

Maundy Thursday

April 2

7:00 pm - The Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

April 3

12:10 pm - A Choral Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Saturday

April 4

7:00 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter

(First Eucharist of Easter)

Easter Sunday**

April 5

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

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

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



CHORAL EVENSONG

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

5:00 PM

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 167 years of service and worship in Wilmington.
Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.

Voluntary *Folk Tune* Percy Whitlock

As the bell rings please stand.

Opening Scripture

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. - *Hebrews 4:14,16*

The Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. Standing or kneeling, the congregation prays together

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Preces C. Matthew Hill

Officiant: O Lord open thou our lips,
Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Officiant: O God make speed to save us,
Choir: O Lord make haste to help us.
Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, Amen.
Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.
Choir: The Lord's Name be praised.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn 662

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide*Eventide

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Out of the depths, BWV 686* J. S. Bach

Those wishing to receive Communion are invited to remain in the sanctuary at the conclusion of evensong for
The Celebration of Holy Eucharist Rite I.

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant and Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Verger

Leon Tillery

Thurifer

Nathan Gaylord

Crucifer/Altar Server

Jeffrey Hughes

Eucharistic Ministers

Nathan Gaylord

Jeffrey Hughes

Lectors

Sue Sramek

Missy Kennedy

Music

Dr. Brendan Conner, Director of Music and Organist
The Schola of St. Paul's

Officiant: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us,
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant: O Lord, save the State,
Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness,
Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant: O Lord save thy people,
Choir: And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant: Give peace in our time O Lord,
Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou O God.
Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The Anthem *Jesus, so lowly* Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth. Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail. Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

The Homily **The Reverend Caleb J. Lee**

Please stand.

Closing Prayers

The Blessing

Psalm 145: 1-8

Exaltabo te, Deus

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Romans 12:1-21

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual* worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God -what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.* Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;* do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what

is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Magnificat (*choir*)

Thomas Tallis

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded: the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away. He rememb'ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel: as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. (*Luke 1:46-55*)

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson: John 12:1-11.

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Nunc dimittis (*choir*)

Thomas Tallis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. (*Luke 2:29-32*)

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed (*sung together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Responses

C. Matthew Hill

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy Spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Choir: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer (*choir*)

Our Father, who art in Heav'n, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heav'n. 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, Amen.

The Suffrages