

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 167 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher

The Reverend James H. Green

Altar Server & Lector

Jeffrey Hughes

Intercessor

Elisabeth Sanders-Park

Greeter & Usher

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

Voluntary

Folk Tune

Percy Whitlock

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 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

James Turle

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.

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.

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.

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."

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.

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,

All: "Barabbas"

Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said,

All: “Let him be crucified!”

Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

All: “Let him be crucified!”**Hymn verse** *(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.

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.”

Hymn verse *(sung by all.)**My song is love unknown (v. 6)*

Love Unknown

In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heaven was his home;
 But mine the tomb wherein he lay.

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!”

Hymn verse (*sung by all.*)

My song is love unknown (v. 7)

Love Unknown

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 James H. Green

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, Sean our presiding bishop, Sarah our bishop-elect, and the clergy of St. Paul’s, 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 peace among nations and forbearance among all people. 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. 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*). Are there others? (*Silence*) We pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For those who have died, especially Jim McElroy, and Neil Bucci, 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

Ab holy Jesus

William Mathis

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted! Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee! 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee. For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deservng.

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.

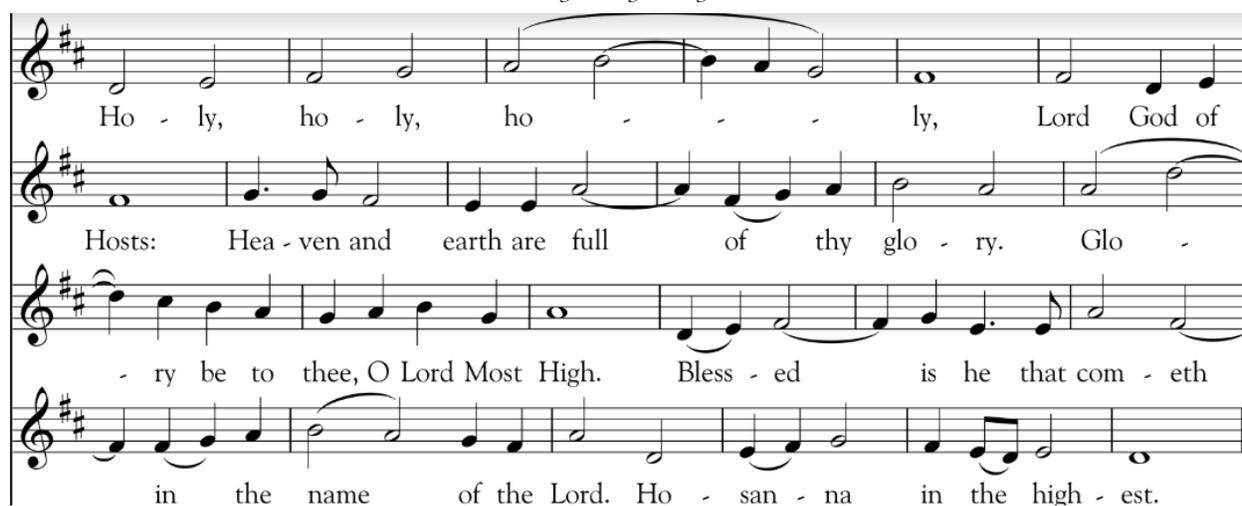
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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-114

Holy, Holy, Holy

Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
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

Paschal victim, bread of life

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich



Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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*Drop, drop, slow tears*

Orlando Gibbons

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet which brought from Heaven the news and Prince of Peace:
Cease not, wet eyes, His mercy to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease. In your deep floods drown all
my faults and fears; nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears.

Communion Hymn 160*Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow*

Cross of Jesus

Communion Hymn 172*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Were You There

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

John Stainer

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 - viour walks the
 6. san - na, Lord of all, 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
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher
The Reverend James H. Green

Deacon
The Reverend Deacon
Kay Swindell

Verger
Leon Tillery

Eucharistic Ministers
Dot Erway
Louise Joyner
Jeffrey Hughes

Vestry Person of the Day
Cecelia Peers

Altar Server
Cabe Lee

Crucifers
Cabe Lee
Kate Anlyan

Gospel Book Bearer
Jack Aylesworth

Torchbearers
James Bear Thompson
Hazel Lee

Lectors
Allen Lee
Ruth Gates

Intercessor
Sue Sramek

Thurifer
Scott Sheble

Ushers
Al Cannon
Tori Cannon
Michael Jonik
Bryan McMurray
Jay Stewart

Greeters
Cynthia Smallwood
Jeanne Criscuolo

Flower Guild
All Members

Altar Guild
Sally Pope
Zona Tounsley
Valerie DeJarld

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Catherine Thompson Allan	Jeanne Jones
Eileen Searle	Bill Garmon
Lloyd Olsen+	Katherine Ramsey
Tammy Pollock	Barbara O'Rourke
Caroll Joines	Richard Banks+
JoAnn Summey	Jeffrey Sackrison
John Efthemis	Retha Deaton
Sara Fruechtenicht	Ronald Miller
Candace Halecki	Gladys & Bob Remillard
Beth Richards	Norman LaSalle
Carrie Anderson Kincaid	Maryelle Jones
Susan McGee	Ashley Eason
Sue Stevenson	Joseph Farri
Ron Miller	Carla Ortiz

People Requesting Prayer

Susan Bryan	Kirk Conyers
Elise Harney	Mary Lou Homestead
Tracy Sorrenti	Shannon
Whitney	Peter
Sara, friends & family	Lee Tillery
Laurel	Diana Williams
Jeff	Michelle
Randy Watts	Jackson Howard
Jerry T.	Sylvia List
Matt	Cindy Kitterman
Tom & Susie Marta	Amira Eggers
Kate Maclay	Irish & Matthew Moulden
Michael Stroud	Richard Mulliner
Mary Monell	Johnson Tilghman
Alexander M.	Jeff Curcio
Paula Brown	Holly
Catherine Alligood	

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. 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**.

The Departed

Jim McElroy
Neil Bucci

OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

The Blessing Box

A message from the Blessing Box Ministry with our deepest gratitude and request for your understanding. Our local street people who we serve right now do not have the resources to cook and prepare food. Therefore, the boxed items of mac-n-cheese remain untaken. (We will make use of them elsewhere)

Donation suggestions include:

- PB&J sandwiches in baggies
- Pull top cans of soup or beans
- Drinks and snacks
- Soap and facecloths

We thank you for helping us display the radical hospitality of St. Paul's in our neighborhood.

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



Today, Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist with Hymns
(*Koffee Klatch to follow in the Parish Hall*)

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am No Faith Formation

10:00am Liturgy of the Palms (*Parish Hall*)

followed by procession

10:30am Choral Eucharist (*Reception to follow in the Parish Hall*)

5:00pm-6:30pm WAY Capture the Flag (*Airlie Gardens*)

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

7:30am Companions in Faith Book Group (*Online via Zoom*)

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Online via Zoom*)

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

Wednesday, April 1

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (*Lunch to follow in Parish Hall*)

7:00-8:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Maundy Thursday, April 2

8:30am Gentlefolk of Noble Poverty (*Parish Hall*)

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Online via Zoom*)

11:00am Rector's Bible Study (*Parish Hall*)

7:00pm The Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

Good Friday, April 3

8:00am Mensgroup (*Library*)

12:10pm A Choral Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 4

7:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter

Next Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday, The Feast of the Resurrection

8:00am Holy Eucharist with Hymns

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am No Faith Formation

10:00am Musical Prelude with Flowering of the Cross

10:30am Festival Choral Eucharist
(*followed by Easter Egg Hunt in the Rector's Garden*)

Next Monday, April 6

Parish Office Closed for Easter Monday

Condolences

Our condolences are with the McElroy family as they mourn the passing of Jack's brother, Jim McElroy.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

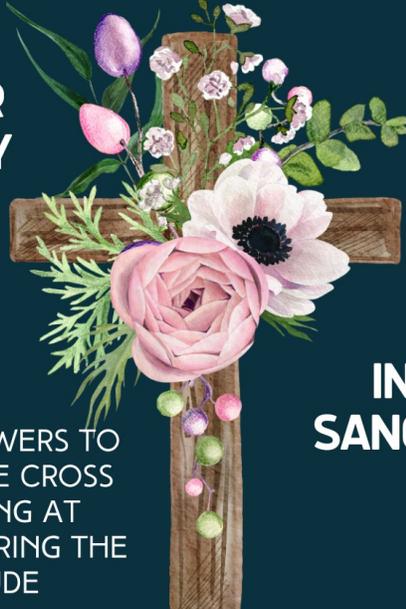
Condolences

Our condolences are with the Bucci family as they mourn the passing of Steve's brother, Neil Bucci.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS



EASTER SUNDAY

IN THE SANCTUARY

BRING FLOWERS TO ADORN THE CROSS BEGINNING AT 10:00AM DURING THE PRELUDE

2026 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

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

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross

12:10 pm - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday in Holy Week

March 31

11:30 am - Stations of the Cross

12:10 pm - 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 during the Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

**indicates live stream provided for this service.*





Gift Form 2026

You are invited to honor or remember loved ones with the gift of flowers and music for our Easter services. Completed forms 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 at <https://spechurch.com/online-giving/>.

Please e-mail or turn this form into the church office.

Deadline is Monday, March 30, 2026 | admin@spechurch.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Bulletin Dedication:

Note (circle one or both): In Memory of *and/or* In Honor of:

Donation (*circle one or both*): Flowers / Music

Amount \$

Cash Check # _____ Date _____

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 the conference room for 6th grade and older.



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