

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023

The Processional Hymn

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The Collect

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.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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?

James Frazier
(b. 1947)



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- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in | trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my | belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with | sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are con- | sumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my ac- | quaintance; *
when they see me in the street they a- | void me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of | mind; *
I am as useless as a broken | pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all a- | round; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my | life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O | Lord. *
I have said, "You are my | God.
- 15 My times are in your | hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your | servant, *
and in your loving-kindness | save me."

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14- 27:66

{Follow along in the purple insert; congregation to read part marked "Congregation"}

The Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Offertory Anthem

"When Jesus Wept"

When Jesus wept,
the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;
when Jesus groaned,
a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

Words: *The New England Psalm Singer*, 1770. Music: William Billings (1746-1800)

The Communion Hymns

**Hymn 1
Hymn 6
Hymn 7
Hymn 8**

{found on pages 16-20 of your service booklet}

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CALENDAR

Sunday, April 2	8:30 Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Coffee "Hour" and Fellowship 10:00 Liturgy of the Palms & Procession at Museum 10:30 Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist Rite II
Monday, April 3	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 5:30 Sewcialize
Tuesday, April 4	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday, April 5	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Thursday, April 6	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 6:00 Agape Meal 6:30 Maundy Thursday Eucharist
Friday, April 7	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 6:00 Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sunday, April 9	10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Covered Dish Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renewal of Ordination Vows

Jenny+ will be in Columbia Tuesday for the annual Renewal of Ordination Vows for the clergy of the diocese. If you have a pastoral need, you can reach her by phone at 864-838-3880.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Our self-guided Stations of the Cross is up and ready for you on our grounds. Start at the poster by the entrance to the parking lot and follow the numbered signs through the grounds. At each one, scan the QR code to pull up the video for that station. The videos give you readings, music, and artwork to help you meditate on that station.

Easter Lilies

Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to purchase a gorgeous Easter lily for \$25. They'll decorate the church for Easter and then be yours to take home. Lilies may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one.

Holy Week at Incarnation:

- Palm Sunday, April 2
 - 8:30 Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Gospel, and Holy Eucharist Rite I
 - 10:00 Liturgy of the Palms and Procession with neighboring churches on the museum grounds
 - 10:30 Passion Gospel and Holy Eucharist Rite II
- Maundy Thursday, April 6
 - 6:00 Agape Meal (bring fruit, cheese, bread, and wine or grape juice to share)
 - 6:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II and Stripping of the Altar
- Good Friday, April 7
 - 6:00 Tenebrae and Jesus' Seven Last Words
- Holy Saturday, April 8
 - 10:30 decorate the church – everyone's welcome!
- Easter Sunday, April 9
 - 10:00 Indoor Service with the Flowering of the Cross (bring flowers to share), Covered Dish Brunch (bring a dish to share) and Easter Egg Hunt (bring baskets for the kids)

Easter Egg Fillers

Help us fill the eggs the young people will hunt for on Easter Sunday! Bring donations of candy (individually wrapped and non-melting, please) or small toys or stickers to the church any time. We have plenty of plastic eggs to fill. Thanks!

Youth Group

We have some exciting things planned for the youth!

- Sunday, April 30 – Bowling and Laser Tag
We'll leave right after church and head to the Big E for bowling, laser tag, and lunch. This will cost \$40-\$45 per person, but the cost will never stop someone from participating. Jenny+ has some scholarship money for anyone who needs it – just let her know. Parents, we'd appreciate your help in getting everyone to the Big E. They'll be ready for pick-up there by 1:45.

Donations

To make an online contribution to Incarnation, go to our web site www.Incarnation-Gaffney.org and click the "Donate Now" button. You can also text "Give" to (833)-537-0569 to donate by text message. To cover the fees associated with either of these ways of giving, check the "cover fees" box. And thank you!

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

THOSE WHO SERVE

	April 2 Palm Sunday 10:30	April 9 Easter Sunday 10:00
Altar Guild	Carla Winter Jackie Hoffman	All Altar Guild
Coffee Hour	Jennie Hamrick	Brunch
Greeters	Jackie and Ed Hoffman	Greene Family
Nursery	Carla Winter	Marty Marett
Digital Greet.	Angharad Torres	Angharad Torres
Camera	Max Hyde	Ellie Bird
Children's Chapel	Carla Winter Reneé McFalls	None
Crucifer	Niccie Dearing	Don Bird
Torches	Cora Torres Lainey McAllister	Cora Torres Patterson Greene
Banners	None	Ben Torres, Jamie Greene, Brad Johnson
Euch. Min.	Niccie Dearing	Don Bird
1st Lector	John Gelok	Angharad Torres
2nd Lector	Gena Poovey	Cora Torres
Intercessor	None	Hope Greene
Flowers	Greenery	Lilies
Counters	Ed Hoffman John Gelok	Ellie Bird Ben Torres
Pews	Asher Torres	Hope Greene

	April 6 Maundy Thursday 6:30	April 7 Good Friday 6:00
Greeters	Miles Gettys Carla Winter	Torres Family
Digital Greet.	None	Morgan Johnson
Camera	None	Ellie Bird
Crucifer	Angharad Torres	Niccie Dearing
Torches	None	Angharad Torres Cora Torres
Euch. Min.	Cynthia Glidden	None
1 st Lector	None	Ben Torres
2 nd Lector	None	Bobbi Albert
3 rd Lector	None	Cynthia Glidden
Light Dimmer	Ellie Bird	None
Hammerer	None	Don Bird