

**Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**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?

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 31:9-16**

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 consumed.
- 11 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.
- 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 around; \*  
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 Children's Sermon**

**The Rev. Jenny Gettys**

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**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**

**"By the Waters of Babylon"**

By the waters, the waters of Babylon,  
We lay down and wept, and wept for thee Zion.  
We remember, we remember, we remember thee Zion.

Music: Philip Hayes (1786), arr. L Hays and D McLean. Words: Psalm 137.

**The Communion Hymns**

**# 2, 5, and 8**

(communion hymns begin on page 19 of your service booklet)

**The Processional Hymn**

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## CALENDAR

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Sunday, March 29   | 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I<br>9:30 Coffee Hour and Fellowship<br>10:00 Liturgy of the Palms<br>10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II |
| Tuesday, March 31  | 11:30 Education for Ministry  |
| Wednesday, April 1 | 8:00pm Night Prayer on Facebook   |
| Thursday, April 2  | 6:00pm Agape Meal<br>6:30 Footwashing Service   |
| Friday, April 3    | 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Service  |
| Saturday, April 4  | 10:00am Altar Guild   |
| Sunday, April 5    | 10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II<br>11:15 Covered-Dish Brunch   |

## 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.

### Episcopalians 101

Confirmation is the sacrament through which one officially joins the Episcopal Church. Preparing for Confirmation? Or just Episco-curious? Join us on Sundays at 9:30 starting April 12 as we learn about the strange and wonderful ways of Episcopalians.

### Wednesday Nights in Lent

Join us at 8:00 each Wednesday in Lent for Night Prayer. Services will be livestreamed to Facebook so you can worship with us from your home. Follow along in the booklet on our web page.

### Baby Registry

Jenny+'s friends Brian and Chasidy are really great people. Daughters of the King wants to help them and their parents get ready for a precious little girl. Are you a grandparent with an attic full of gently used baby gear you won't need again? They could use it! Just love buying baby things? They'd love it! They're registered on Amazon's baby registry under her name, Chasidy Webber. Here's a link to the registry:

[Amazon: Baby Registry](#)

You can go to the web page, open today's bulletin insert on the Worship page, and click on the link. And thank you for helping this generous young family welcome their little one!

## Holy Week Schedule

### **Holy Wednesday, April 1**

- 8:00pm Night Prayer livestreamed to Facebook

### **Maundy Thursday, April 2**

- 6:00pm Agape Meal (bring fruit, bread, cheese, and wine or grape juice to share)
- 6:30pm Service of Footwashing, Eucharist, and the Stripping of the Altar

### **Good Friday, April 3**

- 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

### **Holy Saturday, April 4**

- 10:00am Altar Guild and friends set up for Easter

### **Easter Sunday, April 5**

- 10:00am Festive Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:15am Covered-Dish Brunch

## Calla Lilies

This Easter the altar will be decorated with colorful calla lilies. They can be purchased in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone special; sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Plants are \$30 each and will be planted around the church grounds after the service.

## Next Week's Readings:

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

## Livestream in Progress

Today's 10:30 service is being livestreamed to our Facebook page with the camera facing forward. If you'd rather not be seen on camera, tell a greeter and communion will be brought to you at your seat.

## Donations

To make an online contribution to Incarnation, go to our web site [www.Incarnation-Gaffney.org](http://www.Incarnation-Gaffney.org) and go to “Giving” under the “About” tab. Or scan the QR code to the right. To cover the fees associated with either of these ways of giving, check the “cover fees” box. And thank you!



**THOSE WHO SERVE**

|                        | March 29<br>Palm Sunday<br><b>10:00</b> | April 5<br>Easter Sunday<br><b>10:00</b> |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Altar Guild            | Sudie Gelok<br>Marty Marett             | All Altar Guild                          |
| Coffee Hour            | Sudie Gelok                             | Brunch                                   |
| Godly Play             | None                                    | None                                     |
| Greeters               | Ed and Jackie<br>Hoffman                | Ed and Jackie<br>Hoffman                 |
| Verger                 | Scott Glidden                           | Scott Glidden                            |
| Digital Greeter        | Ben Torres                              | Morgan Johnson                           |
| Camera                 | Angharad Torres                         | Max Hyde                                 |
| Nursery                | Available                               | Angharad Torres                          |
| Children's Chapel      | Niccie Dearing                          | Morgan Johnson                           |
| Eucharistic Minister   | Cynthia Glidden<br>Cora Torres          | Robin Childers                           |
| Crucifer               | Jasmine Dorsett                         | Cora Torres                              |
| Torches                | Julia Johnson<br>Ila Goodling           | Julia Johnson<br>Asher Torres            |
| Gospel Book            | Serenity Dorsett                        | Amaya Dorsett                            |
| Banners                | Amaya Dorsett                           | Serenity Dorsett                         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Lector | Angharad Torres                         | Jasmine Dorsett                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector | Niccie Dearing                          | Cynthia Glidden                          |
| Intercessor            | John Gelok                              | Joette Johnson                           |
| Counters               | John Gelok<br>Charlie Zinko             | Ed Hoffman<br>Ellie Bird                 |
| Flowers                | None                                    | Available                                |
| Pew Racks              | Angharad Torres                         | Asher Torres                             |