

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Palm Sunday

March 24th, 2024

The Processional Hymn

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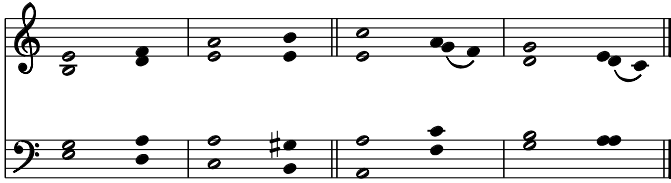
The Collect

Almighty and ever living 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?



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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 Children’s Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Gradual Hymn

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The Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1-15:47

(see blue handout)

The Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Offertory Anthem

“Alone, Thou Goest Forth”

Alone thou goest forth, O Lord,
In sacrifice to die;
Is this thy sorrow nought to us
Who pass unheeding by?
Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord;
Make us thy sorrow feel,
Till through our pity and our shame
Love answers love’s appeal.
This is earth’s darkest hour, but thou
dost light and life restore;

Then let all praise be given thee
Who livest evermore.

Grant us with thee to suffer pain
That, as we share this hour,
Thy cross may bring us to thy joy
And resurrection power.

Music: from *A Compleat Melody or Harmony of Zion*, 1734. Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984).

Communion Hymns

Communion Hymn 8

Communion Hymn 3

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CALENDAR

Palm Sunday, March 24	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I
Monday, March 25	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Tuesday, March 26	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday, March 27	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Maundy Thursday, March 28	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 6:00 Agape Meal and Service
Good Friday, March 29	8:00 Pre-recorded Morning Prayer 6:00 Service
Easter Sunday, March 31	9:00 Covered Dish Breakfast 10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maundy Thursday, March 28

At 6:00 we'll gather in the parish hall for an Agape meal. Bring olives, bread, cheese, or fruit as well as wine or grape juice to share as we feast together. At 6:30 we'll move into the church for a Footwashing service and Eucharist. We'll end by stripping the altar for Good Friday.

Good Friday, March 29

At 6:00 we'll reflect on Jesus' death in the Good Friday Liturgy and make our own devotions at the cross.

Easter Sunday, March 31

We'll start with a Covered-Dish Breakfast together at 9:00. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to bring something sweet, something savory, breads and muffins, or fruit. After breakfast we'll worship in one big, glorious service at 10:00.

Easter Baskets

This year we want to give filled Easter baskets to our young people rather than having an egg hunt. Want to help? Either purchase a pre-filled basket or fill one yourself and drop it in the church office any time between now and March 24. Thank you!

Easter Flowers

This year we'll have beautiful shrubs adorning the altar for Easter. After services, they'll be planted around our grounds as living memorials. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to contribute to the purchase of shrubs in memory or thanksgiving for someone special.

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18

Donations

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THOSE WHO SERVE

	March 24 Palm Sunday 10:30	March 28 Maundy Thursday 6:00
Altar Guild	Becky Vassy Cathy Roberts Nancy Fowler	All
Coffee Hour	Joette Johnson	Agape Meal
Greeters	Miles Gettys Charlie Zinko	Noah Lindemann Gena Poovey
Digital Greeter	Niccie Dearing	Angharad Torres
Camera	Angharad Torres	Angharad Torres
Nursery	Becky Zinko	None
Euch. Min.	David Cornmesser	Robin Childers
Acolytes	Angharad Torres Lainey McAllister Cora Torres	Robin Childers Lights: Ellie Bird
1 st Lector	Amanda McAllister	Gena Poovey
2 nd Lector	Bobbi Alberts	Gena Poovey
Intercessor	Cynthia Glidden	None
Flowers	None	None
Counters	Scott Glidden Niccie Dearing	None
Pews	Asher Torres	None

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	March 29 Good Friday 6:00	March 31 Easter Sunday 10:00
Altar Guild	Carla Winter	All
Coffee Hour	None	Breakfast
Greeters	Torres Family	Jennie Hamrick Robin Childers
Digital Greeter	Cora Torres	Ben Torres
Camera	Asher Torres	Ben Torres
Nursery	None	None
Euch. Min.	None	Niccie Dearing
Acolytes	Don Bird	Angharad Torres Cora Torres Asher Torres
1 st Lector	Angharad Torres	Cynthia Glidden
2 nd Lector	Don Bird	Ellie Bird
Intercessor	None	Ben Torres
Flowers	None	Glidden
Counters	None	Ben Torres Ellie Bird
Pews	None	Cora Torres