

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Palm Sunday
April 13th, 2025

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?

Psalm 31:9-16

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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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 | 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 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

Luke 22:14–23:56

The text of the Gospel is in the trifold insert. Please participate.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Offertory Anthem

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior’s love to me;
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from His blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none
the longed for Christ would know.

But O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need His life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
and His sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine:
never was love, dear King,
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Music: John Ireland (1879-1962). Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.

Communion Hymns

#2, 4, and 5

(found starting on page 22 of your Service Booklet)

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Calendar

Sunday, April 13	8:30 Liturgy of the Palms (Outdoors) & Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:00 Liturgy of the Palms (Outdoors) 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Vestry Meeting
Monday, April 14	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Tuesday, April 15	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday, April 16	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Thursday, April 17	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 10:00 Bread from Heaven Set-Up 6:00 Agape Meal 6:30 Maundy Thursday Eucharist
Friday, April 18	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 6:00 Tenebrae Service
Saturday, April 19	8:30-12 Bread from Heaven 9:00 Altar Guild
Sunday, April 20	10:00 Festive Holy Eucharist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Azaleas

Once again this year azalea plants will adorn our altar at Easter. The beautiful shrubs will then be planted around our grounds to be enjoyed for years to come. You can purchase a plant in honor or memory of someone special. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Plants are \$30 each.

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday, April 13
 - 8:30 Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
 - 10:00 Outdoor Liturgy of the Palms procession
 - 10:30 Holy Eucharist with Passion Gospel
- Holy Wednesday, April 16
 - 8:00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
- Maundy Thursday, April 17
 - 8:00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
 - 10:00 Bread from Heaven Set-Up
 - 6:00 Agape Meal (bring bread, cheese, fruit, etc. and wine or grape juice to share in the narthex)
 - 6:30 Instructed Eucharist Service and the Stripping of the Altar
- Good Friday, April 18
 - 8:00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
 - 6:00 Tenebrae Service
- Holy Saturday, April 19
 - 8:30 Bread from Heaven
 - 9:00 Altar Guild
- Easter Sunday, April 20
 - 10:00 Festive Holy Eucharist

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Psalms 22

Luke 24:1-12

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THOSE WHO SERVE

	April 13 Palm Sunday 10:00/10:30	April 20 Easter Sunday 10:00/10:30
Altar Guild	Marty Maret Hope Greene	All
Coffee Hour	Marty Maret	Robin Childers
Godly Play	None	None
Greeters	Morgan and Julia Johnson	Ben and Angharad Torres
Dig. Greet.	Morgan Johnson	Angharad Torres
Camera	Don Bird	Angharad Torres
Nursery	Marty Maret	Available
Euch. Min.	Cynthia Glidden	Robin Childers
Acolyte(s)	Niccie Dearing	Cora Torres Asher Torres Julia Johnson
1 st Lector	Joette Johnson	John Gelok
2 nd Lector	Bobbi Albert	Morgan Johnson
Intercessor	None	Ellie Bird
Flowers	None	Ed Harkins
Counters	Robin Childers Nancy Fowler	John Gelok Cynthia Glidden
Pew Racks	Mimi McCully	Julia Johnson

THOSE WHO SERVE—HOLY WEEK

	April 17 Maundy Thursday 6:00	April 18 Good Friday 6:00
Altar Guild	All	All
Greeters	Gena Poovey Noah Lindemann	Miles Gettys Charlie Zinko
Digital Greeter	Niccie Dearing	Morgan Johnson
Camera	Ellie Bird	Robin Childers
Euch. Min.	Don Bird	None
Acolyte	Don Bird	Niccie Dearing
1 st Lector	Ellie Bird	Niccie Dearing
2 nd Lector(s)	Noah Lindemann	Bobbi Albert Cynthia Glidden
Intercessor	Gena Poovey	None
Light Dimmer	Niccie Dearing	None
Candle Snuffers	None	Cynthia Glidden Bobbi Albert
Nailer	None	Scott Glidden