

# Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29, 2026 ❖ 10:00 am

*Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump*



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*We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.*

*St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.*

*Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.*

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## Holy Week at St. Francis

### **Sunday, March 29 — Palm Sunday**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

### **Monday, March 30**

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, March 31**

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)

### **Wednesday, April 1**

- 10:00 am Midweek Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)
- 7:00 pm Tenebrae at St. Andrew's (Torrance)

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

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group
- 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday (Christ Church, Redondo Beach)

### **Friday, April 3 – Good Friday**

- Noon Good Friday Liturgy (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

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

- 11:00 am Meditation Class (Library)
- 7:00 pm Easter Vigil (St. Cross, Hermosa Beach)

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

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

# The Liturgy of the Palms

*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: Matthew 21:1-11

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"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."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Blessing of the Palms

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*All raise their palm branches for the Blessing of the Palms.*

*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 for ever. **Amen.**

## The Procession

*Celebrant* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.*

## The Processional Hymn

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymnal #154

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

All glo - ry, laud, and ho - nor to thee, Re - deem - er  
King! To whom the lips of child - ren made sweet Ho - san - nas  
ring! Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al  
The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on  
The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee  
To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of  
Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we  
Son who in the Lord's name com - est, thou King and Bless - ed One.  
high; and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
went; our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
praise; to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
bring, who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821), tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
Music: "Valet will ich dir geben," melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

## The Procession Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.

## The Word of God

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Reader* A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>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;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 31:9-16

*Reader*           Let us read from Psalm 31 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).

Fa - ther, I put my life in your hands.

Words: Paraphrase of Psalm 31; English translation from the "Lectionary for Mass,"  
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<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
**my eye is consumed with sorrow,**  
**and also my throat and my belly.**

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
**my strength fails me because of affliction,**  
**and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>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.**

<sup>12</sup>I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
**I am as useless as a broken pot.....Refrain**

<sup>13</sup>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.**

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
**I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; \*  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,**  
**and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
**and in your loving-kindness save me." .....Refrain**

## The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

*Reader*            A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
    did not regard equality with God  
    as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
    taking the form of a slave,  
    being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
    and became obedient to the point of death—  
    even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
    and gave him the name  
    that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
    every knee should bend,  
    in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>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 remain seated. Note: The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

## THE PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14—27:66

*Narrator*            The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

*Judas*                "What will you give me if I betray him to you?"

*Narrator*            They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

*Disciple*            "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

*Jesus*                "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

*Narrator*            So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

*Jesus*                "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

*Narrator* And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

*Disciple* "Surely not I, Lord?"

*Jesus* "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

*Narrator* Judas, who betrayed him, said,

*Judas* "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

*Jesus* "You have said so."

*Narrator* While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

*Jesus* "Take, eat; this is my body."

*Narrator* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus* "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

*Narrator* When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*Jesus* "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

*Peter* "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

*Jesus* "Peter, truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

*Peter* "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

*Narrator* And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

*Jesus* "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

*Narrator* He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

*Jesus* "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

*Narrator* And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

*Jesus* "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

*Narrator* Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

*Jesus* "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

*Narrator* Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

*Jesus* "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

*Narrator* Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

*Jesus* "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

*Narrator* While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

*Judas* "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

*Narrator* At once he came up to Jesus and said,

*Judas* "Greetings, Rabbi!"

*Narrator* and he kissed him. Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* "Friend, do what you are here to do."

*Narrator* Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

*Narrator* At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

*Jesus* "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

*Narrator* Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death,

but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

*False witness* "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

*Narrator* The high priest stood up and said,

*High Priest* "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

*Narrator* But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

*High Priest* "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

*Jesus* "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

*Narrator* Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

*High Priest* "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

*The other priests* "He deserves death."

*Narrator* Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

*Servant Girl* "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

*Narrator* But he denied it before all of them, saying,

*Peter* "I do not know what you are talking about."

*Narrator* When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

*Servant Girl* "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

*Narrator* Again he denied it with an oath,

*Peter* "I do not know the man."

*Narrator* After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

*Bystander* "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

*Narrator* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

*Peter* "I do not know the man!"

*Narrator* At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They

bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

*Judas* "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

*Chief Priest* "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

*Narrator* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

*Chief Priests* "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

*Narrator* After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."]

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Pilate* "Are you the King of the Jews?"

*Jesus* "You say so."

*Narrator* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

*Pilate* "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

*Narrator* 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,

*Pilate* "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

*Narrator* 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,

*Pilate's Wife* "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

*Narrator* 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,

*Pilate* "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

*The Crowd* "**Barabbas.**"

*Pilate* "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

*The Crowd* "**Let him be crucified!**"

*Pilate* "Why, what evil has he done?"

*The Crowd* **"Let him be crucified!"**

*Narrator* 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,

*Pilate* "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

*The Crowd* **"His blood be on us and on our children!"**

*Narrator* 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,

*Soldiers* "Hail, King of the Jews!"

*Narrator* 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.

*Here the cross is brought to the foot of the chancel steps from the Narthex; it stops three times on the way, each time striking the ground with a resounding thump, until in is placed into the stand, with another resounding crash.*

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),

*The congregation stands, as able, at the mention of Golgotha*

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." 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,

*Passerby* "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."

*Narrator* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

*Chief Priests* "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.'"

*Narrator* 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,

*Jesus* "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

*Narrator* Which means,

*Jesus* "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

*Passerby* "This man is calling for Elijah."

*Narrator* 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,

*Centurion* "Truly this man was God's Son!"

*Narrator* Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

*Chief Priest* "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

*Pilate* "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

*Narrator* So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

*Please be seated.*

## The Sermon

*The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.*

## The Nicene Creed

*All*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please remain standing as able.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Deacon*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Kyrie eleison."

For the peace of the world, the welfare of the Holy Church of God, the unity of all peoples; for our Bishop and all clergy, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*

***Kyrie eleison***

*Deacon*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority; for this city, and every city and community, and those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*

***Kyrie eleison***

*Deacon*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them let us pray to the Lord.

*People*

***Kyrie eleison***

*Deacon*

For Amy Clute, Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Irena Dybeic, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren,

Marilyn and Dale Ghere, Mary Sharp, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Otto Vavrin, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Rob Ramsay, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere., let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Kyrie eleison***

*Deacon* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Kyrie eleison***

*Deacon* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, that we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Kyrie eleison***

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

### The Confession of Sin

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### The Absolution

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy ✝ on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*

### The Welcome and Announcements

*Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:*

*All* **Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

## The Communion Anthem

*"O Such Love, My Soul, Still Ponder"* by Robert Wetzler

*St. Francis Choir*

*O such love, my soul, still ponder, Love so great, so rich, so free!  
Say, while lost in holy wonder, "Why, O Lord, such love for me?"  
Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for thee;  
May our eyes be ever turning to thy cross of agony.  
Lord, in ceaseless contemplation fix our hearts and eyes on thee,  
Till we taste thy full salvation, and unveiled thy glories see.*

## The Offertory Hymn

**O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded**

**Hymnal #168**



O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn; O  
In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry, with



king - ly head sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn: what  
thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die. Ah,



sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower? O  
keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath, to



coun - te - nance whose splend - or the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)  
Music: "Herzlich tut mich verlangen, (Passion Chorale),"  
Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

*Please stand as able.*

# The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

*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 our 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:

## The Sanctus

Hymnal #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might. — Heav - en and earth are full, full — of your glo - ry, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —  
in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from "Deutsche Mass," Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.*

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.**

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 for ever. *AMEN.*

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*        And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*                **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

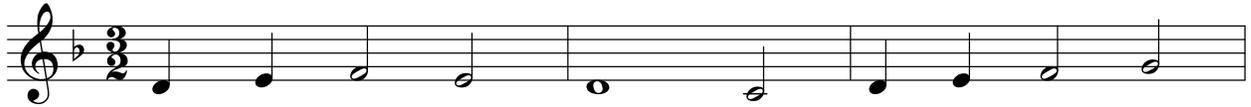
*Celebrant*        Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*            **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

# The Fraction Anthem

At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal #435



At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall  
 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a  
 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man  
 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as



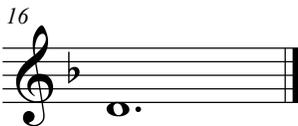
bow, ev - ery tongue con - fess — him King of glo - ry  
 Name from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he  
 light, through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral  
 death, name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed



now; 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him  
 came, faith - ful - ly he bore — it spot - less to the  
 height, to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's  
 breath; he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the



Lord. who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y  
 last, brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he  
 breast; filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect  
 Lord, ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed and a -



Word.  
 passed;  
 rest.  
 dored.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt. Music: "King's Weston,"  
 Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), By permission of Oxford University Press.

# The Invitation

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God,  
 Holy gifts for Holy People.

For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

### The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.

### The Communion Song

#### Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord

Hymnal #164



A - lone thou go - est forth, O Lord, in  
 Our sins, not thine, thou bear - est, Lord; make  
 This is earth's dark - est hour, but thou dost  
 Grant us with thee to suf - fer pain that,  
 sac - ri - fice to die; is this thy sor - row  
 us thy sor - row feel, till through our pi - ty  
 light and life re - store; then let all praise be  
 as we share this hour, thy cross may bring us  
 nought to us who pass un - heed - ing by?  
 and our shame love an - swers love's ap - peal.  
 giv - en thee who liv - est ev - er - more.  
 to thy joy and re - sur - rec - tion power.

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

Please kneel or stand as able.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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 Prayer of St. Francis

*Celebrant* Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

*People* **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* And, the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Sending Forth

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able and join in singing.*

# The Recessional Hymn

## Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Hymnal #158



Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?  
For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion,  
There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. Twas I, Lord  
thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of  
I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
pi - ty and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930).

Music: "Herzliebster Jesu," Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

# Announcements

## **Military Outreach Collection – April 11**

St. Francis will once again participate in our quarterly Military Outreach donation drive to support families at Camp Pendleton and Fort MacArthur. Donations will be delivered on Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Hawthorne High School. The most needed items right now are diapers and kitchen supplies such as dishes, cookware, and meal preparation tools. We will also continue to accept men's and women's clothing for Fort MacArthur and shoes in very good condition. Please note that we are unable to accept home décor, electronics, large toys, stuffed animals, or car seats unless they are new in the box. Thank you for helping St. Francis support military families in our community. For more info, contact Susie Zimmerman at [susiezimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:susiezimmerman@gmail.com) or or text (310) 316-5941, or visit our website at [stfrancispalosverdes.org](http://stfrancispalosverdes.org).

## **Antique Show Gala Silent Auction – We're Collecting Treasures!**

Do you have a special something that could steal the spotlight at our Gala Silent Auction? We're on the hunt for silent auction donations to help make our event on Wednesday, May 27, a sparkling success!

Think crowd-pleasers like:

- Handmade jewelry or craft items
- Themed dinners, wine tastings, gardens tours or other fun social experiences - always our TOP SELLERS!!!
- Sports or theater tickets
- Beautiful home décor or luxury items
- Specialty services - handyman, sports or music lessons
- Gift cards for restaurants, entertainment or retail
- ...or any unique treasure guests would love to bid on!

If you'd like to contribute, please contact Mary Deley at [mary\\_deley@yahoo.com](mailto:mary_deley@yahoo.com). Items may be dropped off at the church office, or we're happy to arrange a pickup that works for you. Tax-deductible donation statements are available upon request.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Antique Show — we truly couldn't do it without you!

## **Stay in-the-know!**

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# Hoppy Easter!

All children are welcome to join us on

## Easter Sunday after the 10am service for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Bring your camera so you can get photos with the Easter Bunny. And, bring your favorite Easter Basket to collect your eggs—we will also have bags available.



**Easter Eggs wanted!** Please help us prepare for our children's Easter Egg Hunt by donating plastic eggs pre-filled with candy or stickers. *Please do not include any candy containing nuts or peanut butter.* **Eggs may be donated in the church office, and we are asking if you can please turn them in by Wednesday, April 1st.** If you have any questions, please contact Mary Deley at [mary\\_deley@yahoo.com](mailto:mary_deley@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support!

## Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Amy Clute, Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Irena Dybeic, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Marilyn and Dale Ghery, Mary Sharp, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Otto Vavrin, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Rob Ramsay, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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