

# Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29, 2026 ❖ 8:00 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)

Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor ..... Hymnal #154

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).

- A Penitential Order: Rite One.....Book of Common Prayer p. 319
- The Confession and Absolution.....Book of Common Prayer p. 320
- The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
- The Collect of the Day: Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday .....Book of Common Prayer p. 168
- The First Lesson..... Isaiah 50:4-9a

<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?

The Response ..... Psalm 31:9-16 (Book of Common Prayer p. 623)

The Epistle ..... Philippians 2:5-11

<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.

*Please remain seated. Note: The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

The Passion Gospel..... Matthew 27:11-54

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup>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, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>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, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>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*

<sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

<sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "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.”<sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,<sup>42</sup>“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.”<sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”<sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”<sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.”<sup>48</sup>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.<sup>49</sup>But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”<sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.<sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.<sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.<sup>53</sup>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.<sup>54</sup>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, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jason Shelby  
 The Nicene Creed .....Book of Common Prayer p. 327  
 The Prayers of the People.....Book of Common Prayer p. 328  
 The Peace .....Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

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

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 Great Thanksgiving .....Book of Common Prayer p. 333  
 The Prayer of Humble Access .....Book of Common Prayer p. 337  
 The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339  
 The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

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.

*The Postlude*

*He Never Failed Me Yet*

*Robert Ray*

# 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!

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## 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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