

St. Paul's by-the-Sea  
Episcopal Church

Ocean City, Maryland



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

# Liturgy of the Palms

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.

A reading of the story of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

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 Celebrant and People together say*

*People*       Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*     Let us go forth in peace.

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

*A procession is not possible with Covid restrictions. Instead, the congregation will wave their palm branches in the air during the Processional Hymn #154.*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

# Holy Eucharist—Rite II

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

## The Word of God

### The Collect of the Day

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.*

Gracious God, we come together during this time of Covid as the community of St. Paul's by the Sea. We ask your guidance as we follow the protocols for our safety and the safety of others. In the midst of all of this, may we listen to your Word and be moved by your Holy Spirit as it guides us through uncharted times. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*

### The Lessons

*A Reading (Lesson) from Isaiah, the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter beginning at the fourth verse*

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 insults 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

- 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."

## Second Lesson

*A Reading (Lesson) from the Epistle to the Philippians, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter beginning at the fifth verse.*

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.

### Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 1982, #158

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:  
I crucified thee.

3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.

4. For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

## The Passion According to Mark – *Video Presentation*

*The congregation may be seated during the first part of the Passion Gospel. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

**NARRATOR:** *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.* It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

**CHIEF PRIESTS:** "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

**NARRATOR:** While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

**DISCIPLES:** "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

**NARRATOR:** And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

**JESUS:** "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

**NARRATOR:** Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples said to him,

**DISCIPLES:** "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

**NARRATOR:** So Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

**JESUS:** "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The



Teacher asks, 'Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

**NARRATOR:** So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

**JESUS:** "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

**NARRATOR:** They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

**DISCIPLES:** "Surely, not I!"

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said to them,

**JESUS:** "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For 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:** 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; this is my body."

**NARRATOR:** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

**JESUS:** "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

**NARRATOR:** When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

**JESUS:** "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

**NARRATOR:** Peter said to him,

**PETER:** "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said to him,

**JESUS:** "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

**NARRATOR:** But Peter said vehemently,

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

**NARRATOR:** And all of the disciples said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples,

**JESUS:** "Sit here while I pray."

**NARRATOR:** Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

**JESUS:** "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

**NARRATOR:** And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

**JESUS:** "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

**NARRATOR:** Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

**JESUS:** "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

**NARRATOR:** And again Jesus went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

**JESUS:** "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

**NARRATOR:** Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

**JUDAS:** "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

**NARRATOR:** So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

**JUDAS:** "Rabbi!"

**NARRATOR:** and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

**JESUS:** "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

**NARRATOR:** All of Jesus' followers deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed Jesus at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

**ACCUSERS:** "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

**NARRATOR:** But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

**HIGH PRIEST:** "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

**NARRATOR:** But Jesus was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

**HIGH PRIEST:** "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said,

**JESUS:** "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

**NARRATOR:** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

**HIGH PRIEST:** "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

**NARRATOR:** All of them condemned Jesus as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

**ACCUSERS:** "Prophesy!"

**NARRATOR:** The guards also took Jesus over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

**SERVANT GIRL:** "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

**NARRATOR:** But he denied it, saying,

**PETER:** "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

**NARRATOR:** And Peter went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

**SERVANT GIRL:** "This man is one of them."

**NARRATOR:** But again Peter denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

**BYSTANDERS:** "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

**NARRATOR:** But Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,

**PETER:** "I do not know this man you are talking about."

**NARRATOR:** At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

**JESUS:** "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

**NARRATOR:** And Peter broke down and wept.

**NARRATOR:** As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

**PILATE:** "Are you the King of the Jews?"

**NARRATOR:** Jesus answered him,

**JESUS:** "You say so."

**NARRATOR:** Then the chief priests accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him again,

**PILATE:** "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

**NARRATOR:** But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then Pilate answered them,

**PILATE:** "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

**NARRATOR:** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

**PILATE:** "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

**NARRATOR:** They shouted back,

**CROWD:** "Crucify him!"

**NARRATOR:** Pilate asked them,

**PILATE:** "Why, what evil has he done?"

**NARRATOR:** But they shouted all the more,

**CROWD:** "Crucify him!"

**NARRATOR:** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed Jesus in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**SOLDIERS:** "Hail, King of the Jews!"

**NARRATOR:** They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)*

The soldiers compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

*All Stand.* And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And the soldiers crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Jesus. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with Jesus they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**BYSTANDERS:** "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

**NARRATOR:** In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**CHIEF PRIESTS:** "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

**NARRATOR:** Those who were crucified with Jesus also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

**JESUS:** "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

**NARRATOR:** which means,

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

**NARRATOR:** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**BYSTANDERS:** "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

**NARRATOR:** And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to Jesus to drink, saying,

**BYSTANDERS:** "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

**NARRATOR:** Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

**CENTURION:** "Truly this man was God's Son!"

**NARRATOR:** There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and

there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

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**The Sermon**      The Rev. Ronald Knapp

## **The Prayers of the People**

Form VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Santosh our Bishop; and for all  
bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

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

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one God and Creator of us all; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. *Amen*

Oh God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your son. Look now with compassion on the entire human family; and particularly this part of the family, in the United States, and those in our nation's capital; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Holy City*

Choir

## Eucharistic Prayer C

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and  
made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before  
you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the  
Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it,  
or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or  
place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be  
consecrated.*

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the  
blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this  
sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and  
Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our  
eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver  
us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace  
only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for  
renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one

body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

*The people receive the Sacrament in one kind.*

**Communion Hymns: Hymnal 1982, #168 & 313**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

**Recessional Hymn:**

**Hymnal 1982, #474**

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
where the young Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Welcome to St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

All baptized Christians, of any age & denomination, are welcome to receive communion. Any who are not baptized are still welcome to come forward during communion to receive a blessing.

**\*\*Gluten Free Wafer** requests are in the windowsill in the back of the church. Please present it to the priest.

### Prayer List

Gary & Beverly Cooper, Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cathy, Shelton Watson, David Rouch, Danny Haberman, Joan Leatherwood, Christopher, Rachel Lee, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Yvonne Field, Nancy Turnbull, Joe Walcott, Jan West, Scott Burke, Jose Cabrera, Deborah Gooch, Jan Richardson, Joan Kamorowski, Melissa Martin, Ryan Fischer, Hannah Wolf, Julia Rayfield, Debbie Simpkins, Ember Poppiti, Max Long, Cary, Cathy & Mark Baxley, Katlyn, Mary Scott, Etta, Chris Lynch, Tom Stearns, David Warren, Aunua, Letty Trimper Hurst, Ann Smith, Ann Plowman, Matt Leszcz & family, Kenneth Rudia, Catherin Hatfield, Rev. Penny Morrow, James Miller, John Anderson, Judy Hoffman, Andy Hales, Ken Toms, Brannon Thacker, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Suzanne Zantzing, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace

 Pray for the soul of Gladys Ingram, and for her family and friends.

### This Week We Pray For:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for the witness of God's people at St. Stephan's, Earleville, and their Rector, the Rev. Dr. Nicholas Sichangi, and his spouse, Jane, and their sons: Christopher, Dennis and Hudson.

Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle: Ocean City Baptist Church

Birthdays: Shaelan Nottingham, Debra Andrew, Jody Farley

### Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant: The Rev. Ronald Knapp

Organist & Music Director: Shirley Hailey

Reader: Cami Rogers

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Ushers: Kay Ayres, Amanda Cropper, Karen Gordon, John & Nancy Knotts

Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Lynda Azar

**Next Week: April 4th Easter Sunday**

Celebrant: The Rev. Ronald Knapp

Reader: Andy Diaz, Bob Rothermel

Altar Guild: Kay Ayres, Amanda Cropper

Ushers: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres, Karen Gordon, Elsie MacMullin,  
Amy Rothermel

Counters: Nancy Knotts & Debbie Shuster

**Holy Week Schedule:** *Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday services will be in-person and streamed live on Facebook*

**Tri-Parish Pilgrimage—March 31st**

Fr. Michael Moyer will host this Zoom gathering. More details to come.

**Maundy Thursday—April 1st, 7pm**

Prayer service with music led by our Lay Worship Leaders which will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar.

**Good Friday—April 2nd, Noon-2pm**

The church will be open for anyone who would like to take a self-guided walk of the Stations of the Cross. A bulletins containing the prayers for each Station will be provided.

**Easter—April 4th, 10am**

Holy Eucharist Rite II with Fr. Ron Knapp



### **Paid Parking in Ocean City**

Paid parking will return to Third Street on Thursday, April 1. However, paid parking will only be enforced on the weekends (Friday, Saturday & Sunday).

Beginning Saturday, May 1, paid parking will be enforced Monday through Sunday and will continue through Thursday, September 30.

### **Help Needed to Prepare the Church for Easter:**

The Altar Guild will be shining, polishing and decorating on Saturday, April 3rd at 9am. If you have a free hour or two, please join us and help prepare St. Paul's by-the-Sea for a glorious Easter. Thank you! Mary Wright.

### **Good Friday Cross Walk:**

Everyone is invited to celebrate Good Friday by participating in a Cross Walk on the Ocean City boardwalk on Friday, April 2nd. Christian community will meet outside The Son'Spot on Worcester Street at Noon for a short time of ministry, and then proceed down the boardwalk, past the sand sculpture, and end at Atlantic United Methodist Church on Fourth Street. We will walk together in a socially distanced manner, carrying a cross, singing songs, and having a brief time of ministry at several stops along the way. This Good Friday ministry is coordinated by the Ocean City Christian Ministers Association. For additional information, call 410-289-7430.

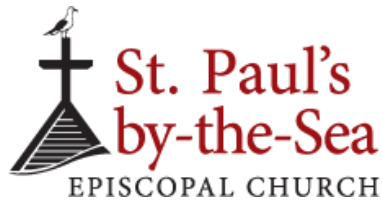
### **Easter Sunrise Service:**

Everyone is invited to our community's Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 4th, at 6am on the Boardwalk at North Division Street. Ministers, musicians, and singers from many of Ocean City's Christian churches will participate. This service will celebrate our risen Lord with singing, scripture, and preaching. This is always a wonderful service and we hope you can attend. A limited number of chairs will be provided and will be spaced apart for social distancing. You may want to bring a chair or blanket to sit on the beach. For additional information, call 410-289-7430.

# March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 28 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp In-Person & Facebook	29  Finance Comm. Zoom Mtg. 7pm	30	31	April 1 <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  Prayer Service 7pm In-Person & Facebook	2 <b>Good Friday</b> Office Closed  Self-Guided Stations of the Cross in the church Noon-2pm	3
April 4 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp In-Person & Facebook	5	6	7	8	9	10
April 11 <b>I Easter</b> 10 am Morning Prayer In-Person & Facebook	12  Vestry Zoom Mtg, 7pm	13	14	15	16	17
April 18 <b>II Easter</b> 10 am Morning Prayer In-Person & Facebook	19	20	21	22	23	24

**Shepherds Crook** is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in DeWees Hall from 10am to Noon, serving free dry food goods. On Saturdays the NOEL Community will provide free carry out lunches.



“Love God, Serve the World”

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*

-- The Parish Vestry --

2022  
Jerilyn Andrews  
John Knotts

2023  
Karen Gordon  
Paul Rogers  
Bob Rothermel

2024  
Kay Ayres  
Tom Shuster

-- 2022 Diocesan Convention --

Paul Rogers & Amy Rothermel — Delegates  
Karen Cramer & Nancy Knotts — Alternates

Tom Shuster, *Sr. Warden*  
Bob Rothermel, *Jr. Warden & Chair, Buildings & Grounds*  
Cheryl Nottingham, *Registrar*  
Paul Rogers, *Treasurer*  
Cheryl Nottingham, *Finance Chair*  
Josh Anderson, *Financial Advisor*  
Amy Rothermel, *Chair, Memorial Fund*  
Nancy Knotts, *Shepherd's Crook*  
Joy Connor, *Director, Red Doors*  
Karen Cramer, *Chair, Parish Life, Historian*  
Mary Wright, *Chair, Altar Guild*  
Shirley Hailey, *Choir & Organist*  
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