

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

Ocean City, Maryland



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

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.

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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.

While singing hymn 154, the congregation will process into the church, up the main aisle to the steps, turn and use the side aisles to find their seat in a pew.

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 people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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.*

The Lessons

A Reading (Lesson) from Isaiah, the 50th 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?

Antiguo Testamento: Isaías 50:4-9a

⁴ El Señor me ha instruido para que yo consuele a los cansados con palabras de aliento. Todas las mañanas me hace estar atento para que escuche dócilmente. ⁵ El Señor me ha dado entendimiento, y yo no me he resistido ni le he vuelto las espaldas. ⁶ Ofrecí mis espaldas para que me azotaran y dejé que me arrancaran la barba. No retiré la cara de los que me insultaban y escupían. ⁷ El Señor es quien me ayuda: por eso no me hieren los insultos; por eso me mantengo firme como una roca, pues sé que no quedaré en ridículo. ⁸ A mi lado está mi defensor: ¿Alguien tiene algo en mi contra? ¡Vayamos juntos ante el juez! ¿Alguien se cree con derecho a acusarme? ¡Que venga y me lo diga! ⁹ El Señor es quien me ayuda; ¿quién podrá condenarme?

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 2nd 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.

Nuevo Testamento: Filipenses 2:5-11

⁵ Tengan unos con otros la manera de pensar propia de quien está unido a Cristo Jesús, ⁶ el cual: Aunque existía con el mismo ser de Dios, no se aferró a su igualdad con él, ⁷ sino que renunció a lo que era suyo y tomó naturaleza de siervo. Haciéndose como todos los hombres y presentándose como un hombre cualquiera, ⁸ se humilló a sí mismo, haciéndose obediente hasta la muerte, hasta la muerte en la cruz. ⁹ Por eso Dios le dio el más alto honor y el más excelente de todos los nombres, ¹⁰ para que, ante ese nombre concedido a Jesús, doblen todos las rodillas en el cielo, en la tierra y debajo de la tierra, ¹¹ y todos reconozcan que Jesucristo es Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre.

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 of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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: [¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them,

Jesus: “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Narrator: ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

Narrator: ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Narrator: ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

Narrator: ²³Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. ²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them,

Jesus: “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Narrator: ³³And he said to him,

Simon: “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

Narrator: ³⁴Jesus said,

Jesus: “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

Narrator: ³⁵He said to them,

Jesus: “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?”

Narrator: They said,

Disciples: “No, not a thing.”

Narrator: ³⁶He said to them,

Jesus: “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”

Narrator: ³⁸They said,

Disciples: “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: “It is enough.”

Narrator: ³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Narrator: ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: ⁴²“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”

Narrator: ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became

like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them,

Jesus: “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Narrator: ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called

Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

Narrator: ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciples: “Lord, should we strike with the sword?”

Narrator: ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.⁵¹But Jesus said,

Jesus: “No more of this!”

Narrator: And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

Narrator: ⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant Girl: “This man also was with him.”

Narrator: ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying,

Peter: “Woman, I do not know him.”

Narrator: ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

2nd Witness: “You also are one of them.”

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: “Man, I am not!”

Narrator: ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

3rd Witness: “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.”

Narrator: ⁶⁰But Peter said,

Peter: “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

Narrator: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldiers: “Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?”

Narrator: ⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him. ⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said,

Crowd/Congregation: “If you are the Messiah, tell us.”

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: “If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

Narrator: ⁷⁰All of them asked,

Crowd/Congregation: “Are you, then, the Son of God?”

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: “You say that I am.”

Narrator: ⁷¹Then they said,

Crowd/Congregation: “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”]

Narrator: ¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before

Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying,

Crowd/Congregation: “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”

Narrator: ³Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: “You say so.”

Narrator: ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

Narrator: ⁵But they were insistent and said,

Crowd/Congregation: “**He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**”

Narrator: ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them,

Pilate: “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Narrator: ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd/Congregation: “**Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**”

Narrator: ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting,

Crowd/Congregation: “Crucify, crucify him!”

Narrator: ²²A third time he said to them, “

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

Narrator: ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it

behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Narrator: ³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. (*All Stand*) ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said,

Jesus: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Leaders: “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

Narrator: ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying,

Soldiers: “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

Narrator: ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

Narrator: ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Narrator: ⁴²Then he said,

Criminal 2: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Narrator: ⁴³He replied,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Narrator: ⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: “Certainly this man was innocent.”

Narrator: ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

[⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of

Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a

rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.]

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray

The Prayers of the People

Form I

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. On the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: we give thanks for the witness of God’s people at St. Paul’s by-the-Sea, Ocean City, their supply clergy, and the lay leadership of the parish. On the Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle we pray for 1st Baptist Church, Berlin. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Santosh, our Bishop, for Fr. Carl and for all the clergy, deacons and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, Ocean City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list. Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Jean Charles and Amy Rothermel, and those celebrating anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the concerns on your hearts and minds this morning
~~~~~ \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For 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. *Lord, have mercy.*

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

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St. Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Diocesan Collect, said in unison*

Gracious God, through the movement of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us here at St. Paul's by-the-Sea and in the Diocese of Easton as an inviting and welcoming people; receive our worship, nurture our life in Christ that we may evermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Clergy Search Prayer, said in unison*

Gracious God, we are reminded of your gifts in and for all the children of the Church. Call on us now; use us, in service of your whole Church. As we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may your Holy Spirit lead us to discern the gifts we seek and see those gifts clearly in candidates you are sending us. In our communications, interviews and meetings with them, may we find ourselves once again who we surely are in Christ Jesus, stewards of your many gifts. Amen.

*Bishop's Prayer for Peace, said in unison*

God of timelessness,  
From chaos and disorder  
you brought forth the beauty of creation;  
From the chaos of war and violence  
Bring forth the beauty of peace.  
God of compassion  
You saw the humanity of the outcast and the stranger;  
Help us to see the evils of our hatreds and suspicions  
and to turn them into the embrace of your Beloved Community.  
God of peace, Through your love on the cross  
You overcame the power of violence and death;  
Turn us away from the love of power  
That we may transform a warring world through the power of your love.  
Amen

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.*

## 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.*

# Holy Communion

## Offertory

*The Celebrant says to the people*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*This morning, the loose plate will be given to the Bishop's discretionary fund. There are also envelopes in your bulletin if you would like to make a personal donation.*

**Offertory Anthem**     *"Jerusalem, Behold Your King"*     **Joanne Cross**

## Doxology

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*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*

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; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

*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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then 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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

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.

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. Proceed to the altar rail by the center aisle and exit by the side aisles.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

### **Communion Hymns:**

**Hymnal 1982, #435 & 337**

*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, #168

1. O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendor  
the hosts of heaven adore!

2. Thy beauty, long-desired,  
hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expired,  
and quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest,  
hide not so far thy grace:  
show me, O Love most highest,  
the brightness of thy face.

3. In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved  
to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-beloved,  
yet thank thee for thy death.

4. What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine for ever!  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
outlive my love for thee.



5. My days are few, O fail not,  
with thine immortal power,  
to hold me that I quail not  
in death's most fearful hour;  
that I may fight befriended,  
and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended  
upon the cross of life.

*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 on the welcome table in the hall. Please present it to the priest.*

## Prayer List

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, David Warren, Letty Trimper Hurst, Rev. Penny Morrow, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Delores Rothermel, Ronnie Skinner, Randy Hastings, Gary Ballard, Hugh, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Rogers, John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Melvin, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Francisco Hector Diaz Diaz, Richard, Brad, Larry Lorton, Betty Merenda, Dee Toms, Bob Rothermel, The Lecates Family, Lakelyn Draheim, Hunter Berry, The People of Ukraine, Christopher Riley, Meredith Cobb



David Booth Beers, former Chancellor of the Episcopal Church

## This Week We Pray For ...

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for the witness of God's people at St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Ocean City, their supply clergy, and the lay leadership of the parish.

Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle: 1st Baptist Church, Berlin

Birthdays: Jean Charles, Amy Rothermel

## **Welcome Bishop Marray:**

In honor of Bishop San's annual visit, there will be a reception in DeWees Hall following today's service. Please join us!

## **Father Carl's Last Sunday at SPBTS**

Please join us next Sunday for Easter service and the opportunity to thank Fr. Carl for his support of our church and to wish him well as he moves on to be the interim at St. Paul's, Berlin.

## **Easter Sunrise Service:**

Everyone is invited to our community's Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 17th, 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. Bleachers and a limited number of chairs will be provided, but you may want to bring a blanket and chair. If there is rain, the service will relocate to Atlantic United Methodist Church on 4th Street.

## **Book Club:**

Our April Book is *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom which we will discuss on Monday, April 25 at 7pm via Zoom. It is an autobiographical memoir by Corrie Ten Boom, a devoutly religious woman who lived in the Holland city of Haarlem during the Nazi occupation. Compelled by her unshakeable Christian morality, she defied tyranny to rescue her Jewish neighbors who faced annihilation during the Holocaust. She was ultimately caught and it was Corrie's bedrock faith in the glory of God that sustained her. She discovered that love was a far more powerful force than hate for God's love was truly unconquerable.

*Anyone who enjoys reading is welcome to join our group. Contact Debbie Shuster or Jody Farley.*



# ***Mauudy Thursday***

Holy Eucharist  
Lenten Meal

DeWees Hall 6pm



Good Friday

## **STATIONS *of the* CROSS**

with the Rev. Carl Mosley at Noon

