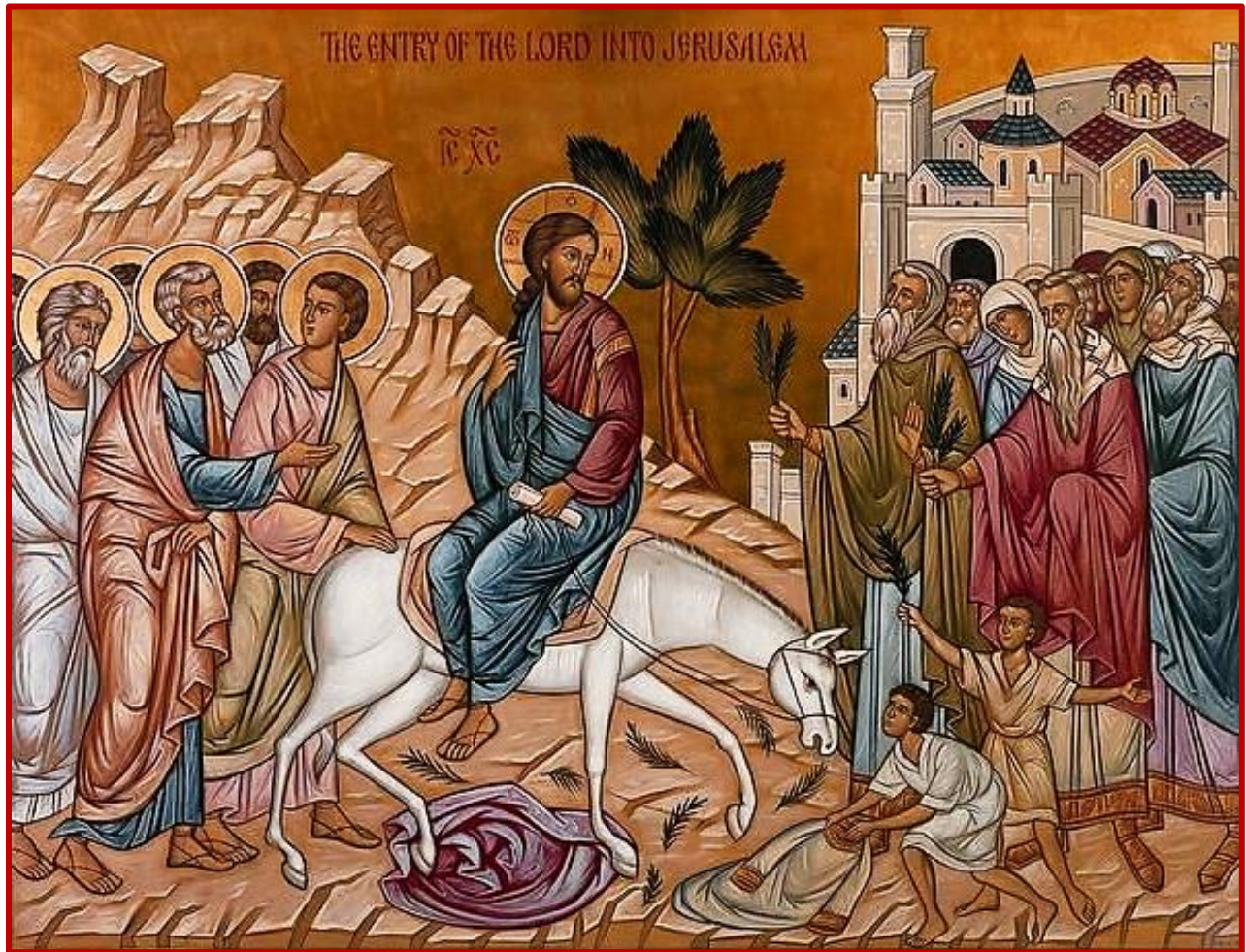


GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God,
a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel
through worship, proclamation, and service to each other,
to downtown Providence, and beyond.*



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:

PALM SUNDAY

FESTAL SUNG EUCHARIST
WITH THE BLESSING & PROCESSION OF THE PALMS
RITE II

MARCH 24TH, 2024
10:00 AM

THE LITURGY OF THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*Palms are available on a table in The Pavilion and in the Narthex at the rear of the Church.
Please turn off / silence any mobile devices before the service. Thank you and welcome!*

THE INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

Ingrediente Domino in sanctam civitatem,
hebraeorum pueri resurrectionem
vitae pronuntiantes, cum ramis palmarum:
Hosanna, clamabant, in excelsis!

*As the Lord entered the holy city,
the Hebrew children hailed the resurrection of life,
crying aloud, with palm branches in their hands:
'Hosanna in the highest!'*

*Words: Antiphon for the Palm Sunday Procession
Music: George Malcolm (1917-1997)*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT

Celebrant
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People
Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ASSIST US MERCIFULLY with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12-16

Priest A Reading from the Gospel of John.

THE NEXT DAY THE GREAT CROWD THAT HAD COME to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING OVER THE BRANCHES

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks _____ to the Lord— our God.

People

It is right _____ to give God thanks and praise.—

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.

All raise their palms.

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.**

Celebrant

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

People

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

AT THE PROCESSION

Celebrant *People*

Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

Please join in singing the Hosanna as all process from The Pavilion Courtyard down Westminster Street and into the Church via the Front Doors.

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Bless - èd is he who comes!

Bless - èd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

When the Choir enters the Church, please join in singing the hymn on the following page.

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 - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

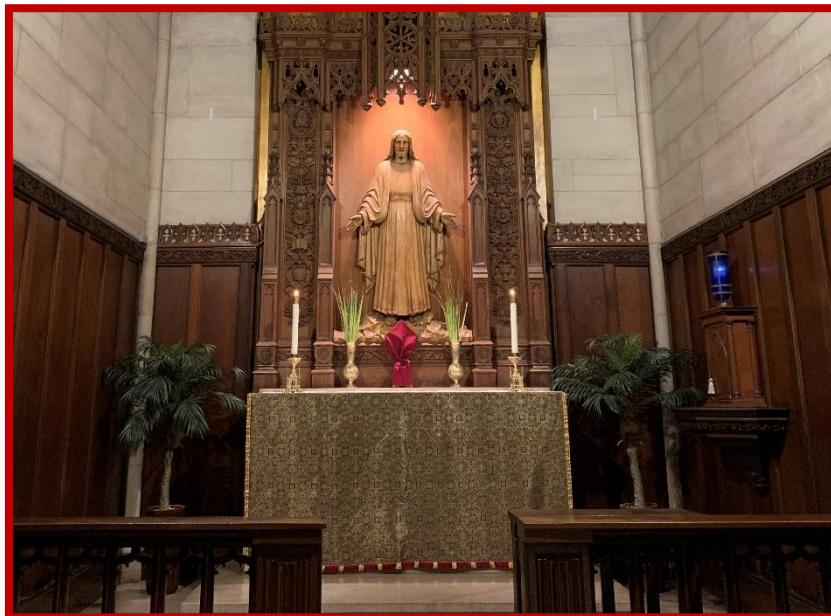
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

THE LORD GOD HAS GIVEN ME the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The LORD God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the LORD God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 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."

Setting: Anglican Chant by Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

THE EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able, and join in singing the hymn.

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 168

Stanzas 1 & 2 only

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.

Please be seated until all stand at the mention of the Crucifixion.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

*The Passion Gospel (Mark 15:1-47) is read by the Grace Church Youth Group with the customary responses before and after omitted. The Congregation is seated until bidden to stand and recites all text in **bold**.*

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, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he 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 he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” 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, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “**Crucify him!**” Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “**Crucify him!**” 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 him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, “**Hail, King of the Jews!**” 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. They 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”). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

Please stand as you are able.

A moment of silence is held to contemplate the act of crucifixion, after which, the People remain standing.

IT WAS NINE O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “THE KING OF THE JEWS.” And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “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.” Those who were crucified with him 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, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” 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, “Truly this man was God’s Son!” 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 Joses saw where the body was laid.

A period of silence is kept, after which, the following hymn is sung.

HYMN 168

Stanza 3 only

3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,

with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.

Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,

to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

*Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); Stanzas 1-3, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)
Music: Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

In the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name, let us offer our intercessions to God. We pray that the Church, teaching in the name of Christ, may sustain the weary with a word of courage, righteousness, and hope.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that civil authorities may open their ears and listen to the voices that cry out for food, for dignity, and for peace.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that those who face insult and degradation because of race, religious belief or political conviction may be supported by the disciples of the Lord.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that, as we observe this Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum, we may empty ourselves as Christ Jesus did, serving in unselfish love.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for: *Marcia Brown, Michelle Baranova, Rachel and her daughter, Kristy Scanlan, the family & friends of Zachary Lutes, Pirfa Kumbin, the family & friends of Lee Quinlan, the family & friends of Dzintra Kornets, A.T. Wall, Heather, Craig, Greg Allan Johnson, Jeff, and Kenneth Scanlan.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that those, who by their death shared in the passion of Jesus, may share fully in the victory of Christ's exaltation.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those we name now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

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

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Ehre sei dir, Christe, der du littest Not,
an dem Stamm des Kreuzes
für und den bitteren Tod,
und herrschest mit dem Vater
dort in Ewigkeit;
Hilf uns armen Sündern zu der Seligkeit.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

*Praised be thou, O Christ, who didst suffer pain,
and in hanging upon the Cross
bore for us the bitter death,
and reignest with the Father
there for all eternity,
Help all us poor sinners to find grace in thee.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Words: Hermann Bonnus (c 1504-1548)

Music: Beschluß, Final Chorus from Matthäuspassion, BWV 479, Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Please stand as you are able, to sing the Doxology on the following page as the offering is brought forward.

THE DOXOLOGY

Sung by all



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1543

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

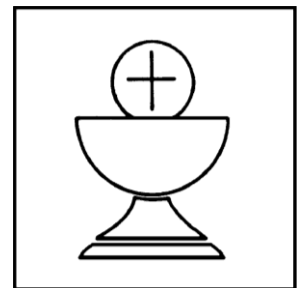
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Please join in singing the Sanctus & Benedictus on the following page.



Organ *Congregation*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
 God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bles - sed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Mass of St. Michael, Michael O'Connor, based on the Cherubikon, Ukrainian chant, adapt.

Celebrant

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."

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

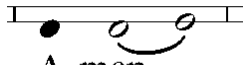
People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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.



People

A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

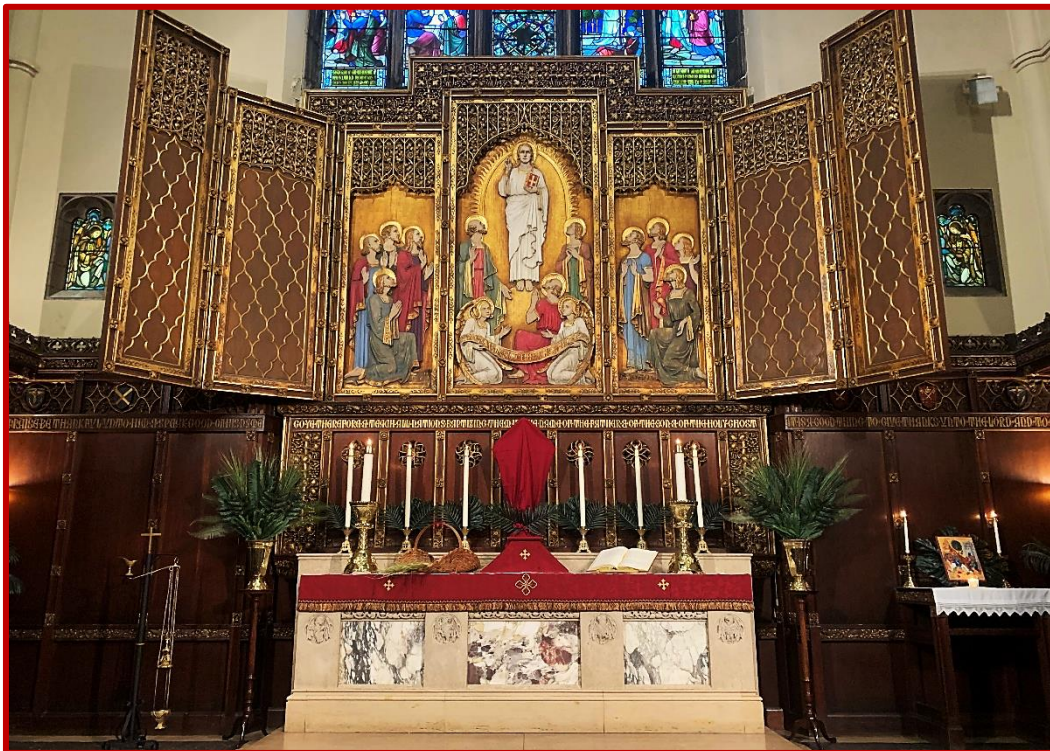
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Agnus Dei on the following page.



AGNUS DEI

Sung by all

Organ *Congregation*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us your peace.

Setting: Mass of St. Michael, Michael O'Connor, based on the Cherubikon, Ukrainian chant, adapt.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant 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 COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Sung by the Choir as the Clergy, Acolytes, and Ushers receive.

Vexilla regis prodeunt:
Fulget crucis mysterium,
qua vita mortem per tulit,
et morte vitam protulit.

*The banners of the King forward go:
With the cross's mystery glowing,
upon which Life itself did endure death,
and by his death, did life procure.*

Setting: Plainsong, Venantius Fortunatus (c 530- c 609)

THE COMMUNION

To receive communion, extend your hands to the Priest and they will place the wafer in your hand (if you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask for one). If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar. All are welcome at The Lord's Table!

AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi,
quia per crucem tuam redemisti mundum,
super omnia ligna cedrorum,
tu sola excelsior in qua vita mundi pependit,
in qua Christus triumphavit,
et mors mortem superavit in aeternum.

*We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
for by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world,
which alone excels above all cedar wood
as upon it hung the life of the world,
upon it Christ hath triumphed
and overcame death forever.*

*Words: Antiphon for Good Friday and The Stations of the Cross
Music: Kanon zu 3 from Drei lateinische Hymnen, Op. 96, No. 2, Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901)*

MOTET

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for humankind,
from whose pierced side
flowed forth water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste
[of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy upon me. Amen.*

*Words: attributed to Pope Innocent VI (1282-1362)
Music: William Byrd (c 1543-1623)*

When communion is completed, please stand as you are able and say together,

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER & BLESSING OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.

THE CLOSING HYMN, 479

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
 4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,
 5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;

1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!
 2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!
 3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!
 4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.
 5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

Words: Italian, 18th century; tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.
 Music: Wem in Leidenstagen, Friedrich Filitz (1804-1860)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Crucifer: Nathan Wagner

Lectors: Jane Ditmars, Andrew Raftery

Intercessor: Katherine Coumes

Ministers of Communion: Matthew Sneider, Jane Pear

Altar Guild: Sue Hall, Charles Carroll

Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker

Greeters: Ed Morgan, Michael Colello, Pat Trosclair

Ushers: John Trosclair, Christopher Tompkins, Michael D'Alesandre, Lori Brown

Coffee Hour Servers: Melody Ennis, Mack Woodward & Joseph Handly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY AVAILABLE: Child care is now available for children through age 3 from 8:45am until the end of the service. Ushers are able to guide you to our Nursery.

EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC DONATIONS/DEDICATIONS: Thank you for filling out a card located in the pews, and for your support of Easter flowers and music! Please print dedications legibly: *In memory of... in honor of... in thanksgiving for...* Place your card and gift in the green flower envelopes provided, and return in the offering plate or by mail. Dedications received **by Tuesday, March 26th** will be printed in the service bulletins for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

EASTER VIGIL CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION! Join us for The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter on **Saturday, March 30th at 8:00 PM**. The Vigil takes place the evening before Easter morning, and is the first celebration of Christ's triumph over death. Following the service a festive reception with champagne and sweets will be held in The Pavilion.

PARKING FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Free parking will be available for the Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil services at the lot on Snow Street between Westminster and Chapel Streets (opposite the church's lot, which is always available for parishioners!).

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024 BROCHURES: In observance of the Paschal Triduum Grace Church offerings several special services leading up to the Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Day. To learn about the multiple worship opportunities during Holy Week, please pick up a copy of the Holy Week & Easter 2024 Brochure found on the tables in the rear of the church. We hope that you join us for these moving liturgies that illustrate the progression of Christ's betrayal and death to his glorious resurrection!

LAST DAY TO COMPLETE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SURVEY: We are asking Grace parishioners to complete a Feasibility Survey regarding a possible Capital Campaign to restore our pipe organ and the chancel arch mural. Remember – this is not a pledge form, only a survey to help us determine our ability to raise the needed funds for these projects. **Please complete the survey by today, Sunday, March 24** if possible. As we approach our 200th Anniversary as a parish (in 2029) it is exciting to think about restoring our pipe organ and beautiful mural, complete with an angel orchestra! Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Type in this link into your computer browser to access the survey: <http://tiny.cc/GraceChurchOrganCampaign>



HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

Spoken Holy Eucharist *with* The Blessing of Palms

8:00 AM

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* The Blessing & Procession of Palms

10:00 AM

SPY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH

The Office of Tenebrae: A Service of Candlelight & Shadows

8:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

Choral Holy Eucharist *with* The Washing of Feet,
Procession to the Altar of Repose, & Stripping of the Altar

7:00 PM

The Garden Watch *in* The Chapel of the Messiah

8:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

The Solemn Liturgy of The Passion

12:00 Noon

The Way (Stations) of the Cross *with* Music

6:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

The Great Vigil, Holy Baptism, & The First Eucharist of Easter
(followed by a Champagne and Chocolate Reception in The Pavilion!)

8:00 PM

THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

Spoken Holy Eucharist

8:00 AM

Festal Choral Eucharist *with* Brass & Timpani

10:00 AM

*On Easter Day, all children are most welcome to participate in
The Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour following the 10 AM Eucharist!*



A HOLY WEEK MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Friends,

When I was in college here in Providence 30+ years ago, I attended my first Holy Week service, on Maundy Thursday. I'm not sure if my childhood parish even *had* Holy Week services between Palm Sunday and Easter Day, but, if it did, my family didn't attend. That first Maundy Thursday service in the late 1980s made real for me the events that led up to that feast day that my family *always* celebrated: Easter. I felt in that Thursday evening service (at St. Stephen's Church, next to the Brown campus) that I was with the disciples as Jesus celebrated his Last Supper with his them and that I was witness to his prayers and arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. I was transported, through stories and actions and music, to those great events in the final days of Christ's life.

I imagine most American Christians don't attend a church service between Palm Sunday and Easter Day. Let's be honest, a lot of Christians don't attend a church service between *Christmas* and Easter Day! But there is nothing in the church year like the Triduum (Latin for "Three Days") – Maundy Thursday (from the Latin, "Mandatum", meaning "commandment", since it was at the Last Supper that Jesus gave us the new commandment that his followers were to love one another), Good Friday ("Good" in its alternate meaning of "holy.") and the Easter Vigil, which follows the ancient practice of celebrating the first Eucharist of Easter the night prior. It is perhaps the closest we can come through worship to walking with Jesus at the end of his earthly ministry and life.

Easter is a glorious celebration no matter what you've been doing (or failing to do) in the previous 40 days. St. John Chrysostom said in his Easter Sermon 1,600 years ago, "If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first." But if St. Chrysostom were here today, he'd share my advice and encourage you to attend services at Grace Church this Holy Week!

Holy Week blessings,

Jonathan+



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