



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION  
Palm Sunday  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A  
March 29, 2026, 10AM

## Welcome!

*We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!*

*Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer (the red book)*

*and also uses texts from Enriching Our Worship, a collection of  
supplemental resources approved for use in The Episcopal Church.*

*Everything you will need for this service is contained in this bulletin.*

*The altar decorations are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Jennie Struthers Oakes & Christopher Claesen Oakes  
by Peggy & Kirk Oakes, Gretel & Whitney Merrill,  
and Sallie & Brian O'Connor,*

*and in loving memory of  
Jill A. Rapp  
by Ginger Maione and the Rapp Family.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

### PRELUDE

*“Largo and Andante on  
‘All Glory Laud & Honor’”  
organ*

Michael Burkhardt

*The people stand as clergy enter.*

### LITURGY OF THE PALMS

BCP, p. 270

*Presider* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The Presider offers a prayer to which the people respond Amen.*

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

BCP, p. 271

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider offers a prayer to which the people respond Amen.*

*The ushers come forward to distribute the palms.*

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS

BCP, p. 271

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

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

### MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

*“Njalo”*

*(Always)*

*Chapel, School, & Adult Choirs*

Matsikenyiri

# PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Hymnal 154

(Valet will ich dir geben)

Sung by all, choirs in procession.

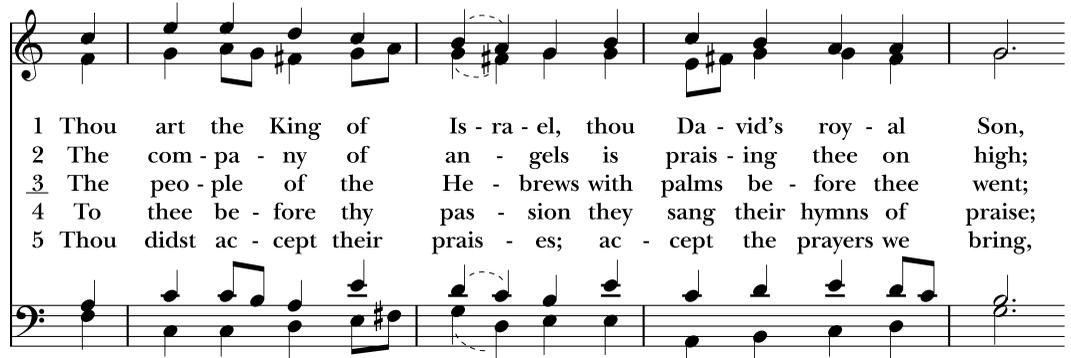
*Refrain*



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

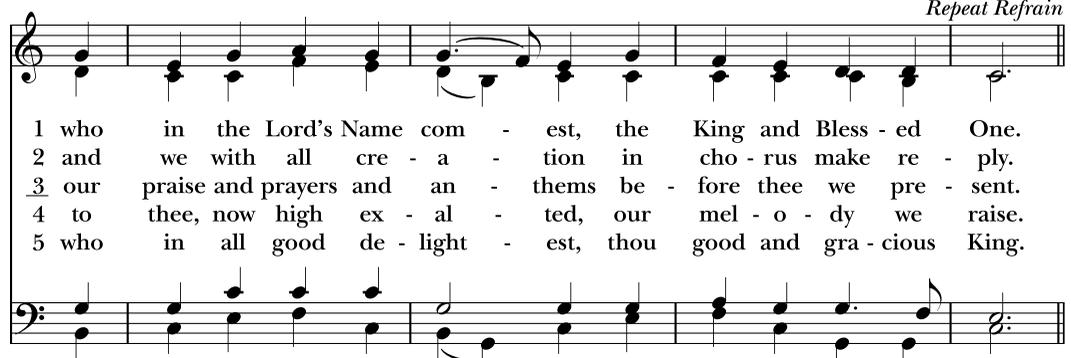


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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.

After the hymn, children, age 4 through grade 5, are invited to Sunday School in Nieman Hall. They will return to the sanctuary at Communion. Nursery care is available for children through age 4.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 219

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*The Presider prays the Collect to which the people respond* **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

### ANTHEM

“Little Grey Donkey”  
*Chapel & School Choirs,*

Natalie Sleeth  
*Maggie Donough, oboe*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### PSALM 31:9-16

*Sung by the choir.*

Plainsong

- 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."

## THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

Matthew 26:36 – 27:66

*Read by Judy Honohan, Wade Kirby, Cindy Steffens, Chris Wilde.*

*The congregation remains seated for the reading of The Passion. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*The people stand at the words:*

“As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.”

*Holy silence will be kept for a significant period of time,  
allowing reflection on The Passion*

## HYMN

“O Sacred Head”  
(Passion Chorale)

Hymnal 168

Verse 1

**Sung by all**

## SERMON

*The people stand.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader offers intercessions on behalf of the congregation; during the silences the people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*

*Each petition concludes*    God of mercy,  
*People respond*                **hear our prayer.**

*Leader*    “....be a people consumed with prayer and zeal for you, this day  
and always.” **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

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

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people are seated.*

OFFERTORY

“Let This Mind Be In You”  
*Adult Choir & School Choir II*

Thomas Pavlechko



*Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at [www.gracemadison.org/giving](http://www.gracemadison.org/giving).*

*The people stand.*

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”  
*(Petra)*

Hymnal 171

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

*(with revisions authorized by 2018 General Convention)*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider* God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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

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

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

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

*Presider* 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 eternal Word, born of Mary, your willing servant, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Presider* And therefore we praise you, joining ....  
... to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS** *(Powell)* Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing.*

*Presider* Blessed are you, Lord our God, ...  
... and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*Presider* Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed ...  
... that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

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

*Presider* God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; ...  
...gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

*Presider*

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion. Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and to help guide the chalice to the mouth by touching its base.*

***Intinction— dipping the wafer in the wine—is not practiced.***

*To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.*

*Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Ex ore innocentium”  
School Choir II

John Ireland

ORGAN MUSIC

“Were You There”

Calvin Taylor

COMMUNION HYMN

“Were You There”  
(*Were You There*)

Hymnal 172  
Verse 1: School Choirs  
Verses 2—4: ALL

*The people stand.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

*Said by all, standing.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider 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.**

*The Blessing is omitted during Lent.*

DISMISSAL

*The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.*

*Response* **Thanks be to God!**

SILENT RECESSIONAL

### Grace Prayer List

We pray for all who are in need, especially Peter, Eileen, Bob, Joyce, Katie, David, Marge, Dave, Nancy, Leo, Julian, Margaret, Ruth, David, Brian, Margaret, Richard, Kackie, Marianne, Paul, Eloise, Croft, Matt, John, James, Mary, Tiffanie, Jo, Brigitte, Elizabeth, Brian, Sue.

## Grace Calendar Highlights

See [www.gracemadison.org](http://www.gracemadison.org) for more details.

### *Grace's Gatherings*

Friday, April 3 & Monday, April 6 – Parish Office Closed

Fri, April 3, 7-8AM **Men's Breakfast**, Waverly Restaurant

Tue, April 14, 7PM **Men's Gathering**, Library

Mon, April 20, 7PM **Women's Book Group**, The Necklace by Cheryl Jarvis, Library

Tues, April 21, 7:30PM **Men's Book Group**, 1929: Inside the Greatest Crash, offsite  
email Bruce for directions: [bruce.rudin82@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.rudin82@gmail.com)

Tue, April 28, 7PM **Circle of Women**, Library

### *Community*

TODAY, 5PM [Durufle REQUIEM](#), St. Peter's Morristown, free

Mon, April 6, 1-7PM **Blood Drive**, Grace Hall. Walk-ins welcome.

Sun, April 12, 3PM [UpTown Flutes](#), Grace Church

Sun, April 19, 2PM [BONJ Many Mozarts](#), Grace Church

Sat, April 25, 3PM Music in the Somerset Hills **B Minor Mass, J.S. Bach**  
St. Mary's Church at Delbarton Morristown

Sat, April 25, 11AM-3PM **Rotary's Repair Café**, Grace Hall



nourish.NJ **Hunger Walk & Run**

Sun, May 3, Noon, County College of Morris

Use QR code to join the Grace Team!



## Holy Week

**WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, April 1**

**8:30AM** Morning Prayer, *Zoom*

**6PM** Guided Stations of the Cross, *Outdoors*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2**

**7PM** Holy Eucharist with Choir, Foot Washing,  
Stripping of the Altar & Reservation of the Sacrament.  
Children's Service for Grades K-5.

Nursery care during service. *In-Person & Livestream*

**8:30PM** Youth Lock-In for Grades 6-12

*rsvp to KMcManus@gracemadison.org*

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 3**

**12-1:30PM** Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday.

Passion Reading, Music, and Communion from the  
Reserved Sacrament. *In-Person & Livestream*

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 4**

**8:30AM** Liturgy for Holy Saturday, *In-Person*

**7PM** The Great Vigil of Easter

Taizé music, lighting of the new fire and Paschal candle,  
Holy Baptism, the first Eucharist of Easter.  
Reception following. *In-Person & Livestream*



## *Easter Sunday*

*The Resurrection of Our Lord*

April 5

8AM Holy Eucharist, spoken service. *In-Person*

10AM Festal Eucharist with Brass & Choir.

Children's Service for Grades K-5.

Reception & Egg Hunt following service.

Nursery care during service. *In-Person & Livestream*

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#### **Clergy**

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Robert T. Griner, *Associate*

#### **Wardens**

Heidi Griffiee

Chris Hauke

#### **Worship Services**

*Holy Eucharist Services*

Sunday 8AM & 10AM

#### **Staff**

Dr. Anne Matlack, *Organist & Director of Choirs*

Camille Bourland, *Children's Choirs*

Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir*

Matthew North, *The Gargoyles Director*

Eve Albiston, Hadley Bendelius,

Annabelle Palmer, *Junior Head Choristers*

Kathryn McManus, *Children's Ministries*

Mary McManus, *Youth Ministries*

Geoff Brooks, *Senior Verger*

Dan Baulig, *Head Usher*

Audrey Bendelius, Peter Munter

& Lucy Waterstredt, *Head Acolytes*

Michael Kostial, *Parish Administrator*

Susie Harris, *Communications*

Osh Khublall, *Bookkeeper*

Jose Bonilla, *Sexton*