



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Weather permitting, we will gather outside, lining the sidewalk in front of the church and rectory for the blessing and distribution of the palms and the procession.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

THE GOSPEL OF THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

MATTHEW 21:1-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, `The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

The procession continues into the church, all singing the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," found on the next page.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

THE HYMNAL 154



THE COLLECT IN PROCESSION

Celebrant Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,

and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

People And also with you.

Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem the people waved palms with shouts of acclamation. Grant that when the shouting dies, we may still walk beside you, even to a cross.

People Amen.

Celebrant

All may be seated.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 50:4-9A

Lector A reading from the book of 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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE PSALM 31:9-16

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 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 A reading from St. 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The congregation may remain seated for the Passion Gospel, until the mention of "Golgotha" on Page 10. The congregation speaks the parts marked "Assembly."

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

Deacon The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Narrator One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"

Narrator They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an

opportunity

to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

Narrator He said,

Jesus "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, `The Teacher says, My time is near; I will

keep

the Passover at your house with my disciples."

Narrator So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

Narrator And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples "Surely not I, Lord?"

Narrator He answered,

lesus "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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 Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Narrator He replied,

Jesus "You have said so."

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, eat; this is my body."

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for

the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day

when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

[esus "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, `I will strike the

shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead

of you to Galilee."

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

Narrator Jesus said to him,

lesus "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

Narrator And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he

said to his disciples,

lesus "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.

Then he said to them,

Jesus "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come

into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Narrator Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he

went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples

and said to them,

lesus "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is

betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with

swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had

given them a sign, saying,

Judas "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas "Greetings, Rabbi!"

Narrator and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Friend, do what you are here to do."

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus

put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you

think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this

way?"

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

lesus "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after

day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that

the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to

Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and

said,

Accusers "This fellow said, `I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

Narrator The high priest stood up and said,

High Priest Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

Narrator But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High Priest "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Manister seated at the right

hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy.

What is your verdict?"

Narrator They answered,

Chief Priests "He deserves death."

Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Chief Priests "Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant Girl "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

Narrator But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter "I do not know what you are talking about."

Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant Girl This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Narrator Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter "I do not know the man."

Narrator After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystander Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter "I do not know the man!"

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

Jesus "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Narrator And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of

the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief

priests and the elders. He said,

Judas "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

Narrator But they said,

Chief Priests "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged

himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priests "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

Narrator After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners.

For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." Now Jesus stood

before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus "You say so."

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

Narrator But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly

amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.

So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting

on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a

dream about him."

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have

Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Narrator And they said,

Assembly "Barabbas."

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator All of them said,

Assembly "Let him be crucified!"

Narrator Then he asked,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Assembly "Let him be crucified!"

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some

water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

Assembly "His blood be on us and on our children!"

Narrator So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right

hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator

They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After Mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

At the mention of Golgotha, all stand if you are able to and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.

Narrator

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called **Golgotha** (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Bystanders "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Chief Priests "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, `I am God's Son.'"

The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator that is,

Narrator

Iesus

Narrator

Centurion

Narrator

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders "This man is calling for Elijah."

Narrator At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystanders "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

"Truly this man was God's Son!

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and

asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priests

"Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, `After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, `He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

Narrator So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;

that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources

rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ

in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Deacon Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope

in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled;

and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth,

that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth

and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant 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, and then be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

THE HYMNAL 474

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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;

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:

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 as able. 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.

Celebrant 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 AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People Our Father, who art in heaven,

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.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



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What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Rev. Edie or Deacon Kathleen following the service.

When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergy person can give a gluten-free wafer if you request it. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Grace!

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COMMUNION HYMN AH, HOLY JESUS

THE HYMNAL 158

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you, ★ Christ's peace be with you,

the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

People Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O SACRED HEAD, SORE WOUNDED (verses 1,2,3,5)

THE HYMNAL 168

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE CHURCH

For the clergy: ++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; ++Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; +Eugene Taylor Sutton and +Robert Ilhoff, Bishops of the Diocese of Maryland; Carrie Schofield-Broadbent+, Bishop Coadjutor-Elect of the Diocese of Maryland; Edie+ Holton, our Priest; Kathleen+ Smith-Jones, our Deacon.

In the Diocesan prayer cycle, we pray for All Saints', Sunderland; Christ Church, West River; Middleham & St. Peter's, Lusby; and for the Rev.'s Maria M. Fedock, Anne O. Weatherholt, January E. Hamill, and Heyward H. Macdonald.

In our Parish prayer cycle, we pray for Brian Reid and Brett Brenner.

OUR COMMUNITY

The Homebound: Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community and beyond: Michael Weldon; Shirley Shores; Bo Harris; The Szuberla Family; Reta Mercer; Paul David Moss; Peg Jung; Glenn, Robert, and Gay Eackles; The Killmayer Family; Kathy Brown; Abby & Tom Kahn; The Cendrowski Family; Sandy Cain; Tammy Trimmer; Marilyn Rich; Zoe Huck; Claudia; The Dean Family; William; Barry Slocum; Virginia Danner; Eddie Danner; Jason Harris; Fred Zupka & Family; Barry Stocks; Lisa Cox & Harriet Carr; Betty Ramsay; Steve Foust; Susan Kimble; Meghan Davidson & Family; Charlotte Barnhouse; Susan Mann; David & Mary Alice Thoma; Catherine Thompson; Felicia Watkins-Kimble.

THE WORLD

For elected leaders in this country and around the world, especially President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; Governors Wes Moore (*MD*) and Glenn Youngkin (*VA*); and Mayors Nathan Brown (*Brunswick*) and Christopher Hornbaker (*Lovettsville*). For victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse and natural disasters in the United States and throughout the world.

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for the victims, family, and communities that have suffered from senseless violence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 6 | MAUNDY THURSDAY SOCK DRIVE

On Maundy Thursday — The day we commemorate the Last Supper and the time that Jesus taught us humility by washing his disciples' feet, we will once again this year collect socks for the feet of those in need. Our sock collection this year will be going to the Judy Center Early Learning Hub for Frederick County. Their mission is to prepare children for success in school and life by connecting families with high-quality, comprehensive, full -day, full-year early education services for children ages birth through five. Utilizing a multigenerational approach for families and children, and providing professional development for early childhood educators, Judy Centers help to support all of the adults in a child's early years. Judy Centers provide the physical health, mental health, academic, and other types of support needed to thrive for many Maryland children and families.

Bring your donations of new unworn socks, sizes from Newborn to children's small or medium, to the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 6th at 7pm.

APRIL 6 | MAUNDY THURSDAY NIGHT WATCH

At the end of the Maundy Thursday service, the remaining Eucharist is removed from the main altar and "reposed" on an altar in front of the columbarium. In commemoration of Jesus' words "Could you not watch one hour with me," the church will remain open through the night, and all are welcome to come pray. There will be at least 2 people present at all times during the vigil. The night watch ends with Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer at 7am on Good Friday.

BRUNSWICK FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Demand at our community Food Bank is surging. Grace will once again, be collecting non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves. A basket is in the Narthex for donations. You can also give a monetary donation, via the BEACON website. https://www.brunswickbeacon.org/donate/

HELP WITH FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our Sunday Fellowship Hour continues to grow and flourish! Can you lend a hand with supplying food? We are especially looking for fresh fruit, cheese, and other light fare each week. There is now a 2nd Fellowship sign up slot on the Ministry Schedule (https://tinyurl.com/GraceMinistrySchedule)for food donations. Help when you can! Chat with Kara DeBord or Kathy Brown with questions.

COMING UP AT GRACE

4/6	Thu	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Nave
4/7	Fri	12:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Nave
4/7	Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	Nave
4/9	Sun	11:00am	Easter Sunday Service	Nave
4/11	Tue	5:00pm	Healing Service	Nave
5/20	Sat		Brunswick Spring Festival	TBD

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