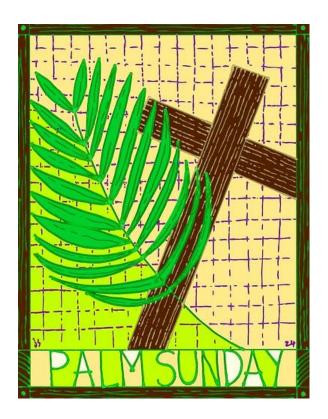
Holy Eucharist



St. Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church

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We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ, recognizing his presence in all people, and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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.

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, untied with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever. *Amen*.

John 12:12-16

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.

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 saved us and given us new life through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was greeted as King of kings by those who spread their clothing and branches of palms along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them in his name may forever 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 palms are sprinkled with Holy Water.

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

The palms are distributed.

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

For the procession, the people wave branches in their hands, and process, following the crucifer, singing Pave the Way with Branches.

Pave the Way with Branches



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. **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Humble Lord, while people clamored for a warrior-king, the colt revealed your servanthood: as you face the way of tears, the tearing of the temple veil, take us from the baying mob to place our faith in you, Jesus Christ, our victim and our savior. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

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?

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 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 Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

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 deatheven death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

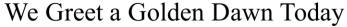
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

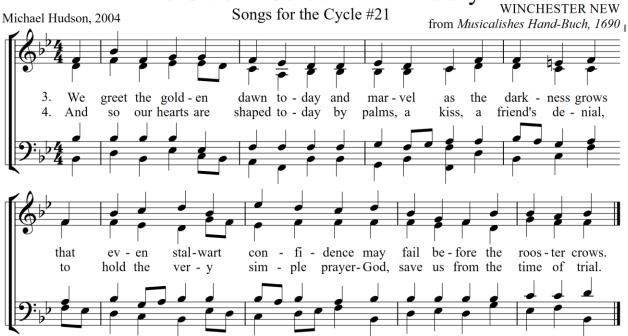
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Gradual:





Gospel Reading

Mark 15:1-47

Dramatic reading of the Passion

Sermon

The Rev. Karen Cuffie

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ,

People: and lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Leader: Lead each member of your church in humility as we walk together.

Guide our bishops and priests and deacons so that your glory may be revealed through them in your word and sacraments. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our Lay Preachers and Lay Worship

Leaders.

People: Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Leader: Lead the authorities of every country in the way of justice for all of

their citizens, and peace between neighbors and nations.

People: Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Leader: Lead each us to reach out our hands and hearts in love where there is

suffering and anxiety, sickness and grief.

People: Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Leader: Lead us to lead lives that please you as we walk this earth so that with

those who have died, we may join you in our eternal home.

People: Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, whose Son humbled himself and

became obedient to the point of death. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in everyplace; through Jesus Christ our

Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

(There will be a moment of silence)

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

Absolution

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

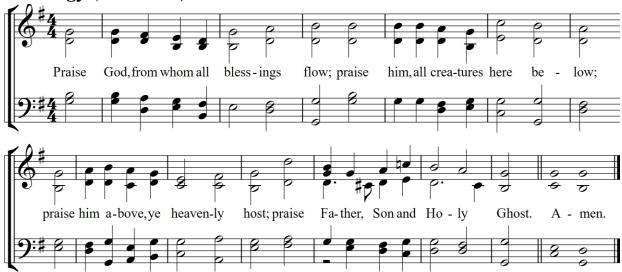
Exchange peace.

Offertory:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Doxology (Old 100th):



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 our 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Sanctus

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Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx



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 all 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 pray,

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

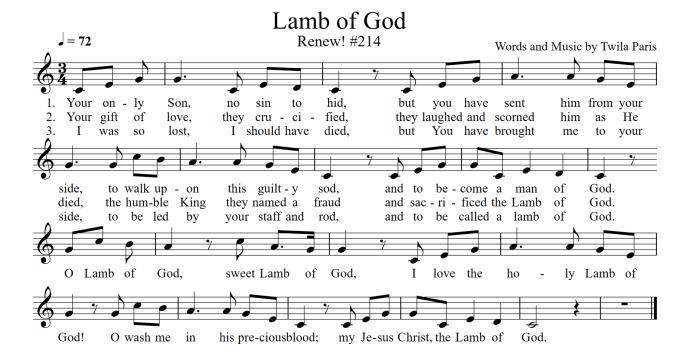
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Communion Hymns:





Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving 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.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing



Mission Song:

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Mark your calendar

• Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Palm Sunday, March 24, 10:00am
- Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm Service at St. Stephen's
- Good Friday, March 29, 12:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. John's
- Good Friday, March 29, 7:00pm Communion from Reserved Sacrament at St. Stephen's
- Easter Sunday, March 31, 10:00am Service at St. John's
- Sunday, April 14th Growing Natives Garden Tour at St. Stephen's, 10am 4pm (for more information go to www.ssitf.org under the "Events" tab)
- Saturday, May 4th Spring Fundraiser and BBQ at St. Stephen's, 5pm

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