

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

Palm Sunday

11:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist
*with the Liturgy of the Palms
and the Reading of the Passion*



March 29, 2026

What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
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| Sunday, March 29 | 11:00 am | Holy Eucharist – <i>Palm Sunday</i> | Church |
| | 12:30 pm | Refreshments | Church |
| | 4:00 pm | Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing | Walnut St. |
| Monday, March 30 | 10:00-3:00 | Church Open | |
| Tuesday, March 31 | 10:00-3:00 | Church open | |
| | 3:00 pm | Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing | Walnut St. |
| Wednesday, April 1 | 10:00-3:00 | Church Open | |
| Thursday, April 2 | 10:00-3:00 | Church Open | |
| | 6:00 pm | (No Thursday Healing Service or Centering Prayer Today!) Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with Foot washing | |
| Friday, April 3 Good Friday | 12:00 pm | Good Friday: Liturgy of Good Friday | Church |
| Saturday, April 4 Holy Saturday | 9:00 am | Holy Saturday: Liturgy of Holy Saturday | Church |
| | 10:00 am | Decorate the Church for Easter | Church |
| | 8:00 pm | Easter Eve: The Great Vigil of Easter | Church |
| Sunday, April 5 Easter Day | 11:00 am | Holy Eucharist – <i>Sunday of the Resurrection</i> | Church |
| | 12:15 pm | Easter Egg Hunt | Rittenhouse Square |
| | 4:00 pm | Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing | Walnut St. |

The office and church will be closed on the Monday and Tuesday following Easter.

PARTICIPANTS

Margaret Dowling & Veronica Aplenc,

Lectors

Frank LaMay, *Intercessor*

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Jack Baranaski, *Streaming*

Jeannie Welsh, *Welcome Table*

Wesley Parrott, *Assisting Organist*

Passion Readers

Gail Caruso, *Narrator*

Thomas Lipscomb, *Pilate*

Andy Gutknecht, *Jesus*

Sally Griffith, *Pilate's wife/Centurion*

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

You can find more information on the back of the bulletin.

Our Vivid Vision

This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshipers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

Core Values

Inclusion/Welcome

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

Innovation

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

Collaboration

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

Community Mindedness

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

Culture

Joyful

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

Fearless

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

Embracing

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

Engaged

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

Palm Sunday, which has been celebrated by Christians since at least the 4th century, marks the transition from our Lenten period of preparation into Holy Week. The concept of that transition defines this service: we begin with a remembrance of Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem—a parade of welcome when people lined the road ahead of him with cloth and palm branches. When the Passion is read, we're asked to shift our attention to Jesus' Passion, and to consider where his path will finally lead: to his arrest, conviction, and death on the cross. The Episcopal tradition moves through the story of Easter slowly and deliberately. Holy Week culminates in what we call the Triduum: a three-part service that arcs from Maundy Thursday through Good Friday and, finally, into the joy of Easter.

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Palm Sunday

Prelude *Two Preludes on 'Valet will ich dir geben'* Johann Sebastian Bach

The Liturgy of the Palms

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.

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 Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Celebrant 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.”

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

The Blessing of the Palms

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 him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Palms are distributed to the congregation while the choir sings:

Anthem

Hosanna to the Son of David

Orlando Gibbons

Hosanna to the Son of David:

blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the King of Israel;

blessed be the Kingdom that cometh in the name of the Lord:

peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places;

Hosanna in the highest heavens.

The Procession

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

The choir sings the appointed verses of Psalm 118 as the procession begins.

At the introduction of the organ fanfare, the people join in heartily singing the Entrance Hymn.

The Entrance Hymn 154

Valet will ich dir geben

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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Presider 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Margaret Dowling

Reader A reading from 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.**

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

The congregation joins on the bold verses, pausing at the asterisk.



- 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 ac/quaintance;*
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 per/secute me.
- 16 **Make your face to shine upon your / servant,*
and in your loving-kind/ness save me.”**

The Epistle: Philippians 2: 5-11

Veronica Aplenc

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.

Following a period of silence, all then rise in body or in spirit and sing.

The Sequence Hymn 161

Vexilla Regis prodeunt



1 The flam - ing ban - ners of our King
 2 A Ro - man sol - dier drew a spear
 3 The crowd would have been sat - is - fied
 4 With what strange light the rough trunk shone,
 5 The best are shamed be - fore that wood;



1 ad - vance through his self - of - fer - ing.
 2 to mix his blood with wa - ter clear.
 3 to see a pro - phet cru - ci - fied.
 4 its pur - ple limbs a roy - al throne,
 5 the worst gain pow - er to be good.



1 He lived to rob death of its sting;
 2 That blood re - tains its liv - ing power;
 3 They stum - bled on a mys - ter - y:
 4 its load a roy - al trea - sur - y:
 5 O grant, most bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



1 he died e - ter - nal life to bring.
 2 the wa - ter cleans - es to this hour.
 3 Mes - si - ah reign - ing from a tree.
 4 the ran - som of a world set free.
 5 that all may share the vic - to - ry.

Please be seated.

The Passion Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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,

All: “**Barabbas.**”

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator: All of them said,

All: “**Let him be crucified!**”

Narrator: Then he asked,

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

All: “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,

All: “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,

All: “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.

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),

All rise in body or in spirit

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,

All: “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,

All: “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.’”

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

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

All: “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,

All: “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

Narrator: 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,

Centurion: “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Narrator: 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,

All: “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.

All may be seated

The Sermon

The Rev. John Gardner

Following the sermon, all rise in body or in spirit.

Prayers of the People, Lent

Frank LaMay

Leader Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the church, for all our leaders, clergy and lay, for all who join in our ministries, and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,

People **And cleanse us from our sin.**

Leader We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, for our leaders and all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,

People **And we shall be pure.**

Leader We pray for all who hunger and thirst, all who cry out for justice or live under the threat of terror, war and violence, and all who have no place to lay their head. We lift up our prayers for all who are ill, in pain or under stress, and all who are lonely or isolated, especially Bruce, Wayne, Adley, Nora, Hadley, Andrew, Justin, Laurie, Ruth, Bill, Anna Maria, Gail, Jay, Christina, James, Joan, Sally, Lureen, Jeff, Mari, Amine, Deborah, Alejandro, Angus, Qasam, Sharyar, Bernadette, Ronald, Edwin, Gloria, Jessica, Tracy, Sonrisa, Linda, Michael, Cheryl, Jimmie, Pebbles, Raquel, and Dwayne. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

People **that those who are broken may rejoice.**

Leader We pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

People **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Leader We pray for those who have died and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence,

People **and take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

Leader We pray for all the good things that have happened this week, and for our families, friends and neighbors. Give them the joy of your saving help.

People **and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

Presider Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold, the God in whom we put our trust; guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us and answer us as we call, though Christ the Lord of all, who is generous to everyone who calls upon him. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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

Presider 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with their neighbor.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Humble Savior, you ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation—calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don't always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim your kingdom—where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord. Use us. Amen. *(Matthew 21:1-11)*

Anthem

Holy Mountain

Kile Smith

*Come to Calvary's holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall;
here a pure and healing fountain flows to you, to me, to all;
in a full perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.*

*Come in sorrow and contrition, wounded, impotent and blind;
here the guilty free remission, here the troubled, peace may find:
health this fountain will restore; he that drinks shall thirst no more.*

*He that drinks shall live forever; 'tis a soul-renewing flood;
God is faithful; God will never break his covenant of blood,
signed when our Redeemer died, sealed when he was glorified.*

Please rise in body or spirit.

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Celebrant May God 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 One who created us.

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

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, O God, our Refuge and Strength, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus S-114

Healey Willan

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea-ven and earth are full___
 ___ of thy glo-ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed ___ is he that
 com - eth ___ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We acclaim you, Holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might dwell as faithful companions with all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Gracious God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom, to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; offered thanks and 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."

Most Blessed One, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

People

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, the Rock of our Salvation.**

Celebrant We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, O God, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Eternal God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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.**

Breaking of the Bread *Silence is kept.*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
 have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world grant us thy peace.

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 people are seated.

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and go to the altar rail to receive. You can receive bread and/or wine, depending on your preference. If you wish to receive the wine, you can retain your wafer and dip it in the cup or drink directly from the cup. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher).

Communion Voluntary
Communion Hymn 474

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Johannes Brahms
Rockingham

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

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;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

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.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

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:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

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.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Holy Week + Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 3, 12:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

April 4

9:00 a.m. Service

10:00 a.m. Decorate Church for Easter

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil service

Easter

April 5, 11:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt After Service

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for an **Easter Egg Hunt** after church on **Sunday, April 5, at 12:15 pm!** Bring your empty Easter Egg Basket to church and join the egg hunt to fill your basket after the service. Help contribute toward the costs of the eggs and the candy! Please scan the QR code below and write “Easter Egg Hunt” in the memo.

You can also find an envelope in the back of the church, speak to an usher, or drop off/mail a check. If you have any questions, please email communications@htrit.org.



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