

The Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
April 13, 2025
10:00 A.M.

Liturgy will begin in the courtyard.

Please note: During the service you will be prompted to use the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which can be found in your pew.

Gathering In Joy

(Liturgy will begin in the courtyard.)

Prelude: Festive Voluntary - Arthur Frackenpohl

A Festive Intrada - Cynthia Dobrynski

St. Peter's Bells

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 Palm Sunday Gospel - Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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 God 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.**

Presider: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #154 All Glory Laud and Honor

Refrain

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

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

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

BCP 219

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.**

The 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 Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16 (*Please read together from the Book of common Prayer*)

BCP 622

The Epistle -- *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 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #168 O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded* vs 1, 2, 3, 4

The Passion Gospel

Luke 23: 1-49

Please remain seated through the reading, except where noted. The congregation reads lines in bold and sings the verses of Hymn 158 Ah, Holy Jesus, as indicated.

When the cross is brought out, members of the congregation are invited to take turns holding the cross, coming forth as they are moved through the rest of the service.

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Hymn 158, verse 1

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

"We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus: He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said,

"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together,

"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

"Crucify, crucify him!"

A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Hymn 158, verse 2

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 158, verse 3

They cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Hymn 158, verse 4

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Having said this, he breathed his last.

A period of silence is kept.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Hymn 158, verse 5

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

Prayers of the People, Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

The Presider concludes with this prayer:

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Break open our hearts, hear our prayers and continue to give us your light, Christ Jesus, this day and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please greet other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.

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

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Please remember that intinction, dipping bread into wine, is offered on the left side of the circle as you face the altar, and sipping from the common cup is offered on the right side.

Offertory Anthem: The King of Glory - Joseph Martin

St. Peter's Choir

Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal* 1982, #313 Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

BCP 361

Presider: God 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 our thanks and praise.

Presider says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

Sanctus: Lift Every Voice and Sing II #255, Holy, Holy, Holy

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (*Contemporary language*)

BCP 364

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: Lift Every Voice and Sing II #270, Lamb of God

The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: My Lord, What A Mornin'- arr. Giamamco

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest and people together

**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.

Sending Out

The Blessing

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning (occasional)

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's, we send you forth bearing the gift of Holy Communion...

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthdays

Roger Miller 04/13

Timothy Voit 04/16

Kathleen Pearce 04/17

Alayna Gottmoller 04/18

Maureen Schaeffer 04/19

Anniversaries

None this week.

Announcements

- **Easter Flowers: Please submit your loved ones' names and donations to the office by Tuesday, April 15.** The suggested donation is \$30. Forms are on the table outside the sanctuary.
- **Easter Volunteers: Please consider volunteering to help with the Easter brunch and egg hunt. Volunteers needed on Saturday, April 19. and Sunday, April 20.**

- Please donate individually wrapped candy for our Easter egg hunt. You can place your donations on the kitchen counter before Saturday, April 19. See the newsletter for more details.
- See page 11 of the leaflet (page 13 if you have the large print) for the Holy Week schedule.

Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #474 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

The Dismissal

Prsider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Festal Postlude - Handel

Worship Ministers

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Holy Week Schedule

Use the QR code below to learn more about these Holy Week Programs on St. Peter's web page.

Self-Guided Stations of the Cross, Beginning April 14

Starting April 14 and continuing through Holy Week, a self-guided booklet on the Stations of the Cross will be available in the church. The worship space is open from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for quiet prayer and reflection throughout the week.

Garden of Repose, April 17-18

Plantings and flowers in the St. Philip-in-the-Fields chapel at St. Peter's create a space for quiet, personal contemplation during the three days leading up to Easter. The space will be open from Thursday, April 17 in the afternoon through Friday, April 18.

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Agape Meal at 6 p.m. — A simple supper of soup and bread, with traditional prayers over the food and sharing of Scripture, will precede the service. **The Maundy Thursday Service at will be at 7:15 p.m.** will include foot washing and the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 18

Community Stations of the Cross

Join members of local churches for an outdoor procession featuring the 14 Stations of the Cross. **The walk will begin in the parking lot of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,** 120 N Easton Rd, Glenside, PA 19038 (off Roberts Avenue), and will last for about 45 minutes. Dress for the weather and wear good walking shoes.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. As the church slowly dims to darkness, contemplate through Scripture, music, prayers, and silence the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross.

Holy Saturday, April 19

The Great Vigil of Easter at St. Thomas Whitemarsh at 7 p.m. at 7020 Camp Hill Rd. Fort Washington, PA.

The Easter Vigil at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral at 5p.m. at 9 S 38th St. in Philadelphia. Some of our parishioners will participate, being received into the Episcopal Church and reaffirming their baptismal promises in rites administered by Bishop Daniel Gutiérrez. Use the provided link to learn more.

Easter Sunday, April 20

Easter service at St. Peter's at 10 a.m. Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with this joyful choral Eucharist, followed by brunch in the parish hall and an Easter Egg hunt in the courtyard.



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