



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY  
March 25, 2018—8 & 10:00 a.m.

**THE PALM SUNDAY LITURGY**

*The Congregation gathers on the north patio to begin the service*

**THE 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.

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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 11:1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the

coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

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 him thanks and praise.**

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.**

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

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

*Palm crosses are distributed to the people.*

**The Procession**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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.**

**Processional Hymn**      *All glory, laud and honor*  
(10 a.m. service only)

Refrain:

All glory laud and honor  
To Thee Redeemer King  
To Whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring

Thou art the King of Israel  
Thou David's royal Son  
Who in the Lord's name comest  
The King and blessed One  
The company of angels  
Are praising Thee on high  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went  
Our prayer and praise and anthems  
Before Thee we present  
To Thee before Thy passion  
They sang their hymns of praise  
To Thee now high exalted  
Our melody we raise  
Thou didst accept their praises  
Accept the prayers we bring  
Who in all good delightest  
Thou good and gracious King

**COLLECT**

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.**

**LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

**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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 31:9-16**

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.  
For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*

I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*

I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; \*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

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 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.**

Sequence

*Were you there*

**Hymnal No. 172**

**THE PASSION GOSPEL****Mark 15:1-47**

*The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back,

*Congregation* **"Crucify him!"**

Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

*Congregation* **"Crucify him!"**

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

*All who are able, stand.*

And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*Silence is kept.*

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

*Those who are able remain standing for*

### **The Prayers of the People** [p. 385]

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Kirk; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially Blessed John the Baptist.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Peace**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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.*

Welcome & Announcements

## **The Holy Communion**

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

Offertory Anthem

Choir

*Let the Rocks Now Keep Their Silence*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

[p. 361]

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

[Hymnal S-130]

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. 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."

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 say,

*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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then is sung*

[Hymnal S-164]

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace,  
give us your peace.**

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

Hymn

Hymnal No. 335

*I am the bread of life*

*After Communion, the Celebrant and People say*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Lenten Prayer

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Hymnal No. 473

*Lift high the cross*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY WEEK OFFERTORY DESIGNATIONS

### Maundy Thursday

CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL—A MINISTRY THROUGH WHICH THE POOR AND HOMELESS ARE SERVED.

### Good Friday

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE SOUTHWEST  
REFUGEE FOCUS PROGRAM



**We remember before God  
all those throughout the world whose lives  
have been disrupted by violence or war.**

**We pray for those who work for peace  
and for new beginnings.**

**We pray for** Jan; Abby; Callam and his family; Janice, Shirong; Bonita; Samantha; Tommy; Kim & Dan; Sean; Emily; Haley & Andrew; HT; John; Robert; Mike; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira .

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ON EASTER AT THE 10 AM SERVICE, OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN** will take out the Alleluias they “buried” in the special box that has been on the altar during Lent. The children will also participate in our tradition of putting flowers on the Easter cross — please have your child bring a flower for the cross (we will also have flowers available). And don’t forget about our **EASTER EGG HUNT** after the 10:00 am service for children toddler age through 6th grade.

**EASTER IS OUR HAPPIEST AND MOST FESTIVE OF CHURCH DAYS — AND IT IS ALSO OUR NEXT VISIT TO SERVE AT THE CHRIS BECKER DINING ROOM!** If you can join us, please let Dan know so he can bring items to hand out. If you’ve never been part of this wonderful outreach ministry, Easter is the perfect time to share the love & joy of the day. Touch base with Dan (602-439-3594) for the address. The group meets at the Dining Hall by 4 p.m. And don’t forget the chocolate milk! Thank you

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY SIGN UP FOR EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS.** We appreciate your free will offering. Please clearly **PRINT** your name and the dedication you would like included in the Easter bulletin.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, June 25-29, 5:30-7:30 PM, for ages 4 yrs - 12 yrs. A child friendly meal will be served. The children will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, music, and games! If you have questions or would like to volunteer for this week of fun, please see Peggy Diaz after each service. You can also email her [peggy@stjohnsaz.org](mailto:peggy@stjohnsaz.org) or call the church. Registration will begin in April.

**CHILDREN’S SUMMER CAMP** Parents, if you are interested in sending your 1st-6th grade child to Children's Camp at our Diocese's Chapel Rock Summer Camp in Prescott, please see Peggy Diaz after today’s service for more information (or email her: [peggy@stjohnsaz.org](mailto:peggy@stjohnsaz.org)). Camperships are available if there is a financial need. There is also an ABC camp for 5 yr olds with parent attending. In addition, there will be a family camp at Chapel Rock camp July 5-8. Family camp is an opportunity to use your family vacation time to unplug from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with your children and with God! Please talk to Peggy or email her for more information. You can also go to [www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm](http://www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm) for additional information and to register for both camps.

**ART AUCTION APRIL 14** Your \$5 ticket includes the Happy Hour from 6—6:30 PM. We are pleased to announce that our very own Scott Sipes will provide music during this interlude. So come, have some spirits, lemonade, water, etc and hors d’oeuvres. Then, the main event with John Klems and his gavel provide the action. Proceeds from this event go towards lighting behind the stained glass windows for evening events and also towards a new project: Stations of the Cross in the garden. We would love to see you for this fun evening. Tickets on sale Sundays at both services until April 8 (or you can buy one at the door). Don’t forget to put your name on the back of your ticket for a chance to win the door prize!

*Time is running out for donations to the Art Auction.*

*Your donations are appreciated  
and can be brought in through April 8th.*

**THANK YOU** for your wonderful response to our request for ‘what spring means to you’ artwork. We hope everyone will take a few moments to enjoy the exhibit.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

AFTER THE 10 A.M. SERVICE

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, your neighbors' children! Children as young as toddlers are invited to participate as they will have a separate safe hunt area. Bags will be provided or you can bring your own Easter baskets.!

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Tuesday / Clergy Vow Renewal at**

**Trinity Cathedral 11 AM**

**Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM**

**Good Friday Liturgy 6:30 PM**

**Holy Saturday/Great Vigil 7 PM**

**Easter Sunday 6, 8, & 10 AM**

Today **PALM SUNDAY**

Nursery care 7:45–11:15 AM

**Holy Eucharist Rite I 8 AM**

Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) 9:45 AM

Youth Group (CH 6) 9:45 AM

**Holy Eucharist Rite II 10 AM**

Tues. Clergy Renewal of Vows (Trinity Cathedral)

11 AM

Wed. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM

Thu. Maundy Thursday Eucharist 6:30 PM

Fri. Good Friday Liturgy 6:30 PM

Sat. The Great Vigil of Easter 7 p.m.

Sun. **Easter Sunday**

**Holy Eucharist 6, 8, and 10 a.m.**

Nursery care 7:45 - 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 a.m. service

OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 2.

#### FOOD PANTRY

cookies, Spam, tuna, Hamburger Helper,  
shampoo & conditioner

#### BLESSING BAGS

Snack size or individually wrapped please

chips, Cheez-its, gummy bears,  
Rice Krispie treats

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