

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



## The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

### The Holy Eucharist

***Concluding with the reading of  
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew  
Matthew 26:14—27:66***

ONLINE WORSHIP STREAMING LIVE AT 10 A.M.

WEATHER PERMITTING, THE SERVICE BEGINS IN THE BEECH GROVE. UNTIL THE PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH, THE LIVE STREAM OF THAT PORTION OF THE SERVICE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation gathers in the Beech Grove, so that all may go into the church in procession. The palm branches are distributed to the people before the service.

### Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant greets the people with these words

*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.

*People* **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 First Lesson

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Celebrant then continues

*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.**

The Celebrant then continues

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, 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.**

### The Procession

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

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

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands and sing the following antiphon. The cantor continues with verses of Psalm 118 and all respond, "Hosanna in the highest" after each verse.

*Antiphon*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the antiphon: "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The lyrics are written below the notes.

The procession continues into the church, where all sing the following hymn.

*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 Word of God

### The Collect of the Day *Celebrant and People*

Lord, your love is broken open among cheering crowds and traitor's coins, deserting friends and hands washed clean, the mockery of power and the baying mob: as we follow your way of passion, give us the faith to bring our weak and divided hearts to the foot of the cross and the door of the guarded tomb that they might be opened, astonished and healed; through Jesus Christ, who carries the weight of the world. Amen.

### The Second Lesson

**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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;  
 2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;  
 3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.  
 their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.  
 for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;  
 Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,  
 Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.  
 thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.  
 Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

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## The Gospel

**Matthew 21:1-11**

*Priest* 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."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## A Prayer as We Enter Holy Week

**The Rev. Dr. Deborah Silver**

## Special Music

“Sing My Tongue, The Glorious Battle”

*Pange lingua*

*Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; of the mighty conflict sing;  
tell the triumph of the victim, to his cross thy tribute bring.  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer from that cross now reigns as King.*

*Thirty years among us dwelling, his appointed time fulfilled,  
born for this, he meets his passion, this the Savior freely willed:  
on the cross the Lamb is lifted, where his precious blood is spilled.*

*Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory! Thy relaxing sinews bend;  
for awhile the ancient rigor that thy birth bestowed, suspend;  
and the King of heavenly beauty gently on thine arms extend.*

*Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son  
praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One:  
one in might and one in glory while eternal ages run.*

Aria “Gladly I would take upon me”

J.S. Bach

from *The St. Matthew Passion*

John Morgan, soloist

*Gladly would I take upon myself, Cross and Cup, and carry His burden,  
And follow my Christ my Lord.*

*Lo, our Lord, in love our burden sharing, bears for us  
The Cross with all its shame. He has lighten'd all our sorrow.*

## The Prayers of the People

Let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and one another.

Jesus, our Savior, you entered Jerusalem with honor and glory. Help us to give glory and honor to you in all that we do, and all that we say.

***Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!***

Jesus, our Savior, you entered Jerusalem in humility, riding not on a magnificent stallion but on a lowly donkey. Grant us humility in our achievements, and help us give thanks for our failures and disappointments, remembering always our dependence on you for all that we have and all that we are.

***Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!***

Jesus, our Savior, many joined in the parade, and then turned against you. We pray for our enemies, for those from whom we are estranged, and those from whom we have separated ourselves.

***Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!***

Jesus, our Savior, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a slave. We pray for all who are oppressed by injustice and poverty. We ask your forgiveness for the ways we contribute to injustice by the way we live, and ask you to turn our hearts and minds to lives of awareness and simplicity.

***Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!***

Jesus, our Savior, you were crucified by the religious and the righteous. We pray for your church, that we may be always aware of your call to live and work among the outcast, and always in search not of our desires but of your purpose for us.

***Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!***

Jesus, our Savior, you suffered betrayal, torture, physical agony, and death. We pray for all those who suffer physically, mentally, and spiritually. We pray that they may know your comfort and presence, especially when they feel abandoned and alone.

***Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!***

Jesus, our Savior, we know that you rose again and bring new life to all. We pray for those who have died, and we pray for the parts of our own lives that are dead to you. Bring them, and us, new life, and help us bring new life to others.

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

**The Peace**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem**

“Hosanna, Hosanna!”

Antonio Caldara  
Arr. Alice Carpenter

*Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Sing glory to God in the highest evermore.*

*Sing glory to God, sing glory to God forevermore.*

*Awake, my heart to sing thy praise, Thou Prince of Life and Fount of Grace,  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna evermore.*

**Hymn**

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

Winchester New

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "1. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! 2. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In 3. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The all the tribes ho - san - nas cry; low - ly pomp ar - mies ride on to die: an - gel of the sky thy O look hum - ble Christ, down thy with - out thee, O Christ, lowly and meek, who didst not come to be served, but to serve, and to give thy life as a ransom for many." (Note: The lyrics in the image are a simplified version of the hymn text.)

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you always, Creator God, because you have made the world in all its complexity. You have given humanity abundant good things. You have provided us with paths leading to wisdom through deprivation and suffering. And you have shown us, through the incarnation of your love in Jesus Christ, the way of reconciliation through letting go of self and material concerns, seeking first the compassionate ways of God.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Sanctus** S124 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Ever Living God, you have created the world out of nothingness. You are present in both the darkness and the light.

You have created humanity from the dust of the earth, and have given us the ability to choose between good and evil. You have called your prophets and champions from among the lowly. You have formed your people through wanderings in the desert and through exile in foreign lands. In your desire to be known to us, you have entered into our struggles, coming among us in flesh and blood in Jesus. He was conceived amid scandal, born in want, raised in obscurity. With us he experienced hunger and thirst, temptation, rejection, doubt, grief, suffering, and death.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in 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 sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Now in this sacred rite of thanksgiving and praise we celebrate the saving work of Jesus. For in him the cross, the instrument of torture and death, has been transformed into a sign of reconciliation and abundant life. Recalling

his life and teaching, his death and resurrection, we offer these gifts of bread and wine. Spirit of Compassion, breathe upon them now, making them for us the very body and blood of your son, Jesus Christ. And breathe your Spirit into us so that, having partaken of this sacred meal in faith, we may serve you in unity, constancy and peace, and may dwell forever in the joy of communion with you.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, the human incarnation of your Love. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of your Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

### The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread:

**Agnus Dei** S.161

Lamb of God

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant*

The gifts of God for the people of God,  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed upon him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**The Communion of the People** *All people are invited to receive Communion.*



1 A - lone thou go - est forth, O Lord, in  
 2 Our sins, not thine, thou bear - est, Lord; make  
 3 This is earth's dark - est hour, but thou dost  
 4 Grant us with thee to suf - fer pain that,

sac - ri - ficc to die; is this thy sor - row  
 us thy sor - row feel, till through our pit - y  
 light and life re - store; then let all praise be  
 as we share this hour, thy cross may bring us

nought to us who pass un - heed - ing by?  
 and our shame love an - swers love's ap - peal.  
 giv - en thee who liv - est ev - er - more.  
 to thy joy and re - sur - rec - tion power.

**Prayer after Communion** *Celebrant and People*

O God, you made us in your image and redeemed us through Jesus your son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time, all nations, races, and creeds may serve you in harmony. Amen

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew****Matthew 26:14—27:66**

*All are invited to remain for prayer and reflection for as long as you wish.  
 There is no closing hymn or dismissal. Please leave in silence.*

## ***The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew***

### ***Matthew 26:14—27:66***

- Narrator*      **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**  
One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
- Judas*            What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?
- Narrator*        The priests paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.  
On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
- Peter*             Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?
- Narrator*        Jesus said,
- Jesus*             Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, “The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.”
- Narrator*        So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,
- Jesus*             Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.
- Narrator*        And the disciples became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- Peter*             Surely not I, Lord?
- Narrator*        He answered,
- Jesus*             The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.
- Narrator*        Judas, who betrayed him, said,
- Judas*             Surely not I, Rabbi?
- Narrator*        Jesus replied,
- Jesus*             You have said so.
- Narrator*        While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,
- Jesus*             Take, eat; this is my body.
- Narrator*        Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,
- Jesus*             Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.

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

*Jesus* You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered," But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

*Narrator* Peter said to him,

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

*Narrator* Jesus said to him,

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

*Narrator* Peter said to him,

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

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

*Jesus* Sit here while I go over there and pray.

*Narrator* He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.  
Then he said to them,

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

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

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

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

*Jesus* So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

*Narrator* Again Jesus went away for the second time and prayed,

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

*Narrator* Again Jesus came and found the disciples sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

*Jesus* Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

*Narrator* While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given the crowd a sign, saying,

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

*Narrator* At once Judas came up to Jesus and said,

*Judas* Greetings, Rabbi!

*Narrator* and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

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

*Narrator* Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

*Narrator* At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

*Jesus* Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

*Narrator* Then all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled.

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

*Bystander 1* This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

*Narrator* The high priest stood up and said to Jesus,

*Caiaphas* Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

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

*Caiaphas* I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

*Narrator* Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

*Narrator* Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

*Caiaphas* He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

*Narrator* The scribes and elders answered,

*Congregation* He deserves death.

*Narrator* Then they spat in Jesus' face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

*Congregation* Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

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

*Servant 1* You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

*Narrator* But Peter denied it before all of them, saying,

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

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

*Servant 2* This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

*Narrator* Again Peter denied it with an oath,

*Peter* I do not know the man.

*Narrator* After a little while a bystander came up and said to Peter,

*Bystander 1* Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

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

*Peter* I do not know the man!

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

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

*Narrator* And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. Judas said,

*Judas* I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

*Narrator* But the chief priests and elders said,

*Congregation* What is that to us? See to it yourself.

*Narrator* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, Judas departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the high priest, taking the pieces of silver, said,

*Caiaphas* It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

*Narrator* After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the

price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Pilate* Are you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* Jesus said,

*Jesus* You say so.

*Narrator* But when Jesus 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 Jesus 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 the crowd,

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

*Narrator* For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and the elders had handed Jesus over.

While Pilate 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 the crowd said,

*Congregation* Barabbas.

*Narrator* Pilate said to them,

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

*Narrator* All of them said,

*Congregation* Let him be crucified!

*Narrator* Then Pilate asked,

*Pilate* Why, what evil has he done?

*Narrator* But the crowd shouted all the more,

*Congregation* 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,

*Congregation* His blood be on us and on our children!

*Narrator* So Pilate 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 Jesus 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,

*Centurion* Hail, King of the Jews!

*Narrator* They spat on Jesus, 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, the soldiers came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross.

***All stand.***

And when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

Over Jesus' head they put the charge against him, which read, "this is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Then two bandits were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "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.

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

*Caiaphas* He saved others; he cannot save himself.

*Scribe* He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.

*Elder* He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said, "I am God's Son."

*Narrator* The bandits who were crucified with Jesus 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,

*Bystander 1* 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,

*Bystander 2* Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

*Narrator* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

***Silence may be kept.***

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. Joseph 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. Joseph 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,

*Congregation* Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, He said, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise Jesus' 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.



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We welcome The Rev. Dr. Deborah Silver as our guest priest this week.

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## Cover Illustration "Eternal Last Supper"

The "Eternal Last Supper" by parishioner Greg Blount is a contemporary blending of sepia ink, gouache, and acrylic on paper. Using Divine proportions, the table bends to infinity as the Apostle-like characters are shown in all manner of engagement and isolation. The Great Plague was the context for the most revered painting of this scene, and the current pandemic inspired this piece with the blood of the lamb applied to guide the plague past our door in this time of Passover, which always occurs on a full moon. Because the eternal food of our soul can also include art, Greg has studied and painted for many years, including work at SCAD. His other work can be seen online @blountgw on Instagram or the Chattahoochee Hills Gallery in Serenbe.

The Jewish festival of Passover is held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Nisan, a lunar month determined by the moon's phases, so Passover is always on a full moon day.

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## Announcements Easter Flowers and Music

Continuing our Easter flower and music tradition, you may remember or honor someone special by a gift for Easter flowers or music. Special envelopes are provided in the pews and the Easter bulletins will contain a list of those gifts received by Tuesday, April 4th.

If your contribution is made online, please note in the memo line Easter Flowers or Music for the treasurer and send Claudia an email to [office@stdunstan.net](mailto:office@stdunstan.net). Let her know... In memory, honor or thanksgiving for

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Thank you!

## Holy Week Schedule & After

**Maundy Thursday** (April 6) -- service at 7 p.m. The Rev. Maggie Harney

**Good Friday** (April 7) -- service at 7 p.m. The Right Reverend Rob Wright and The Rev. Maggie Harney

**The Great Vigil of Easter** (April 8) -- service at 7 p.m. The Rev. Maggie Harney. Champagne & Cake Reception Afterwards.

Bring flowers from your yard to add to the Easter flower cross as you come into church.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter** (April 16) - One service at 10:00 – Tricia returns and we will have our Annual Parish Meeting

## Ministry Schedule

	April 2 – Palm Sunday	April 9 – Easter Sunday
Vestry on Duty	Susie Troop	Gwen McAlpin
Lay Reader	<b>ONE SERVICE AT 10</b>	<b>ONE SERVICE AT 10</b>
Lay Reader: 10:00 am	Susie Throop	Lynn Hood
Lector 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Marshall Kress	Jessie Leyden
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	John Morgan	Mark O’Connell
Ushers / Greeters	Rhea Hannah /	Wayne Hood / Mark O’Connell
Altar Guild	Marshall / Cathy / Claudia	Claudia /
Flower Guild	<b>NO Flowers during Lent</b>	<b>Flower Guild</b>
Coffee Hour Host	<b>NO COFFEE Hour</b>	

### Happy Birthday

Tom Smither April 5

### Prayer Requests

**Parishioners:** Tricia and Joseph Henry; Rhea Hannah; Eileen Zimmer; Bob Adams; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.

**Family:** Brett Bradshaw, goddaughter, Hilary Foster, niece of Claudia Gimson; Paul Stein, nephew of Harriett Smith; Tom H., brother of Brenda Patten; Sam Gilgour, brother of Katie Turner; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Scott O’Connell, brother of Mark; Gray Cavender, Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Bryan Wilson, brother, and Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Jim Montsinger, nephew and Claude Thompson, son-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Tiffany Wilson, niece of Rhea Hannah; Linda Blocksom, sister of Susie Throop; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Bill Fields, brother of Nancy Dillon; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Jack & Linda Mobley and Vincent Lafitte, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Tiffany Lucas, niece, Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O’Connell; Priscilla Williams, sister of Bessie Holland; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold; Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.

**Friends:** Cindy McClure, (Ralph Paulk); John and Brian Birchall and Alyssa Volpe; Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); Lisa Ridges, Tony Rozen, Amanda Ippolito & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry, (Davis Family); Scott Moe, (Brenda Patten); Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Jacki Labat; Carolyn Long Banks; Angela Mattson, (Lee Morris); Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherland); Claudia Nash, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Sandy Jusak, Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); Walter Buchanan, Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); and Susan Glenz-Pierce, (Suzanne Van de Mark).

We pray for all those who have died. **Mary Carrell Morrison**, cousin of Harold Davis.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Debbie Beverly; Christine & Jim Bird; Jane & Greg Blount and Whit & Greer; Charis Bowling; and Nina Braziel.**

**Vestry 2022 – 2023**

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Vivian Siggers, Jr. Warden;  
Lynn Hood; Gwen McAlpine;  
Elizabeth Wong Mark; Michele Smither;  
Wayne Hood; Max Changus; Susie Throop

**The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector**

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate  
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician  
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator  
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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