

**Welcome**  
to the  
**Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd!**

We welcome you to this celebration of God's Good News!  
We are happy to have you with us and pray this worship service brings to you  
the joy and peace of Christ.

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome here.

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, *Bishop of Missouri*  
The Rev. C. Earl Mahan, *Rector*  
The Rev. Dr. Pamela Stuerke, *Assisting Priest*  
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*



*Please silence cell phones during the church service.*

*Though God asks us to lift our voices in praise,  
we ask that at this time, for everyone's health and protection,  
that you refrain from singing during the service.*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*



**Liturgical Participants for March 28, 2021**

Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, *Preacher and Presider*  
Rev. C. Earl Mahan, *Assisting Priest*  
Carie Kennedy and Mickey Harrison, *Lectors*  
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*  
Bernard Barth, Connor Donnelly, Jennifer Holtmann,  
Joanne Owen, Vicki Thompson, Ron Vince, *Musicians*  
Carol Link, *Altar Guild*

# The Order for Holy Eucharist

## The Liturgy of the Palms

### Gathering music

*Palms will be distributed as the people enter the sanctuary.*

### Announcements

### Prelude

*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: Mark 11:1-11

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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.

### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*Presider:* God is 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.**

**Hymn**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Sung by the choir*

### **THE GREETING & COLLECT**

**Presider:** Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**People:** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Presider:** God is with you.

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

**Presider:** Let us pray.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

**Presider:** Holy and immortal God, as we enter into this holy week turn our hearts to Jerusalem, so that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may enter the city not made with hands, your promised realm of justice and peace, eternal from age to age. **Amen.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON:** 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?

*Reader:* Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

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

**THE RESPONSE:** Psalm 31:9-16 *(Read by all.)*

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."

**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.

*Reader:* Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Sung by the choir*

*Please stand.*

**A READING FROM "IN BLACKWATER WOODS" BY MARY OLIVER**

Look, the trees are turning their own bodies into pillars of light, are giving off the rich fragrance of cinnamon and fulfillment, the long tapers of cattails are bursting and floating away over the blue shoulders of the ponds, and every pond, no matter what its name is, is nameless now. Every year everything I have ever learned in my lifetime leads back to this: the fires and the black river of loss whose other side is salvation, whose meaning none of us will ever know. To live in this world you must be able to do three things: to love what is mortal; to hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it; and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.

*Reader:* Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

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

## MEDITATION

The Right Reverend Deon K. Johnson

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Presider:* Let us pray to the Eternal One through Jesus who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

*Leader:* Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church...Give to Christian people every-where a deep longing to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory. By the Savior's cross and passion,

*People:* **Lord, save us and help us.**

*Leader:* Guide with your Spirit this broken nation...Give to the leaders and people of this nation, and of the world, a longing to live in your ways of peace and justice, and to work for the coming of your kingdom on this earth. By the Savior's cross and passion,

*People:* **Lord, save us and help us.**

*Leader:* Instill with your Spirit all people of this world...Give to all people a deep love for the world you have created and for the people who inhabit it, that humankind may care for and preserve this fragile earth. By the Savior's cross and passion,

*People:* **Lord, save us and help us.**

*Leader:* Shepherd with your Spirit the parishes of Good Shepherd and St. Luke's...Give to this parish partnership an eye to discern its gifts and ministries, the ears of the heart to discern your will, and the trust in you offer to you our common life. By the Savior's cross and passion,

*People:* **Lord, save us and help us.**

*Leader:* Comfort with your Spirit the suffering everywhere...Give to those who suffer from any illness, grief, or trouble the solace of your presence and the sure knowledge of your love. By the Savior's cross and passion,

*People:* **Lord, save us and help us.**

*Leader:* Shine the light of your Spirit on the departed...Give to the dying and the dead eternal rest and light perpetual in your radiant presence. By the Savior's cross and passion,

*People:* **Lord, save us and help us.**

*Please hold in your prayers those on our regular prayer list:*

*Lindsay Lococo, Barbara and George Gray, Margie Davis, Bobbee Ross, Gloria Wilson, Jo Ann Mahan, the Buth Family, Velma Nealy, Donna Raine, Tom Byrd and the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church, St. James. We pray for Patricia, their Deacon.*

*Presider:* You humbled yourself in the manger, and you humbled yourself on the cross; and to you O Lord we bend our knee with those above and those below, to the glory of God our Creator. **Amen**

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People greet one another with the Peace of God.*

## **Musical Anthem**

Arioso

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

*Connor Donnelly, soloist*

## **THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Presider:* Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Presider:* God is 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 thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God, for in wondrous love you cast stars into space, and in meek obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails. With loving-kindness you called your people in Abraham and Sarah and in covenant with Moses and Miriam you bound up your life in theirs. Through exile you stayed close to them, and in Jesus you came among them bearing the fullness of grace and truth. Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty and death, yet in resurrection you exalted him, and in sending your Spirit you shed glory on all people. And so we rejoice with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, singing the song of your unending praise.

## **SANCTUS**

*Sung by the choir*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

*God of power and might*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory*

*Hosanna in the highest*

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

*Hosanna in the highest*

*Presider:* Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One. Your son comes on a donkey in your name. As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins, enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body. Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that together they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; Who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Presider:* Great is the mystery of faith:  
*All:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Presider:* Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status but emptied himself. Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church, on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member, on all who are emptied of hope, faith or love.

As you highly exalted your Son who had become a slave, highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness, or grieve those they have cherished, or bend the knee to one who does not honor them. Fill the earth with your justice and peace, until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess that you are the joy of their desiring. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Presider:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



## THE BREAKING OF 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.**

## AGNUS DEI

*Sung by the choir*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world*

*Have mercy on us*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world*

*Have mercy on us*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world*

*Grant us your peace*

## THE SHARING OF THE EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS

*Presider:* God's Holy gifts for God's holy people. So come to this table...

**Music**

Just As I Am

*sung by the choir*

## THE GREAT SILENCE

*Once all have received communion and the Holy Table has been cleared the community observes a moment of silent reflection and prayer. The silence is begun and ended with the sound of a bell.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider:* God is with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God.

*People:* **Faithful God, may we who share this banquet glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life and hope, who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE PASSION GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

### ACCORDING TO MARK 15:1-47

*The congregation is invited to remain seated for the Passion Gospel.*

*At the invitation of the Presider, all who are able, may stand.*

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

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, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "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). 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. 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.

### **THE PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE**

*Presider:* Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

**Music**

Oh God of Mercy

*Connor Donnelly, soloist*

### **THE SENDING**

*Presider:* Go in peace.

*On this day, no response is given. The congregation is invited to depart in silence.*

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



## **Maundy Thursday**

**April 1 at 7:00 pm**

In-person service at St. Luke's and live-stream on YouTube  
Please RSVP to [stukesmo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stukesmo@sbcglobal.net)

## **Good Friday**

**April 2 at 7:00 pm**

In-person service at Good Shepherd and live-stream on YouTube  
Please RSVP to [office@goodshepherdec.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdec.org)

## **Easter Vigil**

**Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm**

Live-stream from the Cathedral  
on the diocesan website, Facebook page and YouTube channel

## **Easter Sunday**

**April 4 at 10:00 am**

**Gathering music begins at 9:45 am**

In-person service and live-stream on YouTube  
Please RSVP to [office@goodshepherd.org](mailto:office@goodshepherd.org)

All in-person services are limited to 20 % capacity. Please wear your mask and remember to social distance and use hand sanitizer. Temperatures will be taken before entry to the church.