

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

April 13, 2025 8:00 A.M.



Palm
SUNDAY

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

BCP 270

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.*

READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE.

LUKE 19:28-40

And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, The Lord hath need of him. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then the Presider 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 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
People

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider
People

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*P*ROCESSION
OF THE *P*ALMS



THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 319

Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Presider reads one of the following

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all they heart, and with all they soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hand all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 320

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

BCP 321

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Presider Lord, have mercy

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day, Psalm and readings can be found in the insert.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A READING FROM A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH ISAIAH 50:4-9A

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

PSALM 31 (said in unison)

INSERT OR BCP 623

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE

The congregation may be seated.

Narrator: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray Jesus to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them when no crowd was present. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

Jesus: Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it. They asked him,

Disciples: Where do you want us to make preparations for it?

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: Listen: when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator: So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Jesus: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Narrator: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Narrator: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Narrator: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus: The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.
You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Narrator: And Simon Peter said to Jesus,

Peter: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

Narrator: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

Narrator: They said,

Disciples: No, not a thing.

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

Narrator: They said,

Disciples: Lord, look, here are two swords.

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: It is enough.

Narrator: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

Narrator: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Narrator: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciples: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Narrator: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus: No more of this!

Narrator: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

Narrator: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant Girl: This man also was with him.

Narrator: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: Woman, I do not know him.

Narrator: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Servant 2: You also are one of them.

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: Man, I am not!

Narrator: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Servant 3: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldiers: Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Priests: If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Narrator: All of them asked,

Priests: Are you, then, the Son of God?

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: You say that I am.

Narrator: Then they said,

Priests: What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Priests: 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.

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

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

Narrator: 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.

Narrator: Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: 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.

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

Narrator: (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,

Crowd: Crucify, crucify him!

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: 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.

Narrator: 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.

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,

Jesus: 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?

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

All stand.

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,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

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

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

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying

Soldiers: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Narrator: 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,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: 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.

Narrator: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Narrator: 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.

Narrator: Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

SERMON

PASTOR LAURA HENRIK

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 329

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially For Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey, Steve and Laura, our clergy; Adam, our seminarian; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President and Bill, our Governor that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for St. Francis of Assisi, Ooltewah. In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish. We also pray for St. John the Evangelist, Eagle Butte. In the Diocese of Haiti, we pray for St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of England.

We pray for those in assisted living: Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis, Roger Derby, Allan Reiss, Mary Rhoades. We pray for our parish members: Mary Jeanne French; Arthur and Sharon Frost; Robert and Jonnie Gallinger; Carol and Walt Gardner.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Nick Corrigan, Reid Hartman, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Kyle Zirkel.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

BCP 332

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

BCP 333

The people remain standing. The priest then says,

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then the Presider proceeds,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again,

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues,

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and maintains a moment of silence.

<i>Presider</i>	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Facing the people, the Presider 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.**

THE SOLEMN COLLECT

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.*

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - APRIL 13, 2025

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Tyler Walker
ACOLYTES	Jack Lee	Thomas Hillis, Tucker Reed
LECTORS	Roni Boyd	Jim Anderson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jack Lee	Goldie Kennedy, Brittany Shassere
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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Parish Choir

Simon Ballintoy, Director

PRESENT

Gabriel Fauré

REQUIEM

in D minor, Op. 48



Palm Sunday
April 13 ♦ 4:00 p.m.
— In Memory of Judy DiGregorio —

FEATURING

Ashton Arndt, Baritone

Amanda Peavyhouse, Soprano

Freddie Brabson, Organist

Lisa Muci and Sara Cho, Violin

Dan Allcott, Cello

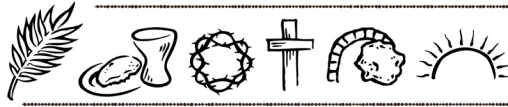
Christy Graffeo, Viola

Steve Benne, Double Bass



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Holy Week

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday

All worship services are in bold.

**** Indicates Livestreamed on Youtube.**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, April 14	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, April 15	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, April 16	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	Walk Over Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Study
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Compline
Thursday, April 17	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
	**7:00 p.m.	Maunday Thursday Liturgy
	9:00 p.m.	Keeping Watch Vigil begins
Friday, April 18 (Office closed)	8:30 a.m.	Wardens Meeting
	**12:00 p.m.	Seven Last Words (Meditiations and Music)
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Easter Breakfast Setup (Parish Hall)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, April 19	9:00 a.m.	Holy Saturday Liturgy
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Music Rehearsal
	<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>Sanctuary Setup For Easter</i>
	8:00 p.m.	The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, April 20	8:30 a.m.	Easter Day Choral Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Parish Brunch
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	**11:00 a.m.	Easter Day Choral Eucharist
Monday, April 21	Office closed	

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Due to the printing of bulletins for Holy Week and Easter, the office has amended submission deadlines for E-News and Bulletins.

E-News announcements for Easter Sunday may be submitted by **Wednesday, April 16**.

Printed bulletin announcements and E-News announcements for April 27 (The Second Sunday of Easter) may be submitted by **Wednesday April 23**.

Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephensor.org. This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff. both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16

This Wednesday, from 5:30-6:30, we are having our last FREE simple soup suppers which, due to the number of people attending, will consist of three soup choices--one of which will be vegetarian, bread and/or crackers, fruit, and a beverage. This week, we will be offering Chicken and Rice Soup, Chili with all the fixings, and Vegetable Soup. Adult and children/youth programs will begin at 6 p.m. The study for both is titled *Living Well Through Lent*, a way to renew and deepen our spiritual practices. Emily Doane will lead the adult study, and Pastor Laura will be leading the children and youth. The studies will end promptly at 7 p.m.. Nursery care will be provided for both the supper and the study. Please note that, if you can't arrive in time for the program, dinner will be available until 6:30. Please feel free to eat and join your study group anytime after you arrive - we know quite a few people may not be able to arrive until after 6 p.m.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

TODAY

Coffee and conversation will continue today after both services in the Parish Hall.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

TODAY

The loose plate offering for the remainder of April will go towards Haiti.

BLESSING BOX IN ACTION

ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of-canned fruit, applesauce cups, and crackers. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

EASTER FLOWERS

DEADLINE TODAY

If you would like to give Easter flowers as a memorial or thanksgiving, please complete the form found in your bulletin or contact the parish office. The names will be printed in the Easter bulletins. The deadline is TODAY.

The Lectionary class at St. Stephen's is unique in that it is a discussion each Sunday about the Gospel that is in that Sunday's bulletin insert. It is also unique in that the class is led each Sunday by a member of the class. Recent leaders have been Roger Johnson, Steve Damos, Emily Doane, Gary Dreier, Mary Ellen Klots, Joseph Womble and Father Bailey. If you'd like a better understanding of the Bible (who doesn't), come to a Lectionary class on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Pollard library.

Jamey Kennedy will be hosting sessions on art as prayer. Come write, sing, dance, etc., your way closer to God. Each session will begin with a brief meditation to which you will be invited to respond as your artistic self desires...or to simply sit in quiet reflection. If desired, you may share what you created with the group. Art supplies and paper/pens will be provided. Bring your own instruments and dance attire. We will meet in the parish hall between Sunday services. Look forward to seeing you there.

PFLAG MEETING AT ST. STEPHEN'S**APRIL 14**

The Oak Ridge Chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will be meeting at St. Stephen's on Monday, April 14 at 7 PM. Fr. Bailey will be the speaker and presenter. PFLAG is an organization that provides support and a loving community for LGBT people and their families. One of the strengths of our local chapter is that PFLAG seeks to meet in churches as a way to show their participants that many Christians do love and support them despite their frequent experiences to the contrary. St. Stephen's, in its mission to be a house open to all seeking to know God and God's love for them, has happily accepted the invitation to host this month.

EASTER BRUNCH AND EGG HUNT**EASTER DAY**

We will again have our annual Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt between the 8:30 and 11:00 services. The Brunch will run from 9:30-10:45 and the Egg Hunt will begin at 10:00. Please plan to bring a favorite brunch dish (breakfast casseroles, quiche, deviled eggs, pastries, etc.) to share with your church family. Parish Life will provide the Easter Ham and beverages.

MITE BOXES

This Lenten season, we have invited all the people of St. Stephen's, young and young at heart, to collect coins in a mite box. The Outreach Committee and the Christian Education Committee voted that the proceeds go to Gift of Life, a subsidiary of the The Episcopal Relief Fund. Please return your mite box on Easter Sunday or during the week following Easter.

CELTIC SERVICE**APRIL 27**

We will host another Celtic Service on Sunday April 27, at 5 p.m.

COMING IN MAY:

May 4th: "Cinco de Mayo"-themed Parish Potluck after the 10:30 service followed by a Parish Midterm Meeting in the Parish Hall.

May 11th: Youth Sunday--Our guest preacher will be Cyril Meredith, IV.

May 17th: Smokies Game at the new stadium! Tickets will go on sale April 27th in the Parish Hall.

May 25: Lemonade in the Grove begins, weather permitting, after the 10:30 service and will run through Labor Day.

As St. Stephen's takes the next step forward in its evangelism ministry of reaching out and helping new people to become involved in our life and ministry at St. Stephen's, we invite (no pun intended!) anyone interested in this work to consider attending the Invite-Welcome-Connect workshop to be held Saturday, May 31 at Church of the Ascension in Knoxville. This workshop is an all-day retreat (9 AM - 4 PM) that will train and equip St. Stephen's parishioners as evangelism leaders - how to be bold in speaking to people about our church, how to truly welcome people, and how we can help them find a place to belong and offer their God-given gifts within and out of our community. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Bailey at rector@ststephensor.org. The deadline to let him know you are interested in Wednesday, April 16.

Maundy Thursday



Keeping Watch
9p.m.-7a.m.

We will keep watch from 9 p.m. on Maundy Thursday until 7 a.m. Good Friday morning. If you would like to participate, please sign up by contacting the parish office, or by placing your name on the the sign-up sheet located in the hallway near the ramp room/flower room.

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VESTRY

SENIOR WARDEN - LEAH BAILEY (2025) • JUNIOR WARDEN - BEN SHASSERE (2026)
BETSY ELLIS - SECRETARY • ALAN LIBY - TREASURER (2026)
CLEON HARTMAN, ASHLEY HILLIS, ROGER JOHNSON, COURTNEY MANROD (2025)
CRAIG BRENT, TYLER WALKER (2026) BETH BAILEY, CAROL KING, JULIE WEBBER (2027)
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