

*Sunday of the Passion:  
Palm Sunday  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist  
March 29, 2026*



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION  
Northwoods, MO

## THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER – RITE II

### THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week. The Gospels describe Jesus entering Jerusalem before his crucifixion, riding on a colt or a donkey. A crowd of people greeted him with cries of Hosanna, which is an expression of prayer or joy, and threw coats and branches at his feet to honor him. The observance of Palm Sunday dates back to at least the fourth century. Palm Sunday is also called the Sunday of the Passion. The liturgy continues to tell the story of the Passion, or Jesus's crucifixion (the term is from the Latin "passio", which means suffering).*

*Weather permitting, we will gather outside so that we may go into the church in procession. Palm leaves may be distributed before the service or after the prayer of blessing.*

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

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Matthew 21:1-11**

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."

*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 him thanks and praise.***

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said*

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

### **The Procession**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN


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The Liturgy of the Palms: Processional

*Refrain (sung by all)*




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.

*Cantor or choir*



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

*Repeat Refrain*



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

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Gloria, laus, et honor*, plainsong, Mode 1, Einsiedeln MS. and St. Gall MS., 10th cent.;  
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## *THE LITURGY OF THE WORD*

### **THE COLLECT**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

**PSALM 31:9-16** *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
***my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.***
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
***my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.***
- 11 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.***
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
***I am as useless as a broken pot.***
- 13 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.***
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
***I have said, "You are my God.***
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
***rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.***
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
***and in your loving-kindness save me."***

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN

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O How He Loves You and Me

1. O how He loves you and me.  
2. Je - sus to Cal - vary did go,

1. O how He loves you and me;  
2. His love for the worlds to show;

1. He gave His life, what more could He give;  
2. What He did there brought hope from de - spair;

1. O how He loves you, O how He loves me,  
2. O how He loves you, O how He loves me,

1. O how He loves you and me.  
2. O how He loves you and me.

**THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (*Matthew 27:11-54*)**

*The congregation is invited to remain seated for the Passion Gospel. At the invitation of the Presider all who are able stand.*

**NARRATOR:** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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 he 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 he 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 them,

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

**NARRATOR:** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he 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 they 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 he asked,

**PILATE:** "Why, what evil has he done?"

**NARRATOR:** But they 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 he 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 him 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,

**SOLDIERS:** "Hail, King of the Jews!"

**NARRATOR:** They spat on him, 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.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)*

**NARRATOR:** As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

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

**BYSTANDERS:** "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."

**NARRATOR:** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

**CHIEF PRIESTS:** "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

**NARRATOR:** The bandits who were crucified with him 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,

**BYSTANDERS:** "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,

**BYSTANDERS:** "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

**NARRATOR:** Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. 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. He 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. He 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,

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I

*Worship leader*

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

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, Renee our Rector, and Valerie our Deacon, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city of Northwoods, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this congregation and others especially:

Delphine Booker  
Lisa Bradley  
Chris Crittenden  
Rick Earley  
Renee Griffin  
Greg Kelley

Canon Desiree Brattin  
Harold Briggs  
Bessie Clemmons  
Ronald Hawkins  
Stella Hughes  
Amber King

Ann Bradley  
Linette Cayetano  
Jacky Dew  
Michael Griffin  
Erika Jones  
Winifred Lemmie

Regina Lewis	Johnetta Martin	Diana Oliver
Helen Owens	Betty Patton	Michelle Pendelton
Gwen Perry	Everett Quinn	Marion Robinson
Rick Rollins	Florence Ross	Lisa Shelley
Laura Smith	Patricia Thomas	David Westfall
Antoinette Williams	James Williams, Sr.	Bill Young

We pray for all veterans and those who are currently serving in the military, especially:

Sgt. **Omar** Fernandes (Brantley)-United States Air Force  
 Captain **Jovonny** Carrion-United States Army  
 Staff Sgt. **Ashley** Cole-United States Air Force  
 Captain **Steven C.** Roberts, II – United States Air Force Reserve  
 The **Rev. Jamal** Scarlett-Lieutenant Commander and Navy Chaplain  
 Major **Christopher** Westfall-United States Air Force

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, especially our sister Annie White, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of all of the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **The Peace**

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

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

# OFFERTORY HYMN

## The Old Rugged Cross

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1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,  
 2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
 2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
 3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;  
 4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
 2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,  
 3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
 4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
 3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

old rug - ged cross \_\_\_\_\_

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down; \_\_\_\_\_

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down; \_\_\_\_\_

old rug - ged cross, \_\_\_\_\_

I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

And ex - change it some day for a crown. \_\_\_\_\_

And ex - change it some day for a crown. \_\_\_\_\_

## *THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE*

### *THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER-Prayer A*

*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 thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

*Celebrant and People (spoken)*

***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.***

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***  
*Celebrant* Behold what you are.  
*People* ***May we become what we receive.***

## The Invitation

*Celebrant* 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 Communion of the People

*(All are invited to God's Table. You may come forward to receive the Body of Christ or to receive a blessing. Some may wish to remain in your seats. Please use this time to quietly sit and pray or join in the singing of the hymn.)*

*(Those at home may, if they wish, say this prayer:)*


***In union, O God, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.***

# COMMUNION HYMN


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Jesus Christ our Lord

*Unison*




1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

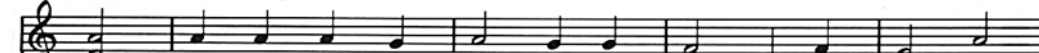


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 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

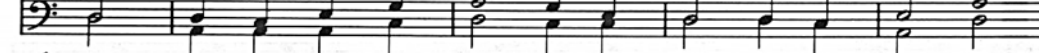



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

*Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll




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## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

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

## The Blessing

*Celebrant*    Please bow your head before the Lord.

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.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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This Is the Day

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the".

Lord hath made, we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be

The second system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "Lord hath made, we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be".

glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the

The third system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the".

Lord hath — made, we will re-joice and be glad in — it;

The fourth system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "Lord hath — made, we will re-joice and be glad in — it;".

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made." The system ends with a double bar line.

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**TODAY'S LITURGICAL LEADERS**

***Celebrant***

*The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Rector*

***Worship Leader***

*Stanley Johnson*

***Reader***

*Adriene Dillon*

***Acolyte***

*Laura Mabry*

***Passion Readers***

*Narrator: Stanley Johnson*      *Pilate: Margaret Williams*  
*Jesus: Gaylard Williams*      *Pilate's Wife: Betty Brown*  
*Soldiers: Alexia Dukes*      *Centurion: Machele West*  
*Chief Priest: Joyce Crittenden*      *Bystander: Walter Fox*  
*Crowd: Congregation*

***Ushers***

*Allen Dukes*  
*Charles Henderson*

***Minister of Music***

*Terrell Thompson*

***Choir Members***

*Adrienne Dillon, Walter Fox, Michael Griffin, Stanley Johnson, Barrie Jones,  
Helen Owens, and Machele West*

## OUR MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

**Mission Statement:** *To be the Light of Christ that builds relationships in our congregation, our community, and with our God.*

**Vision Statement:** *Finding Christ in Relationships*

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION VESTRY – 2025

#### Vestry Wardens

Senior Warden-Gaylard Williams (2027)  
Co-Junior Wardens-Betty Brown  
Dawn Johnson

#### Vestry Clerk

Margarett Williams

#### Class of 2027

Adrienne Dillon  
Sondra Harrell

#### Class of 2028

Michael Griffin  
Stanley Merridith

#### Class of 2029

Betty Brown  
Dawn Johnson

#### Treasurer

Rickey Mabry

#### Convention Delegates

Adrienne Dillon (2027)  
Caroline Moore (2027)

#### Alternate Delegate

Donna Black (2027)



### LIFTING UP OUR VOICES

“Ours is not the struggle of one day, one week, or one year. Ours is not the struggle of one judicial appointment or presidential term. Ours is the struggle of a lifetime, or maybe even many lifetimes, and each one of us in every generation must do our part.”

—John Lewis

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **REMEMBER OUR ADOPTED FAMILY**

Please remember our adopted family in the new year! Our family consists of a single mother and her two daughters, ages 18 and 21. We can continue our monetary fund to help pay for repairs to their home. We can provide food and personal items, and gift cards to stores such as Schnuck's, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Kohl's, and Aldi's. "Whatever you do to the least of them; you do unto me (Matthew 25:40)."

## **EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY**

Donations of two bags of candy will be greatly appreciated for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled on Saturday, April 4, 2026. The candy will be placed in plastic eggs.

## **SAFE CHURCH, SAFE COMMUNITY**

It's that time again! This is a reminder that Vestry members and ALL church leaders (especially those who are in close contact with children and teens) are to do 'Safe Church, Safe Community' training. The training is to be done every three years. However, every year EVERYONE in leadership is expected to re-read and review the policies! Please let Gaylard Williams know ASAP if you have missed the due date. Please DO NOT submit your names individually to the diocesan offices.

## **DEACON'S FORUM**

I would like to invite the congregation to meet after our 9 am service on Sunday, April 11, 2026. Our food ministry is at a crossroads. I would like to gather input on our food ministry...where we have been, where we are, and where we need to go. The discussion will include the indoor and outdoor food pantries, the drive-thru food giveaway, and Grill to Glory. If you are unable to attend, your feedback is welcome via email: [deaconvalerieepatton@gmail.com](mailto:deaconvalerieepatton@gmail.com). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

## **UTO INGATHERING SERVICE**

*"Gracious God, we give our thanks to you"*

Reminder: Our United Thank Offerings will be blessed at our **Ingathering** during the Eucharist on **April 12**, the Second Sunday of Easter, so please turn in your "filled" UTO Blue Boxes or envelopes during the Offertory on or before that date. Contact Nancy Hamilton for more information about UTO.

### **DISCERNMENT DAY**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 2, 2026, 10am-4pm for a diocesan-wide Discernment Day at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 110 N. Warson Road. Are you being called to lay ministry, diaconal ministry, priestly ministry or to religious life? This gathering is designed for anyone exploring a new call to ministry and seeking to learn more about the discernment and formation process. Registration is now open until April 15, and the cost is \$10. Please see the diocesan website for more information.

### **ASA FOOD MINISTRY – FEED THE NEED**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Thank you for your generosity in feeding our brothers and sisters in the beloved community who are food-insecure! The need is becoming increasingly significant as we continue to partner with the Urban League and as decisions are made in our national government. We want the following items to restock our food pantry:

#### **Paper Products**

Paper Towels

#### **Toiletries**

Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Deodorant

#### **Canned Vegetables or Meal**

Chili, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Vegetables, Corn, Carrots, Peas, Baked Beans, Great Northern Beans, Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable Soup

#### **Canned or Packet Meat or Protein**

Peanut Butter, Tuna, Chicken Breast, Vienna Sausage, Spam, Luncheon Loaf

#### **Starches**

Mac and Cheese, Rice, Spaghetti

#### **Breakfast**

Packaged cereal (oatmeal, grits, Cream of Wheat)

When purchasing canned items, please consider getting pull-tops, as many do not have can openers.

### **ASA FOOD MINISTRY – FEED THE NEED - INDOOR FOOD PANTRY and GARDEN**

We want to reopen our indoor Food Pantry soon! We are looking to begin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10 am to 12 pm. Volunteers need to be available from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We are seeking two volunteers to serve as liaisons to our potential clients.

In spring 2026 (probably late March or early April, depending on the weather), we will plant our vegetable garden. We will need 2-4 volunteers. The volunteers would clean, plant, and maintain the garden. The estimated time commitment is 2 hours per session. For more details, please get in touch with Deacon Valerie.

### **SIBLING SUPPORT NETWORK**

Do not forget that help is there for those dealing with the loss of a sibling due to violent crime. For more info and survey, please go to: [sibling support network.org](http://sibling-support-network.org) or contact Cheeraz Gormon for more information – [cgormon@gmail.com](mailto:cgormon@gmail.com).

### **COFFEE HOUR/FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP**

Coffee Hour allows us time to fellowship with each other after Eucharist. Thank you to those who have sponsored a Coffee Hour thus far. Please think about signing up with another parishioner to provide treats for this fun event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Refreshments may consist of fruits, pastries/Danish, juice, coffee, tea, and other goodies. **Please note that hosts are also responsible for cleanup.**

### **COMPLETING OFFERING ENVELOPES**

**PLEASE HELP** make the Tellers' job a lot easier by doing the following:

- Write your name on each envelope.
- Write your number on the envelope if you are not using the one assigned to you.
- See Deborah Dukes or Betty Brown if you do not remember your number.
- If you are writing a check, include the check number in the top right corner.
- If you are paying with cash, please write "Cash" in the top right corner instead of a check number.
- Use one envelope for one donation.
- If your donation is for anything other than your pledge, PLEASE, include on the envelope what it is for, i.e., ECW Dues, Men's Club, etc.

### **INITIAL OFFERING**

All parishioners are asked to contribute at least \$5.00 to the “Initial Offering” Fund to help defray the cost of the new envelopes that were purchased for this year. Use the blue and white envelope that says “Initial Offering” or indicate it on your envelope. Thank you.

### **PAYPAL**

Did you forget to bring your pledge with you to church? Or perhaps you cannot attend one of the Eucharists on Sunday morning. Then you should consider using Pay Pal to send in your pledge/contribution. It’s fast, easy, and a guaranteed safe way to contribute. Some of our parishioners are already taking advantage of this service. For more information, go to our website and click on the “Connect Tab” and then click on “Online Contributions.

### **ADDITIONAL WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **ASA EVENING PRAYER – EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM**

<contact parish office for Zoom sign in info>

#### **ASA BIBLE STUDY**

Please join our weekly Bible Study group every Thursday at 10:00 am. We will be discussing Women of the Bible, so come ready to learn and share your insights. I believe that studying God’s Word as a group will strengthen our Faith and will help us relate His Words to our lives in today’s world. Joyce Crittenden, Leader.

<contact parish office for Zoom sign in info>

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES



**TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, March 31,  
7:00 pm - “Women of the Passion” at  
St. Paul’s, Carondelet**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 2, Joint  
Service at 6:00 pm at All Saints and  
Ascension with St. Stephen’s and the  
Vine – Holy Eucharist w/Foot washing**

**GOOD FRIDAY: April 3, Joint Service at 6:00 pm at St. Stephen’s and the  
Vine, 33 Clay Ave in Ferguson-Good Friday Solemn Service**

**SATURDAY GREAT EASTER VIGIL: April 4, at 6:30 pm, at Christ Church  
Cathedral, 1210 Locust St. in St. Louis**

**EASTER SUNDAY: April 5, 9:00 am-Festive Holy Eucharist**

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