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**FATHER FORGIVE THEM FOR  
THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO**

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

13 April 2025

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

# Welcome to Grace!

## The Liturgy of the Palms

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

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Luke 19: 28-40

*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.

The Blessing of the Palms

## The Procession

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

*People* Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

## Processional Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (*read in unison*)

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*  
LORD, send us now success.

- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

## The Word of God

### The Collect

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

### The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted on this day.  
Remain seated for the first part of the Passion.*

**EVANGELIST:** 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.

**EVANGELIST:** 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.

**EVANGELIST:** 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.

**EVANGELIST:** 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?

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

**CONGREGATION:** Lord, should we strike with the sword?

**EVANGELIST:** 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!

**EVANGELIST:** 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!

**EVANGELIST:** 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.

**EVANGELIST:** But he denied it, saying,

**PETER:** Woman, I do not know him.

**EVANGELIST:** A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

**CHALLENGER 1:** You also are one of them.

**PETER:** Man, I am not!

**EVANGELIST:** Then about an hour later still another kept insisting.

**CHALLENGER 2:** Surely this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean.

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

**EVANGELIST:** 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,

**CONGREGATION:** Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

**EVANGELIST:** 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,

**CONGREGATION:** If you are the Messiah, tell us.

**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.

**CONGREGATION:** Are you, then, the Son of God?

**JESUS:** You say that I am.

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

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

**CONGREGATION:** 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.

**PILATE:** Are you the king of the Jews?

**JESUS:** You say so.

**EVANGELIST:** Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

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

**EVANGELIST:** But they were insistent and said,

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

**EVANGELIST:** 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 waiting 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. 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 had 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.

**EVANGELIST:** Then they all shouted out together,

**CONGREGATION:** Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

**EVANGELIST:** (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.

**CONGREGATION:** Crucify, crucify him!

**EVANGELIST:** 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 released.

**EVANGELIST:** 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 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?

(Here, all stand)

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

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

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

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

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

**EVANGELIST:** 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,

**FIRST CRIMINAL:** Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

**EVANGELIST:** But the other rebuked him, saying,

**SECOND CRIMINAL:** 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. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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

**EVANGELIST:** 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.

**EVANGELIST:** Having said this, he breathed his last.

(Silence is kept for a few moments, during which some may wish to kneel)

**EVANGELIST:** When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

**CENTURION:** Certainly this man was innocent.

**EVANGELIST:** And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place., they returned home, beating their breast. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

**EVANGELIST:** 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.

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## **Those who serve**

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Louis Lebrun

**Second Counter:** Heiko Erlenkeuser

**Intercessor:** Kathe Harris

**Chalice:** Kathe Harris

**Church Opener:** Tab Bates



# Grace Notes

- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com)
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets **every Tuesday at 11 a.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **Daughters of the King (DOK) Study Session** will be **Saturday, April 19th and 26th from 10 a.m. - Noon.**
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct. 11 2025**
- If you are interested in the Bishop's **Bible in a year challenge** visit <https://www.edusc.org/bible-in-a-year/>
- If you are interested in receiving **Bishop Daniel Richards weekly meditations** called *Notes Along the Way*, visit <https://www.edusc.org/notes-from-along-the-way/>.
- **Lenten Madness** has begun. For more information visit <https://www.lentmadness.org/category/lent-madness-2025/>
- **Sylvvara Communion Visit** is **Monday, April 14th at 11 a.m.**
- **Church Office** will be **Closed Monday, April 21st.**
- **We are in need** of Easter candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 20. Please bring individually wrapped candy to the parish hall before **April 17th.**
- If you have a graduating senior, please contact Sharon at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com) so we can make preparations for this year's Sending Forth.
- **5th Grade Bridge retreat** is **April 26th - 27th.**
- **Moms Meet up** will be **Saturday, April 26th from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.** at E-City Jave.
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, April 24th at 10 a.m.**
- **Easter Lillies:** Forms for Easter Lillie can be found in the cloister and outside the church office door. Please have these filled out and returned to Nikki by Today **Sunday, April 13th.**
- Please join us for **Easter Breakfast 9:00 on Easter Sunday** in the Parish Hall. We are in need of help in terms of sweet and savory breakfast dishes. Please reach out to Kirri Kinley at [kirrikinley@gmail.com](mailto:kirrikinley@gmail.com) or 843-384-5213 with what you plan on bringing. This is a lovely morning full of joy and fellowship, followed by a children's egg hunt at 9:30. Please join us!
- **Guys Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, April 24th at 6 p.m.** to avoid conflict with Maundy Thursday. Chris Hand will be the chef du jour, menu to come. May will be special meeting **Thursday, May 15th** which is organized by Bryan Harris as a representative "Brotherhood of St. Andrew" format. All grace men and guests are welcome.
- **The Grace Episcopal Music Department** is presenting a series of piano recitals on the exceptional Hardman piano in the Parish Hall. The first of this series will be **Sunday, May 18th at 5 p.m.** The name of the first program is "Chopin and Chardonnay". In addition to the 5 of Fredericks Chopin's most beautiful piano works we will have a tasting selection of 5 Chardonnay wines from Europe and the United States. Our first guest pianist is Mrs. Anita Jubin Brown. Tickets are \$40 each and seating will be limited. Please see Nikki or Steve Grant for Reservations.
- **Altar Guild:** Do you want to be involved at church but in a more behind the scene manner once a month? Do you want to learn more about our ministry? Do you want to hangout with the coolest people at Grace? The Altar Guild is seeking new recruits. See Jodie Webb 864-380-1683 if you are interested in checking out what we are about and see if you are a good fit.
- **Saturday Servants:** We are gearing up for our next round of Saturdays in May. We are seeking donations of the following: creamy peanut butter, grape jam and water. If you would like to make a contribution, please leave it on the table at the back of the Parish Hall. We thank you in advance for your help. We will be looking for volunteers to help make the lunches and deliver them as well. More information on that to follow. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tracey or George Lidlow at [tjlidlow@gmail.com](mailto:tjlidlow@gmail.com)
- We are donating a commercial coffee maker to South Main Chapel & Mercy Center, one of our local ministry partners who provide meals and coffee daily for the homeless. Currently, we need \$350 to complete purchase. If you'd like to make a donation above your regular giving, please make check out to Grace with a note "For South Main Coffee Maker".

## Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday, April 13th:** Procession of the Palms and Passion Narrative at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday, April 17th:** 6 p.m. Eucharist, foot washing, stripping of the Altar.

**Good Friday, April 18th:** 11 a.m. Stations of the Cross; Noon Good Friday Liturgy with Bishop Richards preaching.

**Holy Saturday, April 19th:** 9 a.m. liturgy followed by preparations for Easter Morning.

**Easter Sunday, April 20th:** 6 a.m. Easter Vigil, begins with Easter Fire on the Church lawn; 8 a.m. Eucharist with Choir; 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Parish Hall; 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg hunt; 10:30 a.m. Eucharist and Baptism with Choir.

### Those with birthdays this week

Charlotte Wilford  
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