



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

WELCOME

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church! Whether this is your first time or thousandth time in worship with us, we are so glad you are here. St. Mark's is an inclusive community of faith, committed to celebrating God's creative love in all people. Together, we strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. You are welcome here—in worship, at the communion table, and in our walk together.

Prelude “Invocation”

Denis Bédard (b. 1950) ©1993 Éditions Cheldar

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

At 10:00 a.m. we gather in the Parish Hall for the blessing of the palms and the procession to the church. Weather permitting, the procession led by the crucifer, will process through the church grounds and then proceed into the church.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Presider: Let us pray.

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

The Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10 *(read by the deacon)*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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 God 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 forever. **Amen.**

The blessed palms are distributed.

THE PROCESSION

Presider: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Art by Eliza Schroeder

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

The procession leaves the parish hall. At the sounding of the hand bells the following is said:

Presider: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Upon entering the church, the congregation takes their place. The ministers and choir gather in the back for the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn 154 “All glory, laud, and honor”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Together let us pray.

(In unison) 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 Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a All sit

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Confitemini Domino

see next page

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Confitemini Domino



1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good; *	his mercy / endures forever.
2 Let Israel / now proclaim, *	"His mercy / endures forever."
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 right-/eous 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 re- / jected*	has become the / chief cornerstone.
23 This is the / LORD's doing, *	and it is mar-/velous in our eyes.
24 On this day the LORD has / acted; *	we will rejoice / and be glad in it.
25 Hosannah, LORD, ho-/sannah! *	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 u-/pon 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.

Sequence Hymn 435 (v. 1-4) "At the Name of Jesus"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying

the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Homily

The Rev. Jerre Birdsong

Prayers of the People

Leader Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding on a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray for all the needs of the world, saying, "***Have mercy, O Lord.***"

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may share the word of God as true disciples;

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney, Jerre, and Teresa our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Portland; we pray for our companion parish of St. John and St. James in Sullivan;

In the Anglican Cycle, we pray for The Church of England;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Centro Anglicano de Formacion para los Laicos;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We give thanks on her birthday with Celeste Kocot. We pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

For this country, and for all the peoples of the earth, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East, that all may live in mercy, justice, and peace; we pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

For the hungry, homeless, oppressed, exiles, immigrants, and refugees; for all who have been impacted by violence or live in fear of violence or being separated from their homes and families; for all who are in danger or need; and for the sick and suffering; we pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need;

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];

We pray for all who struggle with addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery;

For those serving in the armed forces; we pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

For all those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; we pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

The Presider offers this concluding collect

God of all mercy, we thank you that you hear our cries for forgiveness, for abundant life, for comfort in death, for resurrection into eternal life. Send us, we pray, into the world to love others out of gratitude for your love for us, that we may follow in Christ's commandment to love God and love one another. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand as able.*

The Presider says to the people The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

Text: Hymn 474, Isaac Watts (1674-1748) © 2000 Selah Publishing

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

Presider and People

Sanctus and Benedictus Hymnal S124

Hurd

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.

The people may stand or kneel. The Presider continues

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

The Presider then continues

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

Presider and People

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

Fraction Anthem “Lamb of God” (From *Enriching our Music*) *Hurd*

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

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The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. At the altar rail, please let the priest know that you require gluten free.

Communion Voluntary

“Christ, who sanctifies us all”

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) © 1960 H. W. Gray

“Prelude on Wondrous Love”

John Barr (b. 1938) © 2004 Wayne Leupold Editions

Prayer after Communion

Presider and People

O God of love and of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Post Communion Hymn 439 “What wondrous love is this”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer over the People

Deacon: Bow down your hearts 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

The ministers, led by the crucifer, gather at the church doors. The Passion is read.

The Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

See enclosed leaflet.

The Dismissal

At the conclusion of the Passion, the Deacon dismisses the People:

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Art by Dean Borowiak

All exit the church in silence.

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Vicki Stegmann

Ushers: Kittie Golomski/Matthew Cashen

Greeter: Diane Nienkemper

Altar Guild: Jon Danieley

Chalice: Greg Diekemper/Jonathan Robards

Godly Play: Mehta

Livestream: Scott Thompson

Crucifer: Jonathan Robards

PASSION READERS

Narrator: Ed Rich

Jesus: Erica White

Peter: Susan Goen

Crowd: Melissa Edwards

Disciples: The Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

Servant Girl/Bystander: Ellen Jeffery

Soldiers: Roger Robards

Priests: Greg Diekemper

Pilate: Margaret Hvatum

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Join us today for Advocacy Coffee Hour, see next page for more information.

SEE INSERT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMING EVENTS

Advocacy Coffee Hour

This Sunday St. Mark's will include opportunities for advocacy at coffee hour! Priest Associate Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieley will share about what advocacy means and how channeling our compassion into efforts like letter writing relates to following Jesus. As we put our faith into action, we remember the gift of ideological diversity in the body of Christ, and we consider which issues relate to our Baptismal call to "strive for justice and peace among all people."

Stick around after worship and join us in the fellowship hall to learn more and put our faith in action!

Advocacy Coffee Hour will take place during coffee hour on the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome to join in this opportunity to learn more and engage our faith in new ways.

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We Pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially the Anderson family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Bruce Bramoweth & family, Yulia Borjte, Joan Cap, John Carroll, Steve Chamberlin, Janet Chance, Alicia Crowe, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Kayla Deguire, Michelle Dever, Donna Duffy, Candace Farmer, Mary Carol Fischer, Don Frank, Carol Garbs, Tom Gard, Jeanne Gardener, Sue and Ty Garrett, David Greenwalt, Joan Grout, Robin Harris, Allan Harvard, Rob Heritage, Damaris Hernández, Sherry Hicks and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Cindy Hooks, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jodi Keuney, Jane Kozielec, Richard Liermann, Kathy Lynch, Guy Medley, John Meyer, Donna Musgrave, Francis Neuner, Betty Orlando, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Lois Schubert, Rick Schubert, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Kathy Tracy and family, Marilyn Wiethop, Justin and Lindsay Williams, Hulene Woody, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Marian, Jim, Baby Ameila.

We give thanks on her birthday with Celeste Kocot.

We pray for those who have died especially Bishop Medardo Gómez of El Salvador.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Noah Johnson, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Shawn Russell, Logan Smith.

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Celeste Kocot Youth Christian Formation
Melissa Engle Parish Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS



April 17th **Maundy Thursday 5:30 Supper 7:30 p.m. Service**
April 18th **Good Friday Liturgy 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.**
April 19th **Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter 7:30 p.m. Champagne and Bon Bons following Service**
April 20th **Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Service and Easter Egg Hunt and Reception following Service**

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper



Join us in the Parish Hall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 17th for the annual Maundy Thursday Soup Supper. Soups and bread will be served before the service. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend so we know how many to prepare for. The meal and fellowship are free, but donations to benefit St. Mark's outreach programs will be accepted.

If you would like to help by making soup or with set-up or clean-up, please contact Susan Goen at susangoen@sbcglobal.com or 314-374-2152.



Bring your Bells!!

We are requesting that you bring bells to ring for the Gloria at Easter Vigil!

Easter Sunday Reception



After Services on Easter there will be a festive reception and an Easter egg hunt after the service on Easter Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Also, if you are able to contribute an appetizer or dessert, please sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Amanda Cashen (cashenamanda@yahoo.com) or contact Melissa at the Parish Office to sign up.

Play and Pray!

Here at St. Mark's we have a special place in the back of the nave for the youngest people in our community. Thanks to the hospitality of our parish, this little space has provided a soft place for children to play and participate in worship. This spring, we will work together to bring new life to our children's corner, refreshing the space with new furniture, books, and activities to enhance our children's faith experience at church. Thrivent Financial has graciously gifted us \$250 of seed money to work on this project, and together with your donations we are sure to create a welcoming space with nurtures our little ones' faith! Check out the link to the registry below and consider contributing to St. Mark's Prayground! [View St. Mark's Episcopal Church's Gift List](#) or see Reverend Delaney.

EASTER DECORATIONS AND THE ST. CECELIA MUSIC FUND

Please consider a donation towards Easter Decorations and/or the St. Cecelia Music Fund. Contribution sheets are located in the insert. You may email the form to the Parish Office (or call it in) and checks can be mailed to the office or dropped in the offering plate next time you're at church. You may also give online at Tithley.com. Just go to our website <https://www.saintmarks-stl.org/> and click on the DONATE button at the bottom of the homepage (be sure to designate your donation to the "Landscape/Flowers Fund" or "Music Fund" using the drop-down menu.) Be sure to email or call the office with the names of those you wish to honor in the Easter leaflets. Decoration contributions will help pay for Easter flowers and greens. Contributions to the St. Cecelia Music Fund help support special music during our Christmas and Easter services. Please have all entries in to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 16th.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

REGISTER TODAY FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER - All St. Markans (from the youngest to the oldest) are invited to participate in this global feeding ministry at 1:30 PM on May 4th at Emmanuel. REGISTER at this link:

<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id=701Pj00000Ncf9nIAB>

If you would like to provide additional financial support, you can send a check made payable to St. Mark's with Rise Against Hunger in the memo line. Or you can give online at Tithe.ly. Just sign in and find the "Rise Against Hunger" drop down box.

If you have any questions or difficulty registering, please contact Deacon Jerre.

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Walk Against Hunger

We hope you join us on **May 4th** at the Gold Star Pavilion in Jefferson Barracks Park to walk against hunger to support those in need and raise awareness for food insecurity.

Registration is only \$30 per walker which includes a t-shirt and lunch. If you can't attend in person, you can still make a difference by signing up as a Virtual Walker for only \$10.

We will be awarding the *George Huber Manna March Award* to the walker with the highest amount raised. This is the perfect opportunity to bring your friends and families together to help feed our neighbors.

Register online at www.feed-my-people.org.