

# THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY



SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

10:00 A.M.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

&

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WEEK OF MARCH 29 - APRIL 4

### Sunday

- 9:30 am Church School & Children's Chapel  
10:00 am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Church)  
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)  
11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Monday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)  
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
6:30 pm Rector's Lenten Series: Soup, Class, & Compline (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

### Wednesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)  
12:00 pm Midweek Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers (Chapel)  
7:00 pm Painting the Psalms & Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)  
7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

### Thursday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)  
10:00 am Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)  
5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
7:30 pm Maundy Thursday (Church)

### Friday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)  
12:00 pm Good Friday (Church)  
5:00 pm Good Friday: Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

### Saturday

- 10:00 am Egg Hunt (Front Lawn)  
2:00 pm Instrumental Rehearsal (Church)

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*Morning Prayer is on Zoom only, Monday through Friday at 8:30 am*

*Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at [jim.alimena@gmail.com](mailto:jim.alimena@gmail.com)*

*\*Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning*

## WELCOME

### Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity "pew bags" and Children's Worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants-3 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

#### Baptism

Upcoming baptism dates are May 10, May 24, and June 28. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy or Rev. Melina for more information.

#### Parish Office Hours

Regular office hours are 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday. Either Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those times.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Easter Lilies**

At St. Elizabeth's, our altar is decorated for Easter with lilies given in memory of loved ones. To add or update a memorial, contact Mary Szurly at memorialflowers@stesridgewood.org or 201-337-3167 by TODAY Sunday, March 29. If you've had one before, no action is needed unless you want to change or discontinue it. The cost is \$35—pay by check to "St. Elizabeth's Church" (memo: Easter Memorial) or online through the website's Altar Flowers Memorials option.

### **Grab and Go - Help the Bunny!**

Please return the plastic eggs filled with NUT-FREE, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED treats to the bin in the Parish Hall by TODAY Sunday, March 29th.

### **2026 Rector's Lenten Series**

#### ***Half Truths:***

#### ***Things the Bible Doesn't Say***

This year's theme will feature a short video by the United Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton, followed by guided discussion about some of the most common platitudes. Join us on **Mondays in Lent** as we gather together for food, discussion, and prayer.

### **Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers**

Join us for Intercessory Prayer immediately after the noon Holy Eucharist on **Wednesdays during Lent**. We will pray for those on the parish prayer list and any other intentions on our hearts. Anointing with Holy Oil will also be offered for those seeking additional healing prayers. You are welcome to attend one or both services.

### **Painting the Psalms**

#### **Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm**

(Parish Hall)

During Lent, Evening Needlecrafters will coincide with Painting the Psalms. We'll reflect on a Psalm and respond creatively.

Open to all, this is a simple space to slow down and encounter God through Scripture and art.

### **Request for Donations**

The St. Elizabeth's Outreach Committee is planning their Annual Fundraiser. We are currently seeking donations for the auction. If you would like to contribute, please contact Diane Walker at 201-663-1458 or dianewalker447@gmail.com by April 1.

### **Art Exhibit**

#### **Through April 3**

Jim Alimena's paintings will be on exhibit at the Louis Bay 2nd Library & Community Center, 345 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne. M-Th 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 10am-5pm.

### **Parish Office Closed**

Monday, April 6 - Saturday, April 11, 2026  
Please contact The Rev. Andy Olivo at (423) 242-5313 for pastoral emergencies.

### **Before Lunch Book Talk**

Tuesday, April 14th at 12:00pm  
(Garden Room or Zoom)

Join us to discuss *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick moderated by Sherry Kock.

### **Midweek Holy Eucharist**

Wednesday, April 15th at 12:00pm  
(Chapel)

### **Frank Archer's Memorial Service**

Saturday, April 25th at 1:30pm  
(Church)

# THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

## WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*BCP 270*

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

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

### PRAYER

*BCP 270*

*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.**

### READING

*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."

### THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*BCP 271*

*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 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 for ever. **Amen.**

*The Congregation raises up their palm branches for the prayer.*

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

*People:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE PROCESSION

*BCP 271*

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in peace.

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

### THE PEALING OF THE BELLS

*The order of the procession into the church is as follows:*

*Processional Cross*

*Choir*

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

*Congregation*

*Clergy*

*Children may follow the procession to the Children's Chapel where a child-friendly service awaits.*

*The pealing of the bells will conclude as the congregation enters the nave, followed by the processional hymn, to be sung by all:*

### HYMN 154 "All glory, laud, and honor"

*Refrain:*

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest,  
the King and Blessed One. [*Refrain*]

2. The company of angels  
is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply. [*Refrain*]

3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present. [*Refrain*]

4. To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. [*Refrain*]

5. Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.  
[*Refrain*]

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 272

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 FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

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

## PSALM 31:9-16

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."**

#### THE SECOND LESSON

*Philippians 2:5-11*

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

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

## HYMN 439 “What wondrous love is this”

### THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

*A Note on the Passion Narrative: During Holy Week it is a tradition to proclaim the Passion Narrative so that Jesus Christ’s sacrificial death on the Cross and his love for all people is made clear. Sadly, this narrative has been used over time to promote anti-Judaism. The responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus Christ cannot be attributed to all Jews of that time, nor to Jews today. The Jewish People should not be represented as rejected or cursed by God, as this claim cannot be found in the Bible. Christians must remember that Jesus, his mother Mary, Joseph, and most of his early disciples were Jewish. During this sacred time in the Church, we must affirm the long-standing teaching that Jesus Christ entered into suffering and death by his own free will to offer God’s salvation and reconciling love to all of creation.*

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying:*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

NARRATOR: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

JUDAS: “What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?”

NARRATOR: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

DISCIPLES: “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

NARRATOR: He said,

JESUS: “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”

NARRATOR: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

JESUS: “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

NARRATOR: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: “Surely not I, Lord?”

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

NARRATOR: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

JUDAS: “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: “You have said so.”

NARRATOR: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

JESUS: “Take, eat; this is my body.”

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,  
‘I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’  
But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

NARRATOR: And so said all the disciples.  
Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

JESUS: “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

JESUS: “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; YET not what I want but what you want.”

NARRATOR: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

NARRATOR: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

JESUS: “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

NARRATOR: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

JESUS: “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

NARRATOR: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

JUDAS: “Greetings, Rabbi!”

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

JESUS: “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

NARRATOR: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

JESUS: “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”

NARRATOR: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

JESUS: “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

NARRATOR: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

ACCUSERS: “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”

NARRATOR: The high priest stood up and said,

HIGH PRIEST: “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

NARRATOR: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

HIGH PRIEST: “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: “You have said so. But I tell you,  
From now on you will see the Son of Man  
seated at the right hand of Power  
and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses?  
You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your  
verdict?”

NARRATOR: They answered,

CHIEF PRIESTS: “He deserves death.”

NARRATOR: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some  
slapped him, saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck  
you?”

NARRATOR: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A  
servant-girl came to him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

NARRATOR: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

PETER: “I do not know what you are talking about.”

NARRATOR: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl  
saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

NARRATOR: Again he denied it with an oath,

PETER: “I do not know the man.”

NARRATOR: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to  
Peter,

BYSTANDER: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent  
betrays you.”

NARRATOR: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: “I do not know the man!”

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter  
remembered what Jesus had said:

JESUS: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

NARRATOR: And he went out and wept bitterly.  
When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.  
When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

JUDAS: “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

NARRATOR: But they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: “What is that to us? See to it yourself!”

NARRATOR: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”

NARRATOR: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”  
Now 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.

HYMN 172 “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	<i>BCP 392</i>
THE ABSOLUTION	<i>BCP 360</i>
THE PEACE	<i>BCP 360</i>

# THE HOLY COMMUNION



*An offering is taken at this time. You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate securely on-line.*

**THE OFFERTORY** *Christus factus est*  
*Text: Philippians 2:8-9*

*Felice Anerio*  
*(1560-1614)*

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens  
usque ad mortem,  
mortem autem crucis.  
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum,  
et dedit illi nomen,  
quod est super omne nomen.*

*Christ became obedient  
for us unto death,  
even to death on a cross.  
Therefore, God also has exalted him  
and has given him the name  
that is above every other name.*

**DOXOLOGY, HYMN 380, stanza 3**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

*BCP 361*

**PROPER PREFACE OF HOLY WEEK**

*BCP 379*

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.

**SANCTUS, Hymnal S-129**

*The Congregation may remain standing or kneel  
after the singing of the Sanctus.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*BCP 364*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*BCP 364*

**THE 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.**

**AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S-163**

*Sung while the Clergy prepare the communion vessels.*

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive Communion, are invited to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free hosts (bread) are available upon request. When directed by the Ushers, the Congregation is invited to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail or at the station on the floor. After you receive communion, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need communion brought to you, please let the Ushers know.*

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

**HYMN 162** "The royal banners forward go"

**HYMN 168** "O sacred head, sore wounded"

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*BCP 365*

**THE BLESSING**

*BCP 366*

**HYMN 474** "When I survey the wondrous cross"

**THE DISMISSAL**

*BCP 366*

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

*On this day there will be no Postlude and the Congregation will depart in silence.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

Crucifer: Ellis Cole

Torchbearers: AJ Lorenz

Lectors: Debra Anderson, The Rev. Melina Dezhbod, Edith Jordan, Sheryl Jordan, Alex Mannix, The Rev. Andy Olivo,

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Wynn Seiter, Mary Hayes

Ushers: Don Chappell, Wendy Weiler Chappell, David Jones, Steve Gorey, Tom Palmer

Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Debra Anderson, Diane Firkins, Anne Carson Hovey, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: The Aquilino Family

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

Bell Ringers: Don Chappell, Steve Gorey, Todd Hoffman, Tom Palmer, Don Taylor

# Celebrate Easter

Mon. & Wed. March 30 & April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	12:00 PM
Thursday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7:30 PM
Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Good Friday</b>	12:00 & 5:00 PM
Holy Saturday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt – Front Lawn</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Family Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Festive Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>



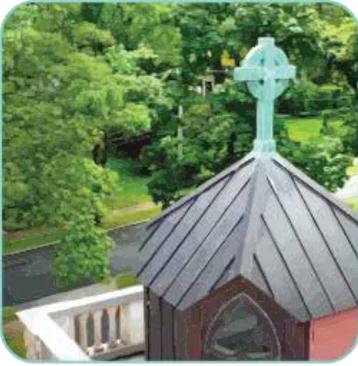
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## 40-Day Lenten Reflection with Rev. Melina

During Lent, we are invited to turn our hearts back toward God. In this season of preparation, this 40-day reflection offers simple, daily practices of prayer, reflection, fasting, forgiveness, and love. Information about the 40-Day Lenten Reflection can be found on the bulletin board outside of Rev. Melina's office as you enter the Parish Hall.

## Holy Habits Lenten Meditations from Sister Monica Clare

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout the Season of Lent, Episcopal Relief and Development will once again offer daily meditations. This year explores the theme of "Holy Habits." You can learn more about the series on the ERD website and also sign up to receive the free, daily meditations in your inbox. <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>



# Prepare<sup>the</sup>Way

*Caring For Our Sacred Space*



## ST. ELIZABETH'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### Prepare The Way Capital Campaign Pledge Update

To date, we have received 69 pledges totaling a commitment of \$1,936,585. **Please pledge! There's still time to help us complete the campaign goal.** Please fill out and return a pledge card today, or pledge online using the QR code provided here.



2026 OUTREACH AUCTION

# BOOTS, BLESSINGS, & BBQ

**\$100 PER PERSON**  
**APRIL 18 6:00-9:00 PM**



**RSVP BY  
4/12**



Join us for a Line-Dancing & Fellowship Event to raise funds for St. Elizabeth's Outreach Programs  
Babysitting provided  
No dance experience necessary  
No dancing required  
Guests welcome!

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## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of George and Jeanne Weiler by Wendy, Christopher, Patricia and Pamela; and thanksgiving for the life of Denise's mother, Norma Casazza, by Denise, David and Drayton Barrand; Karla's Mother, of Kathleen Dudzik, by Karla, Emma and Audrey Tombaugh; and Elizabeth B. Carter by her daughter, Catherine and the Carter Family..

*Contact the church office if you are interested in honoring a loved one with altar flowers.*

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alex Casazza	Evelyn & Steve Dyke	Qian (Chen) Liu
Alice	Family of Mary Ann	Rick
Bill Brancato	DeGraw	Robbie
Blanca Rojano	Frankye Crump	Robert
Bob	Frederick Bruno	Robyn Pring
Bob Bell	George & Shelley Mackey	Rochelle Kilzy
Bob C.	Grace Behringer	Ruth
Bruce Neandross	Gunnip Family	Ruthie
Carlos Pinto Family	Jack	Sarah
Catherine	Jamie Whaley	Segovia Pasichniak
Catherine O'Connell	Jane Winer	Sophie
Chris C.	John Berryman	Sr. Maureen Mitten
Christian	John Mills	Thomas Maloney
Christina Olkowski	Juan	Vincent Desimone
Claire	Julie & Jim Robertson	Winston
Colten	June Bové	Mary Ann Newcomb & Family
Connie	Justine and Tom Boylan	Matthew Garcia
Cookie C.	Kim Heitzenrater	Ken Thies
Danikka Dillon & Family	Linda	Ellen Ingber
David Barrand	Lois Chapman	Wes Pace
Dean Hawthorne	Lora Salt	Marcus Noble
Denny	Margaret	John Palmer Family
Diane and Frank Barletta	Marty Melamed	Herb Berl
Diane Pring	Mary	Vincent Colling
Donna	Milt	Virginia DuDeck
Doris	Nancy Schrempp	Lori Cardinale
Dorothea Hickey	Nancy Teichman	Michelle Todd
Dot Meyer	Pat	David Y.
Effie	Pauline Fiore & Family	
Elizabeth Sofia	Peter Flannery	

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We remember also those who have died, especially Frederick "Zeke" Ziegel, William A. Oehlschlager Jr., and Barbara Cornette Reel.

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### Prayer List Renewal

*The prayer list has been refreshed for Lent. To add a name—whether for intercessions or thanksgivings—please contact the Parish Office.*

# ST. ELIZABETH'S STAFF & VESTRY

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The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

## **Assistant Rector**

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

## **Associate Priests**

The Rev. Susan Schink

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan

## **Organist & Choirmaster**

Garah Landes

## **Associate Choirmaster**

Jennifer Hommez

## **Associate for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries**

Beth Van Emburgh

## **Director of Finance & Administration**

Grace Arscott

## **Parish Life Coordinator**

Stephanie Doyle

## **Sexton**

Fredy Reyes

## **Soloists**

Jeffrey Castellano, Alicia Luick,

Daniel Peretto, Anastasia Swope

## **Wardens**

Sandy Sullivan '28, Mike Dickson '27

## **Treasurer**

Steve Gorey

## **Assistant Treasurer**

Denise Barrand

## **Clerk**

Catherine Carter

## **Vestry**

Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

Bruce Firkins '27

Steve Gorey '27

Steve Anderson '28

Joan Cooke '28

Jeremy Sabella '28

Elizabeth Thauer '28

Christopher Aquilino '29

Catherine Carter '29

Stacy Wilson '29

Lauren Winter '29



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