

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026



We seek to be instruments of God's peace, bearing witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ for all people.

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the Congregation



Welcome in the name of the living Christ to St. Francis Church! May you find renewed grace and peace as we worship together today. St. Francis is an Episcopal Church, part of the wider ministry of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. If you are visiting with us today, please help us get to know you by introducing yourself at the door, and also by signing our guest book or filling out a pew card. *Please be sure to include an email address if you wish to be added to our mailing list.*

Please remember to take your cell phone or electronic device off silent mode at the end of worship.

You are invited to enter in reverence and awe of God's presence in this holy place. Before the liturgy begins we commend the keeping of silence as a time for prayer and reflection.

All baptized persons – regardless of denomination or age – are invited to receive the sacrament with us. All are welcome to the Table; even if you choose to not receive, you may wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is provided for those who request it; please be in touch with one of the clergy or ushers to make this request.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP:

The liturgy that we use for worship is from the red Book of Common Prayer (**BCP**). **Bold** print is to be spoken by the people of God.

At 10:00 a.m. our hymns and service music is from the blue Hymnal found in the book racks in the pews. Numbers that begin with an S- are in the front of the Hymnal.

We occasionally use supplemental hymn books called *Wonder, Love & Praise* and *Come Celebrate* which will be given to you with your bulletin. These will be listed as WLP or CC followed by the hymn number.

8:00 a.m.: We gather in the narthex.

10:00 a.m.: We gather in Fellowship Hall.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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."

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE PROCESSION

Hymn: 154

All Glory, Laud and Honor



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.



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.



THE COLLECT AT THE DOOR OF THE NAVE

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The children are dismissed to Fellowship Hall for Church School.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

(The congregation processes into the pews)

The image shows a musical score for a processional hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die:
Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! The an - gel ar - mies of the sky

Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road, With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.
O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - roach - ing sac - ri - fice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign. Amen

SALUTATION:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: *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 awakens—awakens 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.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16 (*remaining seated*)

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God. |
| 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. | 15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. |
| 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. | 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me." |

SECOND READING: *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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-27:54

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

EVANGELIST: 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?"

EVANGELIST: 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,

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

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.'"

EVANGELIST: 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."

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

DISCIPLES: "Surely not I, Lord?"

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."

JUDAS "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

JESUS: "You have said so."

EVANGELIST: 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."

EVANGELIST: 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."

EVANGELIST: 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."

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

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

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

EVANGELIST: 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."

EVANGELIST: 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."

EVANGELIST: 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."

EVANGELIST: 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."

EVANGELIST: 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."

EVANGELIST: 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."

EVANGELIST: 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."

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

JUDAS: Greetings, Rabbi!"

EVANGELIST: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Friend, do what you are here to do."

EVANGELIST: 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?"

EVANGELIST: 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.”

EVANGELIST: 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,

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

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

EVANGELIST: 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.”

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.”

EVANGELIST: 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?”

CONGREGATION: “**He deserves death.**”

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

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

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

FIRST SERVING MAID: “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

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

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

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

SECOND SERVING MAID: “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

EVANGELIST: Again he denied it with an oath,

PETER: “I do not know the man.”

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

CONGREGATION: “**Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.**”

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

PETER: “I do not know the man!”

EVANGELIST: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” 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.”

CONGREGATION: “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

EVANGELIST: 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,

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

EVANGELIST: 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?”

JESUS: “You say so.”

EVANGELIST: 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?”

EVANGELIST: 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?”

EVANGELIST: 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, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” 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?”

CONGREGATION: “Barabbas.”

PILATE: “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

CONGREGATION: “Let him be crucified!”

PILATE: “Why, what evil has he done?”

CONGREGATION: “Let him be crucified!”

EVANGELIST: 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.”

EVANGELIST: Then the people as a whole answered,

CONGREGATION: “His blood be on us and on our children!”

EVANGELIST: 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,

CONGREGATION: “Hail, King of the Jews!”

EVANGELIST: 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. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

All stand

EVANGELIST: 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,

CONGREGATION: “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.”

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

CONGREGATION: “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.’ ”

EVANGELIST: 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?”

EVANGELIST: that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

CONGREGATION: “**This man is calling for Elijah.**”

EVANGELIST: 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,

CONGREGATION: “**Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**”

EVANGELIST: 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,

CONGREGATION: “**Truly this man was God’s Son!**” †

*-A period of Silent Reflection-
(Please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM II

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world;

...for Doug, our Bishop, Miguelina, our Bishop-elect, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for the community of St. Francis; and for all ministers and people.

...for The Anglican Church of Melanesia; for the parish of St. Francis, Holden; for the mission of Worcester Fellowship;

...for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Bryan and Kathleen Diehl; Jeanette Dill; Maryann and Matthew DiPinto; Richard, Kathleen, Maggie and RJ Dixon;

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well being of all people.

... for all Federal and State employees, for the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families, especially J. Pigsley, Gregory Smith, Jason Haynes, Mark Williams, Jacob Pezzini, Tyler Jeck, David Lane, Riley Smith, James Cimochoowski, Sam Richenburg;

...for Donald, our President; Maura, our Governor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

...for peace throughout the world; for the victims of war and terrorism, for the people of Ukraine and Afghanistan, for peace in Sudan, Yemen, and the region of the Middle East; and for those facing famine and drought in Somalia and the Horn of Africa;
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Rich, Eric Warner, Kathleen Lloyd Jones, Jack, John Dougherty, Paul Stanovich, Tom, Bev, Judy Crosby, Brenda, Hilda Schinsing, Judy Capone, Mary Lee and Bob Kraushaar, Jen Gadowski, Jeanette, James Kelly, Carmelita Bello, Andrea McDonald, Mary Mullahy, Kathy Vogel, Richard, Donna Giuliani, Angela Favulli, Patrick Kelly, Priscilla Morris, Maryann Bello, Mark, Lisa, Joshua Olson, Deirdre, Amy Polwarczyk, Abigail Runstrom, Kevin Greenberg, Diana, Jane, Frank, Jason Cox, Joe; those suffering from homelessness and all types of addiction and mental illness; the residents and staff of Holden Nursing Home; and those who mourn;

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving or petition, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Francis and Clare; Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant add a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: 10:00 a.m.

Cross of Jesus

Hymnal 160

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

8:00 a.m. *All things come of thee, O Lord. **And of Thine own have we given thee.***

10:00 a.m.

Tune: Hymnal 380 v.3

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer C*

BCP 369

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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

8:00 a.m. (spoken)

10:00 a.m. (sung)

Hymnal S-124

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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM:

8:00 a.m. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00 a.m. Agnus Dei **Hymnal S-161**

COMMUNION HYMN: 10:00 a.m. *Let thy Blood in mercy poured* **Hymnal 313**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **BCP 366**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

LENTEN BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 10:00 a.m. *O sacred head, sore wounded* **Hymnal 168**

THE DISMISSAL **BCP 366**

Go in peace and walk in the Way of Love.
Thanks be to God.

SERVERS THIS WEEKEND:

Altar Guild: Sharlene O'Connor, Marje Sullivan, Jenny Sanders, Peggy Jo Webb

Nursing Home: Karen Kappes

8:00 a.m.

Reader: Chris Berglund

10:00 a.m.

Usher: Craig Stanovich

Reader: Linda Shelton

LEM: Laura Caswell

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday – April 2

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing,
Stripping the Altar

Gethsemane Watch begins following the

7:00 p.m. service and ends at 8:00 a.m. on Friday.

Good Friday – April 3

8:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

12:00 Ecumenical Service begins at the Gazebo (near the town Senior Center)
(The Ecumenical Service will begin at St. Francis at approximately 2:00 p.m.)

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday – April 4

9:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy

9:30 a.m. Vigil Rehearsal for LEMs, Lay Readers, and Acolytes

8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday – April 5

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Easter Day Holy Eucharist

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