



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

IN OUR 290TH YEAR

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS - RITE I

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## **Today's Readings**

### **The Gospel of the Palms**

#### **John 12:12-26**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!" Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

#### **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?

#### **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 Gospel of the Passion**

#### **Mark 15:1-39**

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the

crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

**Refrain: 'Jesus, remember me'**

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and

come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

**Refrain: 'Jesus, remember me'**

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

**Refrain: 'Jesus, remember me'**

**Refrain (sung by all)**

*Jesus, remember me*

Taizé

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# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church*

*Page numbers on the right side of this leaflet refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymn numbers are on the left side; numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of the Hymnal.*

*Palm Crosses are available from the ushers before the service begins.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Please stand.*

### Acclamation and Response

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

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

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

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

### The Gospel of the Palms: John 12:12-26

**Gospeller:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*Today's readings are found on page 2-3.*

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy 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 liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in thy tender love for the human race thou sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 31:9-16** *(Please read responsively by whole verse.)*

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 Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11**

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**The Gospel of the Passion: Mark 15:1-39**

**Gospeller:** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*Please be seated.*

**The Homily**

*A period of silent reflection is kept.*

*Please stand.*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Please see page 7 for the names of those we are praying for today.*

**The Peace**

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

*Please be seated.*

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## Offertory

### The Great Thanksgiving

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**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People:** It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant continues.*

### Sanctus and Benedictus

**Celebrant and People:** *(said together)*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:*

*heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people kneel or stand.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

### The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

### The Breaking of the Bread

**Celebrant:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

### Prayer of Humble Access

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### Invitation to Communion

*To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing.*

### The Postcommunion Prayer

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### The Blessing

### The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Go forth in the name of the crucified Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



## Service Participants

### Celebrant

The Reverend Calhoun Walpole

### Homilist

The Reverend Fred Thompson

### Reader

Felicity Myers

### Adult Acolyte & Chalice Bearer

deRosset Myers



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR MARCH 24, 2024

**Celebrant:** As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere, and for this fragile earth, our island home, saying: Lord, have mercy.

**Intercessor:** For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ; for The Church of the Heavenly Rest in Estill and for The Church in the Province of West Africa; let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Intercessor:** For all bishops, priests, and deacons and all the holy people of God, for Ruth our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. For all those preparing for baptism, confirmation, reception or reaffirmation. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Intercessor:** For all nations and peoples; for justice, mercy, and peace in all the world; for all who serve at home or overseas in the military, or in mission or outreach work; May we stand with Christ in his suffering and find freedom in his resurrection. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Intercessor:** For all who are in need; the hungry, the homeless, and all those in prison: may they know Christ's presence and love; let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Intercessor:** In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Intercessor:** For our families, friends, and all those we love; for those in special need, for: Carlton Morrow, Wills Allen, John Martin, Tiffany Maser, Buddy Hawkins, Ann Guettner, Paige Weikle, Bryan Warf, John Davis, Bev Jenkins, Janice Pearce, Joyce Williams, Lindie Grimball, David Spelce, Judy Phelps, Richard Foster, Frank Morris, Jeremy Adcox, Peter Madsen, Doug Hurd, The Reverend Len Williams, and The Reverend Chris Huff. Let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Intercessor:** For those who have died and for those who mourn, may they find mercy in the day of Christ; let us pray.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Celebrant:** Blessed are you, Lord our God, whose Son humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death to bear the pain and grief of all. Receive the prayers we offer this day for those in need in every place; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing for the Sea Islands

St. John's Episcopal Church

John's Island - Wadmalaw Island

Kiawah and Seabrook Islands

*May the love of the Lord of the sea islands enfold you;*

*May the spirit of salt marsh and sweetgrass enliven you;*

*May the gracious and gentle sea breezes renew you;*

*May the grandeur and grace of the great live oak fortify you;*

*May the ready resilience of the palmetto steady you;*

*May you love the Lord Jesus as beautifully as he has loved you;*

*And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
be upon you now and always. Amen.*

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **Prelude**

*Please stand.*

*O, dearest Jesus*

Walcha, Brahms

## **Processional Hymn**

*The clergy process*

## **Hymn**

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!*

Winchester New

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| 1. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!<br>Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;<br>thy humble beast pursues his road<br>with palms and scattered garments strowed. | 3. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!<br>The angel armies of the sky<br>Look down with sad and wondering eyes<br>To see the approaching sacrifice.   |
| 2. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!<br>In lowly pomp ride on to die;<br>O Christ, thy triumphs now begin<br>O'er captive death and conquered sin.           | 4. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!<br>Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;<br>The father on his sapphire throne<br>Expects his own anointed Son. |
| 5. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!<br>In lowly pomp ride on to die;<br>Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,<br>Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.        |  |

## **THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

### **The Acclamation and Response**

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*The acolytes, choir, and service participants process, and the clergy join the procession.*

**Processional Hymn 154** (verses 1-4) *All glory, laud, and honor*

St. Theodulph

**(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 prayers 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)**

**Station Collect**

**Celebrant:** 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.

**Processional Hymn 154** (verses 5-7) *All glory, laud, and honor*

St. Theodulph

**(Refrain)**

**(Refrain)**

**(Refrain)**

5. Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.

6. Thy sorrow and thy triumph  
Grant us, O Christ, to share,  
That to the holy city  
Together we may fare.

7. For homage may we bring thee  
Our victory o'er the foe,  
That in the Conqueror's triumph  
This strain may ever flow.  
**(Refrain)**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant:** Almighty and ever-living 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.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalms 31:1-5**

Dickinson College

1. Save me from shame, my refuge, Lord,  
In righteousness deliver me;  
Incline your ear, O Lord, I pray,  
Make haste to help me, set me free.

2. Be my strong rock; you are my crag,  
My stronghold, castle none can take;  
Lead me, O Lord, along straight paths  
And guide me for your own Name's sake.

3. Release me from the secret snare;  
You are my tower of strength and might;  
I trust my spirit to your hands,  
Redeemer, God of truth and might.

## The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

### Gradual Hymn 458 (verses 1-3)

*My song is love unknown*

Love Unknown

1. My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?

2. He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow,  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O my friend,  
my friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend.

3. Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his strong praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.

## The Gospel of the Passion: Mark 15:1-39

**Gospeller:** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*Please be seated.*

### The Homily

*A period of silent reflection is kept.*

*Please stand.*

### The Prayers of the People

*Today's prayers can be found on page 7.*

### The Peace

*Please be seated.*

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### Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

*God so loved the world*

John Stainer

*Please stand.*

### Presentation Hymn

*Doxology*

Rockingham

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.

### Eucharistic Prayer A

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## The Great Thanksgiving

**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 our thanks and praise.*

## Sanctus & Benedictus S 130

Franz Schubert

*The people kneel or stand.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

### The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

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

## The Breaking of the Bread

**Celebrant:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

### Prayer of Humble Access *(said together)*

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

*To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing.*

## The Communion of the People

*The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.*

**Communion Hymn 474**

*When I survey the wondrous cross*

Rockingham

**Communion Hymn 167**

*There is a green hill far away*

Horsley

**Communion Hymn 439**

*What wondrous love is this*

Wondrous Love

*After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray.*

**Recessional Hymn** *A Hymn for the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*  
*The music can be found on page 15.*

Repton

1. Hosanna to the King of kings,  
Hosanna, Lord of all.  
Hosanna, now with palms and praise,  
the fading of our Lenten days.  
Hosanna, great and small.  
Hosanna great and small.
2. Jerusalem, the time has come,  
to welcome Christ as King.  
From temple, hills and darkened streets,  
the pathway to our week of weeks;  
Your echoed voices ring.  
Your echoed voices ring.
3. The advent of these days  
announce great David's greater Son  
Has come to save his people now,  
The new Goliath, soon to bow;  
His sacrifice begun.  
His sacrifice begun.
4. Messiah met with palms and shouts,  
But soon the palms shall cease.  
When troubling shouts and "crucify",  
When lives for silver pieces buy;  
Betray the Prince of Peace.  
Betray the Prince of Peace.
5. From palms that fall from bending branch,  
to palm nailed to the tree,  
the Savior walks the wounded road,  
while Simon shares the Master's load;  
And now, he beckons me.  
And now, he beckons me.
6. Hosanna to the King of kings,  
Hosanna, Lord of all.  
Hosanna, now with palms and praise,  
our pilgrimage to Easter Days;  
Hosanna, great and small.  
Hosanna great and small.

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Go forth in the name of the crucified Christ.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*



**10:30am Service Participants**

**Celebrant**

The Reverend Callie Walpole

**Preacher**

Dr. Norman Wirzba

**Assisting**

The Reverend Chris Huff  
The Reverend Fred Thompson

**Music**

Anne Warf, Organist  
St. John's Choir

**Verger**

Anne Norton

**Intercessor**

Kelly Wiggins

**Readers**

Peter Lewis  
Jamie Downs

**Chalice Bearers**

Beth Gibbs  
Thomas McAfee

**Acolytes**

Trace McAfee  
Branch McAfee  
Porter McAfee  
Henry Tierney  
Bennett Lewis  
TJ Wiggins

**Ushers**

Bob Norton  
Rich Gomez

## A Word from the Rector

There comes a point when mercy moves beyond words—when dialogue is dead—at least for a season, just as a garden can die in winter, only to be re-born in spring—when it's time, God's time. There comes a point when reasoning is abandoned, and persuasion is set aside. There comes a point—when all is said and done—at which communion becomes possible.

That point is the intersection of the hard wood of the cross. The palm branches are burned till all that remains are their ashes. The curtain of the temple is torn in two. Darkness comes over the land. A king is crucified. All claims to rights are rejected. Our Lord could have saved himself, but he chose not to. Instead, he chose what was his nature, our nature—communion with all humanity—in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

When we meet our Lord and one another on the level ground of the cross, we find that no words are necessary. We are engulfed in the mystery of Christ's passion, resting in the warmth of our Lord's healing blood, and strengthened by the life that flows from the cup of salvation.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Simple prayers, offered in humility. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." That is, "I am yours, Lord. Do with me what you will. May it be according to your word. Not my will, but thine be done. Here I am, Lord."

At the cross. Where our Lord invites us to meet him. May you find it to be none other than the way of life and peace.

We are so delighted to welcome Norman Wirzba and his wife Gretchen Ziegenhals to St. John's this morning! His sermon at 10:30am will explore the theme: "The Way to Love's New Life"

Yours,  
*Callie*

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion

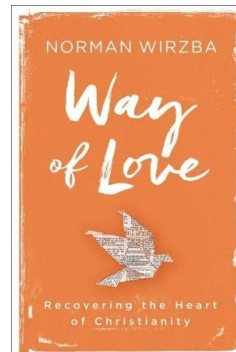
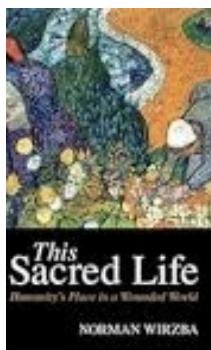
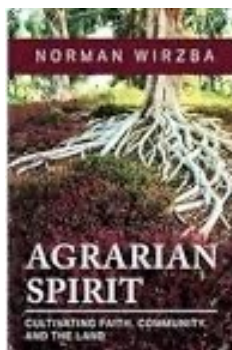
Special Guest Preacher at 10:30

Speaker at the Adult Forum at 9:15am

Norman Wirzba, Gilbert T. Rowe Distinguished Professor of Christian Theology and Senior Fellow at the Kenan Institute of Ethics at Duke University.

Willie James Jennings of Yale University writes: "There is no more important interpreter of how to envision thriving life with the living planet than Norman Wirzba. [He] writes in ways that bring the religious and the nonreligious, the Christian and non-Christian into a shared perception of the problems and possibilities of healthy creaturely life."

Professor Wirzba regularly probes the question: "How can we live with hope in the midst of a deeply wounded world?" The following are several of his recent books:





# Holy Week and Easter

<b>Sunday, March 24</b> <b>Palm Sunday:</b> <b>Sunday of the Passion</b> <b>8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Thursday, March 28</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, March 25</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Friday, March 29</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>11:15 a.m.</b> <b>Liturgy for Good Friday</b> <b>Noon and 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Noon</b>	<b>Saturday, March 30</b> <b>The Great Vigil of Easter</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>This service is held</b> <b>at Grace Chapel, Rockville</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, March 31</b> <b>Easter Day</b> <b>The Sunday of the</b> <b>Resurrection</b> <b>8:00 a.m and. 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m.</b>

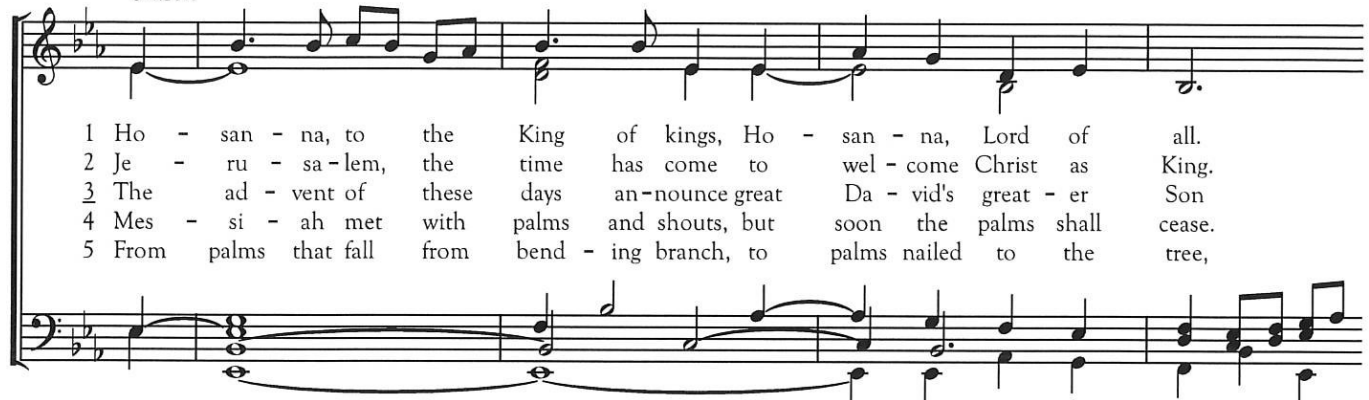
# A Hymn for The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

J. M. A. Wright

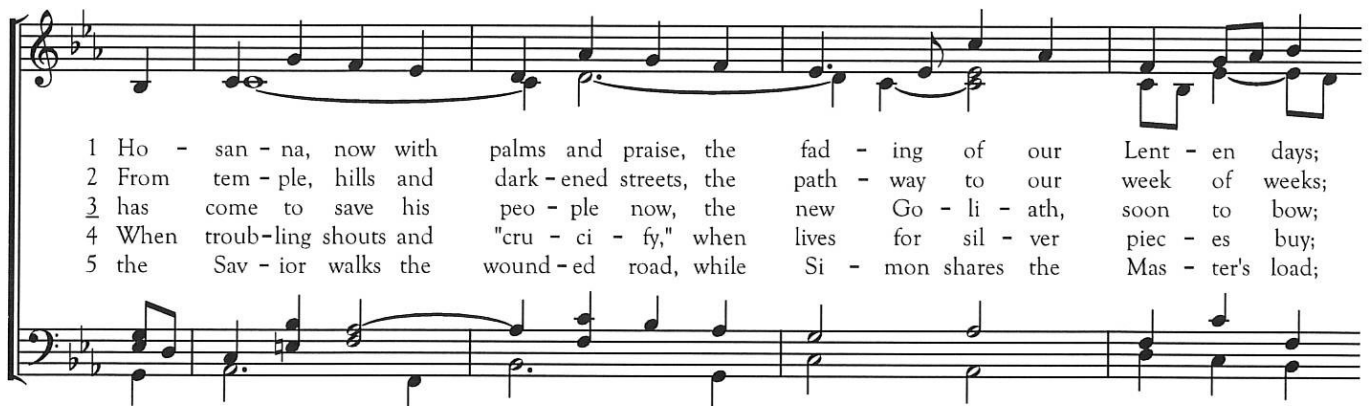
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Sir C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

*Unison*



1 Ho - san - na, to the King of kings, Ho - san - na, Lord of all.  
2 Je - ru - sa - lem, the time has come to wel - come Christ as King.  
3 The ad - vent of these days an - nounce great Da - vid's great - er Son  
4 Mes - si - ah met with palms and shouts, but soon the palms shall cease.  
5 From palms that fall from bend - ing branch, to palms nailed to the tree,



1 Ho - san - na, now with palms and praise, the fad - ing of our Lent - en days;  
2 From tem - ple, hills and dark - ened streets, the path - way to our week of weeks;  
3 has come to save his peo - ple now, the new Go - li - ath, soon to bow;  
4 When troub - ling shouts and "cru - ci - fy," when lives for sil - ver piec - es buy;  
5 the Sav - ior walks the wound - ed road, while Si - mon shares the Mas - ter's load;



1 Ho - san - na, great and small. Ho - san - na great and small.  
2 Your ech - oed voic - es ring. Your ech - oed voic - es ring.  
3 His sac - ri - fice be - gun. His sac - ri - fice be - gun.  
4 Be - tray the Prince of Peace. Be - tray the Prince of Peace.  
5 And now, he beck - ons me. And now, he beck - ons me.

6 Hosanna, to the King of kings,  
Hosanna, Lord of all.  
Hosanna, now with palms and praise,  
Our pilgrimage to Easter Day;  
Hosanna, great and small.  
Hosanna, great and small

## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

### Today, Sunday, March 24

8:00am - Palm Sunday: Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open  
9:15am - 10:15am - Christian Formation  
10:30am - Palm Sunday: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Tuesday, March 26

10:30am - Centering Prayer  
12:00pm - Weekday Eucharist  
1:00pm - Sauntering Prayer  
6:30pm - AA Meeting  
7:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

### Wednesday, March 27

10:00am - Spanish Story Time  
10:00am - Gravestone Cleaning  
11:00am - Staff Meeting  
1:00pm - Wednesday Bible Study  
3:00pm - Farmers Market  
5:00pm - Stations of the Cross  
5:30pm - Holy Eucharist  
6:00pm - Supper, Walton Hall  
6:30pm - Lenten Discussions

### Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday

7:00pm - Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist

### Friday, March 29, Good Friday

10:00am - Zumbini  
11:15am - Stations of the Cross  
12:00pm - Liturgy for Good Friday  
6:30pm - AA Meeting  
7:00pm - Liturgy for Good Friday

### Saturday, March 30

7:00pm - The Great Vigil of Easter - Grace Chapel, Rockport

### Next Sunday, March 31, Easter Day

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open  
9:30 - Easter Day Egg Hunt  
10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Make an Easter gift of lilies for the church in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone special. Please complete the form below.

You may include as many names as you like. Forms will also be available in next Sunday's bulletin and at the church office this week.

**Please return the form before March 25th** to ensure that your memorial is included in the Easter Day Bulletin.

In memory / thanksgiving of: (Please Print)

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Given by: -----

Phone: -----

Please make checks payable to St. John's and include flower fund in memo line.

You may also mail this form to:

St. John's Episcopal Church

P. O. Box 423 John's Island, SC 29457



## **ST. JOHN'S NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Prayer Needs**

If you would like to add anyone to the public prayer list (with their permission) please contact Anne-Clark Cromwell. [acromwell@stjohns1734.org](mailto:acromwell@stjohns1734.org)  
To add a name to our Private Prayer list please contact Caroline Sinkler via call or text at 843-693-7758.

### **Church Directory**

Looking to connect with other parish members? We are in the process of developing a church directory through our new platform called Realm. To gain access to our directory you will need to create an account in Realm. Anne-Clark in our church office is ready to assist you with registration. Please contact her via email at [acromwell@stjohns1734.org](mailto:acromwell@stjohns1734.org) or by calling 843-974-5593



### **Online Giving**

Have you seen our new online giving program? You can create an account to set up recurring donations and use our free app. If you'd like account-level access, please contact the church office. We'll then email you so you can get started today.



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### **Altar Guild**

If you are interested in being a part of the Altar Guild, please contact Anne Norton at [annenorton4@gmail.com](mailto:annenorton4@gmail.com) Or Maureen Ray at [drstevenray@comcast.net](mailto:drstevenray@comcast.net)

### **Choir**

Are you interested in singing in our choir? Please meet Anne Warf in the church after the 10:30 service or contact Anne Warf at (215)530-8360 [annewarf@gmail.com](mailto:annewarf@gmail.com)

### **Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer every Tuesday from 10:30- 11:30 am.  
If you have any comments or questions, please contact Vance Mann: [hvancem@icloud.com](mailto:hvancem@icloud.com) or 828-273-7592.

### **Weekday Eucharist Tuesdays at Noon**

Join us on Tuesdays at noon for Holy Eucharist in the church.

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

For more information, contact Beth Gibbs: [bethwgibbs@gmail.com](mailto:bethwgibbs@gmail.com) or 843-870-7540

### **Adult Sunday School**

The Adult Class meets in Walton Hall.  
Coffee 9:15am Class 9:30

### **Sunday School for the Little Ones**

Join us each Sunday at 9:15 am as Lucy and Thomas McAfee and friends lead us through our school year.  
This class meets in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

### **Flower Guild**

If you are interested in being a part of the Flower Guild, please contact Anne-Clark Cromwell [acromwell@stjohns1734.org](mailto:acromwell@stjohns1734.org)

### **Ushers**

Men, women, & couples are welcome to serve as ushers during our services here at St. John's and Grace Chapel.  
If you are interested in becoming an Usher please contact Bob Norton at [rlnorton1029@gmail.com](mailto:rlnorton1029@gmail.com).

### **Nametags**

If you are in need of a nametag, please contact Karen Poehling at [karenheiman@me.com](mailto:karenheiman@me.com)

### **Text Giving**

It's the easiest way to make a donation to St. John's.  
Just text STJOHNS1734 to 73256  
*Standard text message and data rates may apply.*

### **Outreach Meeting**

1st (1pm) and 3rd (5:30pm) Thursday of each month in Guerry Hall. Please come and bring your ideas to help St. John's Episcopal Church grow in our community.  
All are welcome. For more information contact Clark Cromwell at [ccromwell@stjohns1734.org](mailto:ccromwell@stjohns1734.org)

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

JOIN US FOR OUR

# EASTER DAY EGG HUNT

MARCH 31, 2024  
AT 9:30 PM



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Episcopal Church  
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## ST. JOHN'S WELCOMES YOU

**We are glad you are with us today.** If you are new to St. John's, please fill out the visitors card below. Here is some information that you may find helpful.

**Welcome:** All are welcome to receive communion. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

**Help:** If you need assistance at any time, our ushers are happy to help.

**Handicapped Parking:** Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot. A handicap ramp serves the entrance of the church and church office.

**Children:** All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

**Activity Bags:** Bags are located in the back of the church for children to use in the pew during the service. Please return when the service is over.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open on Sundays from 9:00am - 12:00pm in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

**Sunday School:** Join us Sunday at 9:15am as Lucy and Thomas McAfee and friends lead us through our school year. This class meets in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

**Nametags:** Nametags are available. If you would like one printed for you, please contact Karen Poehling at karenheiman@me.com

### Weekly E-Newsletter

Get the latest St. John's news sent straight to your inbox! Use the QR code to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter and be up to date on all the exciting things happening at St. John's Episcopal Church.



## Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Please fill out this contact information card and drop it into the offering plate or give it to one of our greeters. You may also use the QR Code to scan and fill out our google doc instead. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Family Members: (Please include ages if child/youth)

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Please Circle All That Apply:

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