

Disciples making Disciples for Jesus Christ:
By Encountering God, Equipping God's People,
and Extending God's Kingdom



Christ Episcopal Church

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
March 25, 2018

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.



WELCOME!

Christ Episcopal Church is a Christ-centered, joy-filled community that is blessed by your presence. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

Our typical Sunday includes, Sunday School for grades Pre K–8 begins at 10 am downstairs located in the Zone. Journey to Adulthood (J2A) for grades 9–12 begins at 10 am downstairs in the Zone. Nursery Care for infants to 3 year olds is available from 9:30-11:30 am downstairs in the Zone too.

If you are visiting today, please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate. Please join us for coffee-hour in the Guilds Room after worship!

This morning begins the most solemn week of the Christian Year, with Christians throughout the world, we come together this Holy Week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the center of the Easter mystery: our Lord's conquering of death and his call to follow him.

We will gather at the Cottage Place entrance and process together into the church.

Palms will be blessed and distributed as part of the service.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark 11:1-11

see reading insert

THE BLESSING OVER THE BRANCHES

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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

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

Wave your palm in the air while following the cross and choir as we process into the church.

HEAR THE CHILDREN SING HOSANNA!

Ruth Elaine Schram

Congregation sings: Blessed is He! Blessed is He! Hear the children sing.
Blessed is He! Blessed is He! Hosanna to the King!

After entering the Church and going into pews, the Celebrant says from the front of the altar.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH *see reading insert*

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

see reading insert

said in unison, seated

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

see reading insert

Philippians 2:5-11

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 167

THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY

THE SERMON

The Reverend Thomas E Mathews Jr.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FORM VI

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Primate; Mark, our Bishop; and Tom and Bill, our priests; and for all ministers.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions. Silence

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings. Silence

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions. Silence

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader & Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
People in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

By Robert Lau

sung by the Chancel Choir at 10 am

The bread and wine are brought forward first. The offering plates are then circulated during the anthem.

Living generously is a major part of discipleship, and we thank you for giving back to God through the parish ministry of Christ Church.

PRESENTATION HYMN

154 ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

sung by all at 10 am, standing

The financial offering is brought forward by the ushers during the final verse of the hymn.

The Celebrant may add the following

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, p. 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

said by all at 8 am

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 SANCTUS, S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant & People	We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.
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The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may
be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being
sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection
under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your
saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the
author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and
glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

said by all at 8 am

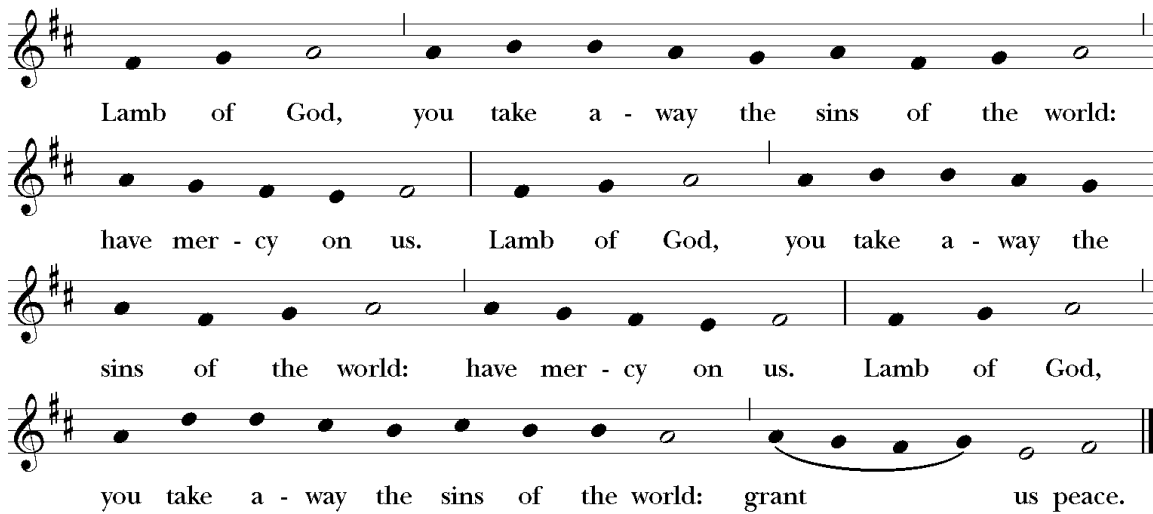
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

10 am music graphic on the next page

THE FRACTION ANTHEM, S-161



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AT THE COMMUNION

All who wish to receive Jesus in the sacrament of his Body and Blood are invited to do so. Receive the Bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. (Gluten-free wafers are available; tell the Celebrant if you prefer that.) Receive the Wine, which follows, either by drinking from the chalice as it is extended to you, or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine.

If you would prefer a blessing instead of communion, please come to the altar at the same time. You may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over the chest. When you return to your seats, please take a few moments to reflect on the gifts you have received.

Laying on of Hands for healing is available for everyone (at the 10 am) who wishes it during Communion to the right of the altar. A member of our prayer ministry is available to pray with you during the distribution of Communion. The lay minister will pray in the ancient way, laying hands on your head and speaking an intercessor's prayer on your behalf.

The Bread and the Cup are giving to the communicants with these words
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN

see insert

sung by all at 10 am, seated

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LENTEN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The altar candles are extinguished.

MISSIONAL HYMN

see insert

sung by all at 10 am, standing

The final hymn is sung with the choir in place rather than while processing.

Remain seated for the Passion Reading

Please see reading insert

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

15:1-39 (40-47)

At the conclusion of the Passion, the lights are turned off and the Acolytes, Choir, & Clergy recess in silence.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



HOLY WEEK 2018 SCHEDULE

Holy Monday- March 26

Holy Eucharist 7 p.m.

Holy Tuesday-March 27

Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m.

Holy Wednesday- March 28

Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday- March 29

A soup & salad dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 p.m.

Overnight vigil in church, beginning immediately after service.

Good Friday- March 30

Good Friday Liturgy with Communion and Veneration of the Cross at

7 a.m., 12 noon and **two** services at 7 p.m.

Good Friday service with music in church plus Kid friendly service at 7pm in Sunday School area.

Holy Saturday-March 31

Service of the Tomb 8 a.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter- March 31

Great Vigil: Lighting of new flame, Holy Eucharist and First Easter Service- 7:30 p.m.

Easter Day- April 1

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. JOY! and 10 a.m.

Easter egg hunt for the children will be held after the JOY! and 10 a.m. services.

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