



# St. James Episcopal Church

*Our commitment: Walk in love with God.*

***The Sunday of the Passion:  
Palm Sunday  
April 13, 2025***

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**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**  
**April 13, 2025**

*The congregation gathers on the front lawn.*

**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. **Amen.**

**Luke 19:28-40**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*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 him 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.

**Amen.**

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

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

**Bell Tolls**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The congregation will begin to process behind the choir into the church as we sing.*

**Hymn #154** *All glory, laud and honor (insert)*

*Inside the church, the service continues.*

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**Collect of the Day**

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 219*

*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. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated for the Lessons)*

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

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16**

*(We will read responsively as instructed by the Lector)*

- 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."

**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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke** (*insert*)

**Homily:** The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

**Prayers of the People**

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.

For all who are to be baptized and for all those preparing for Baptism and their sponsors; for the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

*Moment of silence.*

*People: Lord, have mercy.*

For *Sean Rowe*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Mark Stevenson and Gayle Harris*, our Bishops, for *Rev. Jennifer*, our Rector, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for the clergy and congregations of *Grace, Alexandria, and St. Luke's, Wellington, Alexandria*; for all who minister in Christ and for all the holy people of God. *Moment of silence.*

*People: Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, Donald J. Trump, our Governor, Glenn Youngkin, our Mayor, Daniel Carter; for all nations, peoples, tribes, clans and families. *Moment of silence.*

*People: Lord, have mercy.*

For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world. *Moment of silence.*

*People: Lord, have mercy.*

For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need. *Moment of silence.*

*People: Lord, have mercy.*

For the dying and the dead, and for those who mourn. *Moment of silence.*

*People: Lord, have mercy.*

For all refugees and those seeking safety in the midst of chaos; for our families, friends and companions, and for all those we love.

*Moment of silence.*

*People: Lord, have mercy.*

Remembering all those who have gone before us in faith, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Moment of silence.*

**People:** *To you, O Lord, our God.*

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

### **Peace & Greeting**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Offering of Gifts and Praise**

*Celebrant* “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” (*Luke*)

**Anthem:** *He Was Wounded* Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741); arr. Hal Hopson  
(please stand)

#### **Doxology**

*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.*

**Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A** *Book of Common Prayer, pg. 361*  
(Please remain standing)

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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:

#### **Sanctus S-125**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

(Please kneel, as you are able)

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Music at Communion:**

#158 *Ah, holy Jesus*

#712 *Dona Nobis Pacem*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 366*

*Let us pray:*

**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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Solemn Prayer**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn #474** *When I survey the wondrous cross*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

**Postlude:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Edwin Childs

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***Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."***

We welcome all visitors to St. James. If you would like to know more about our church family, please sign a pew card as well as the guest register on the table in the back. We want to know that you were here, so be sure to leave your contact information, including your e-mail & mailing address, so that we may contact you. Thank you for joining us this morning.

## **Holy Week Services:**

**Maundy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar**

**Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 p.m. ~ The Rite of Reconciliation is available for anyone who desires it following the noon service. The church will remain open for prayer until 3:00 p.m. when there will be the tolling of the bell. At 4:00pm a guide will lead through the Stations of the Cross**

**Easter Sunday – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. @ St. John's Chapel with Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

**10:00 a.m. Service, Holy Eucharist, Rite Two @ St. James Episcopal Church, Louisa**

***Easter Egg Hunt for the children will follow the 10a.m. service on the back lawn***

***REMINDER: Please bring flowers on Easter morning to decorate the cross located in the church yard. Also, each child will need to bring a basket for the Easter Egg Hunt.***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

**10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Jill Schumacher (Officiant), Dana Racette (Homilist)**

### Intercessions

**Church Members:** John & Ginna Cullen, Errol Flynn

**Family of Church Members:** Allison Davis, Jimmy Dyson, Jack Steele, Amy Pedigo, Kristin Zonozi

**Friends of Church Members:** Cathy Collins, Owen, Keely Edwards, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

**For the clergy and congregations of** Christ Church, Alexandria; St. Mark's, Richmond; St. Paul's, King George; The Fork Church, Doswell

**For those in military service, especially:** Jacob Laws, Garrett & Rebecca Bond, Hope Matkins, Zachary Lynch, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser

### For those celebrating Birthdays/Anniversaries/Thanksgiving in April:

13-Brian Southall; 14-Gerry Higgins, Megan Barrett; 16-Anna Dockum; 21-Jeff & Cochran Garnett; 23-Anna Schick; 26-Alexis Downey; 28-Molly Barr, Mary & John Miller

### Those Who Serve Today

Crucifer/Cup of Intinction: Phil Bennett

Chalice: Linda Harvey

Lector: Dale Williams (8) / Linda Brickey (10)

Passion Narrator: Sunny Agee (8) / Patty Driskill (10)

Prayers of the People: Kim Williams (8) / Linda Harvey (10)

Ushers: Linda Harvey (8) / Graven & Kelly Craig (10)

Sunday School: Debbie Wesley

Altar Guild: Amy Shiflett

Counters: Kelly Craig / Randy Keil

### Passion Readers (All parts, except for the Narrator, will be read from your pew. Please stand while speaking so that your voice will project better to the congregation.)

**Narrator:** Sunny Agee (8) / Patty Driskill (10)

**Jesus:** Rev. Jennifer (8) / Rev. Jennifer (10)

**Peter:** TBD (8) / Graven Craig (10)

**Disciple:** TBD (8) / Phil Bennett (10)

**Servant 1:** TBD (8) / Linda Brickey (10)

**Servant 2:** TBD (8) / Linda Harvey (10)

**Servant 3:** TBD (8) / Kelly Craig (10)

**Soldier 1:** TBD (8) / Randy Keil (10)

**Soldier 2:** TBD (8) / Jennifer Myer (10)

**Elder 1:** TBD (8) / Sharon Boivin (10)

**Elder 2:** TBD (8) / Kathy Campbell (10)

**Elder 3:** TBD (8) / Jan Wisniewski (10)

**Pilate:** TBD (8) / Tom Woolfolk (10)

**Criminal 1:** TBD (8) / Ann Wisniewski (10)

**Criminal 2:** TBD (8) / Lin Kogle (10)

**Centurion:** TBD (8) / Pam Stone (10)