



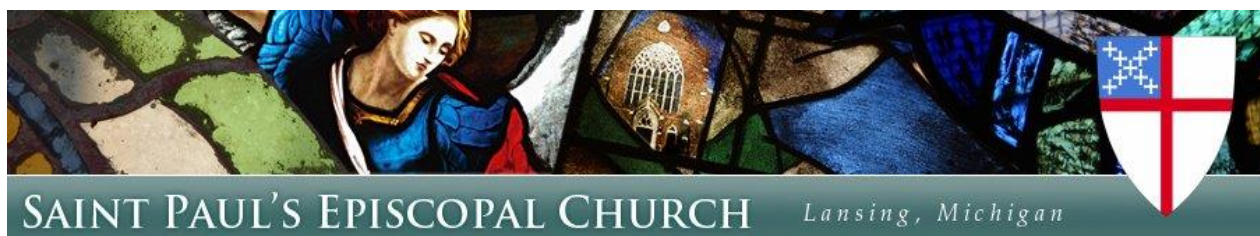
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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday --- March 24, 2024
Holy Eucharist 10:00am

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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024

PRELUDE

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**
Officiant 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.**

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Mark 11:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethpage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Officiant continues

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

Officiant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest.**
Officiant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Refrain

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,

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 - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Repeat Refrain

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Officiant The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Officiant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are invited to sit

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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**

PSALM 31:9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;*
 my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;*
 my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
 a dismay to those of my acquaintance;*
 when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;*
 I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;*
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.*
 I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand;*
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,*
 and in your loving-kindness save me.

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

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.**

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

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷ He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹ But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶² Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹ But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." ⁷² At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

¹⁵ 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. ² Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹

Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³ They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ 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.

²¹ 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. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called *Golgotha (which means the place of a skull)*. ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ 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. ³² 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.

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ 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?" ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ 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." ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ 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!"

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this day the church hears again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the whole church throughout the world, Michael our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop, and all bishops, clergy, and the baptized that we may have the mind of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace among nations especially in the Middle East and the Ukraine, and forbearance among all people; for wise decisions by leaders of communities and nations that they may be ruled by humility and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation as we strive to faithfully walk the road toward the cross, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely and homeless, the oppressed and the forgotten, the weary and the sick, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud ____; for those who are in prison; and for those who are consumed by sorrow, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the community of Lansing and for family, friends, and neighbors, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We give thanks for all the departed whose faith and witness have nourished our own, and for ourselves, that we may be obedient even unto death, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

God our creator, you show your sons and daughters the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Christ our savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Were You There

Jeff Kressler

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt. Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant God be with you
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Officiant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and established an everlasting covenant with every living creature upon the earth.

When we abandoned your covenant, you led your prophet Elijah to your mountain, where, as he fasted forty days and forty nights, he heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Then the Officiant continues as the people stand or kneel

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights in preparation for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the disciples during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the Paschal feast of your Son's death and resurrection, you lead us to repentance for our sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to renew the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said; "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

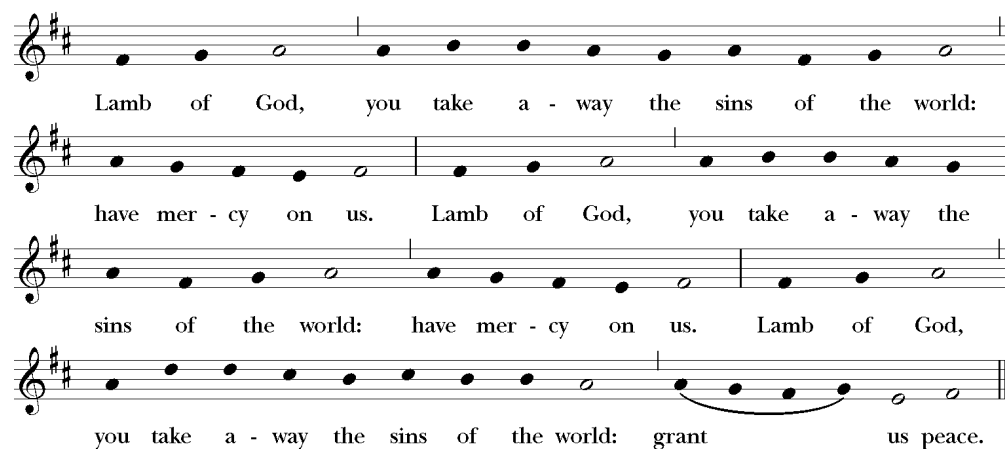
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

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The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread



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THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy gifts for Holy People

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All God's people are invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available: please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will wipe the space from which you drank prior to the next person.

An alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safeguards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

After you have received communion and returned to your seat, you are invited to silently offer the following prayer or another of your choosing to God. Remember that others are still receiving communion and your quietness will assist in this most holy experience.

Gracious God, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love
AJ Walilko, soloist

Charles Dupree

COMMUNION HYMN

There is a green hill far away

HYMN 167

1 There is a green hill far a-way, out-side a ci-ty wall,
2 We may not know, we can-not tell, what pains he had to bear,
*3 He died that we might be for-given, he died to make us good,
*4 There was no o-ther good e-nough to pay the price of sin,
5 O dear-ly, dear-ly has he loved! And we must love him too,
1 where our dear Lord was cru-ci-fied who died to save us all.
2 but we be-lieve it was for us he hung and suf-fered there.
3 that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his pre-cious blood.
4 he on-ly could un-lock the gate of heaven and let us in.
5 and trust in his re-deem-ing blood, and try his works to do.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Horsley*, William Horsley (1774-1858).

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The People say together

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Officiant Bow down before the Lord.

The people bow their heads.

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended

HYMN 158

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

AT THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

What Wondrous Love is This

Robert Hebble

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Greg Wortley
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Steven Kandow
Prayers of the People	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Chalice Bearers	Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Greg Wortley
Counters	Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Carol Thomas
Ushers	Larry Clark, Gary Ashby, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko
Coffee Hour	Martha McKee, Rich Magee
Greeters	
Recycling Team	Martha McKee
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Carol Thomas
Vestry Person of the Day	Bob Merriman

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 7:15pm

Crucifer	Greg Wortley
Lector	Susan Kendall
Prayers of the People	Margaret Schulte
Chalice Bearers	Justin Alexander, Theresa Milne
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Melissa Blood, Carrie Freeman, Marti Narezo
Ushers	Justin Alexander, Bob Merriman

Assisting Good Friday, March 29, 2024 - Noon

Lector	Barb Heany, AJ Walilko
Chalice Bearer	Barb Heany
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Melissa Blood, Carrie Freeman, Marti Narezo
Usher	Bob Merriman

Assisting Good Friday, March 29, 2024 - 7:00pm

Lector	Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Elisabeth Richardson, Greg Wortley
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Melissa Blood, Carrie Freeman, Marti Narezo
Ushers	Justin Alexander, David Parks, Debbie Parks

Assisting next Sunday, March 31, 2024

Crucifer	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Subdeacon	Amy Wortley
Lector	Graham Crabtree
Prayers of the People	Nancy Rudd
Chalice Bearers	Amy Wortley, Greg Wortley
Counters	Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Sue Le Duc (chair), Jane Bryce, Nancy Merriman, Theresa Milne
Ushers	John Nevin, Jack Baker, Bob Merriman
Greeters	
Recycling Team	AJ & Hillary Walilko
Vestry Person of the Day	AJ Walilko

Opportunities for Prayer March 24, 2024
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We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Joanne, Mike, Pat, Melissa, Tom, Pam, Marion, Sebastian, Ron, Allan, Hannah, Kate, Dezmon & family, Mable, Sue, and Sarah. **Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Susan Kendall and Anne & Peter Kressler.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Rescue Mission of Lansing, 607 E Michigan Ave, Lansing MI 48912.

We pray for our downtown church community: Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

We pray for our worshiping communities: All Together Campus Ministry, Detroit; St. John's, Westland; Holy Cross, Santa Fe, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church in the Province of West Africa.

We pray for: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Donna McNiel, our associate for liturgy and pastoral care; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

<p style="text-align: center;">Announcements for the Week of March 24 – March 31, 2024</p>

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes in May, June, August, October & November in the Choir Room from 10am-3pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/AED. Please check the schedule and sign up in the Merrifield Room. Questions? Please contact John David Hawkins h012T@comcast.net.

Calling all Soul Partners! Our meeting has been moved to April 28th after the 10:00am service. Please mark your calendars for a meeting with Karen in the VanAtta Room. If you are interested in learning about this unique ministry, please come to the meeting.

Mission & Outreach: Thank you so much for helping us fill the shopping cart with Easter basket supplies for Samaritas! Samaritas will be delivering over one hundred baskets for refugee children. Coming up: St. Paul's Drumming, Sunday NEXT WEEK. Meet in the sanctuary after coffee hour. St. Paul's Bed Build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Saturday, May 11.

An Afternoon with Kitty Donohoe – Save the Date: Ann Arbor based Singer, Songwriter and Author Kitty Donohoe, will perform a free concert at St. Paul's on **Sunday, April 7th at 3:00pm**. Kitty has wonderful music and stories to tell drawn from her Irish heritage and American roots. Kitty is an Emmy recipient for her heartfelt song "There Are No Words" written after the 911 tragedy. Her performance at the 911 Memorial Dedication is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtkC9Dx5JxI>.

The Ingham County Racial Equity Task Force and the Housing Trust Fund are sponsoring community conversations to gather feedback from community members and other stakeholders about housing needs and priorities, and to provide information about the current state of affordable housing in Ingham County. All Ingham County residents are welcome to attend one or all of these community conversations. They will be held from 6 – 7:00pm on April 17th at Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash Street, Mason and on May 15th at The Fledge 1300 Eureka Street.

The Ingham County Home Buyers Crew, a collaboration of the Housing Trust fund and the Ingham County Land Bank, and many other local housing partners and financial institutions, collaborate to direct home buyers to resources that help make homeownership more attainable and accessible. More information and the partner list is on the Home Buyers Crew site on www.tr.ingham.org. Please pass this info along if you know of someone who might benefit from this group.

If Music Be the Food – Saturday, April 13th at 7:00pm: Please join us. St. Paul's will again be hosting the concert series, "If Music Be the Food". Talented students of the MSU College of Music will be performing a varied selection of music so that we might bring nonperishable food stuffs and monies to support the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Help spread the word and invite everyone you know to be fed with music and spread a table of plenty for our community.

Coffee Hour sign up: We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

Reminder: Please schedule all meetings with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is a space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

Recycle ink cartridges: Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

Here at St. Paul's - We Recycle: Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. Since 2018 St. Paul's has been using compostable plates, cups, and cutlery for coffee hour and meals. The cups and cutlery we use are made of cornstarch! On those occasions when we can't use compostable materials, we have a separate collection bin for rinsed plastic to be recycled. Please use these supplies when you host coffee hour or any event with food. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **\$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers. If we don't have \$120 (\$60 for the summer) per week for flowers, there will be no flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

Contributions Last Week: For the week of March 17, 2024, St. Paul's received **\$10,717** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$9,032
Operating Income	\$505
Loose Offering	\$5
Memorial Restricted Gift	\$1,175

<p align="center">This Week at St. Paul's March 24 – March 31, 2024</p>
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Sunday, 3/24:		Palm Sunday
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour – Merrifield Room
Monday 3/25:	7:00pm	Evening Prayer - Online
Tuesday, 3/26:		D’Kwon Guerrero Away
	7:00pm	Evening Prayer - Online
Wednesday, 3/27:		D’Kwon Guerrero Away
	7:00pm	Evening Prayer - Online
Thursday, 3/28:		Maundy Thursday
		D’Kwon Guerrero Away in am
	6:00pm	Friendship Meal – Merrifield Room
	7:15pm	Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar
Friday, 3/29:		Good Friday
	12:00pm	Good Friday Liturgy
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Good Friday Service of Readings & Music
Saturday, 3/30:		Holy Saturday
	10:00am	Easter Flower Delivery
Sunday, 3/31:		Easter Sunday
	8:30-9:30am	Easter Breakfast w/Teresa Barcy – Merrifield Room
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour – Merrifield Room

<p align="center">Holy Week Services</p>

<p align="center"> March 25: 7:00pm – Evening Prayer – online March 26: 7:00pm – Evening Prayer – online March 27: 7:00pm – Evening Prayer – online March 28: 6:00pm – Maundy Thursday Friendship Meal – Merrifield Room March 28: 7:15pm – Maundy Thursday Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar March 29: 12:00pm – Good Friday Liturgy – Sanctuary March 29: 7:00pm – Good Friday Service of Readings & Music March 31: 8:30am – 9:30am – Easter Breakfast by Teresa Barcy – Professional Party Planners March 31: 10:00am Easter Sunday Worship & Holy Communion </p>
