



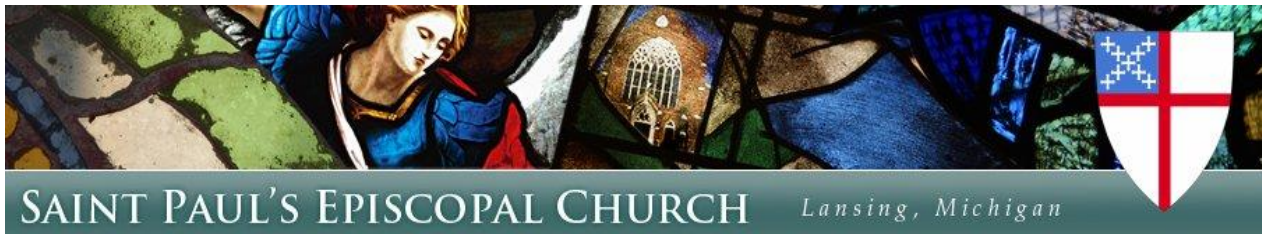
“Our Welcome”

In the light of God’s unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

Palm Sunday --- April 13, 2025
Holy Eucharist 10:00am

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
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St. Paul's Staff: : The Rev. Karen C. Lewis, Rector; The Rev. Canon Dr. W. Richard Hamlin, Priest Associate; The Rev. Dr. Donna McNeil, Associate for Liturgy and Pastoral Care; The Very Rev. Gail Shafer, Priest Associate; Ms. Stephanie Gewirtz, Minister of Music; Ms. Theresa Milne, Parish Administrator; Ms. Barbara Heany, Sunday School Director; Ms. Katie Alexander, Nursery Attendant; Mr. D'Kwon Guerrero, Sexton/Custodian; Mr. Conrad Moyer, A/V Technician.

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PALM SUNDAY
April 13, 2025

PRELUDE

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

The People stand

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 Luke

LUKE 19:29-40

After Jesus had said this, 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."

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.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION

Officiant Let us go forth in peace.
 People In the name of Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

All glory laud and honor

HYMN 154

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,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

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)

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 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 The Skull, all stand. The Passion is announced as follows

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ² They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³ Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵ But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²² A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, (*The People Stand*) they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood

by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Donna McNiel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this day the church hears again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. Re-created 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, Sean our presiding bishop and Bonnie, our bishop; for all bishops, clergy, and the baptized, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace among nations especially in Ukraine, and forbearance among all people, for leaders to make wise decisions with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

For the community of Lansing, including the social service agencies that support our area, and for family, friends, and neighbors, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We give thanks for all the departed who had the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God. We pray 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

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

OFFERTORY HYMN

O Sacred head sore wounded

HYMN 168

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 and 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 Hessler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant The Lord 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

Holy One, in this dry and weary land we give you thanks and praise. You provide for us in our need; you set a table for us in the wilderness. Even when we despair and complain against you, you feed us with bread from heaven. Even when we quarrel and question your grace, you give us water from a stone. How can we keep silent? Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your praise:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS

S124

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

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus, our way in the wilderness, our companion in the desert. He knows our hunger and thirst; he gives us the bread of life to eat and living water to drink. He leads us beside still water and prepares this table for us, even in the presence of our enemies. The cup of blessing overflows!

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

On that same night he took the cup, saying, "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."

The people say together

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Now pour out your Holy Spirit upon this bread, this cup, this dry and weary land. By the power of your Spirit, breathe life into our dust and hope into our bones.

As we receive this bread and cup, make us one flesh and one blood, one in the body of Christ. Let us live to sing your praise and show your love to all, until our wilderness wandering is over, and we feast with you forever in the land that you have promised.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, O God, now and always. **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

S161

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who hunger for God are invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available: please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. 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 seat, 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

Were You There?
Larry Clar, soloist

Gwyneth Walter

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.

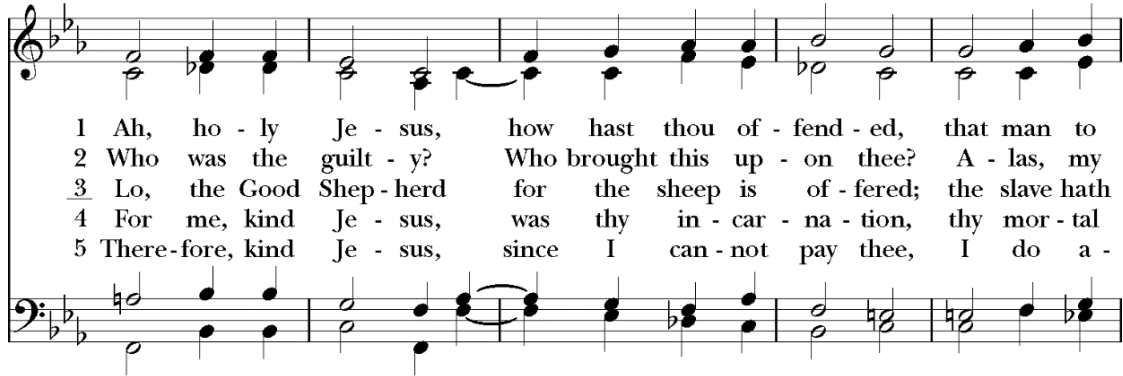
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SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

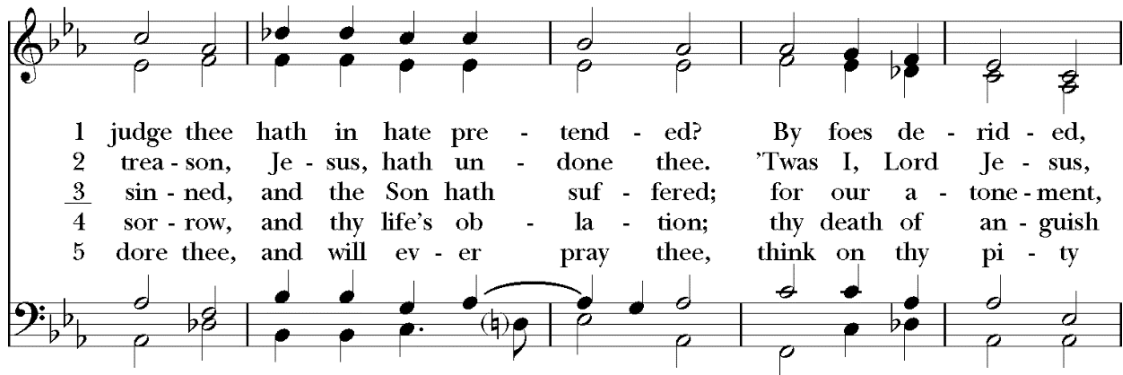
Officiant Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel or stand and bow their heads.

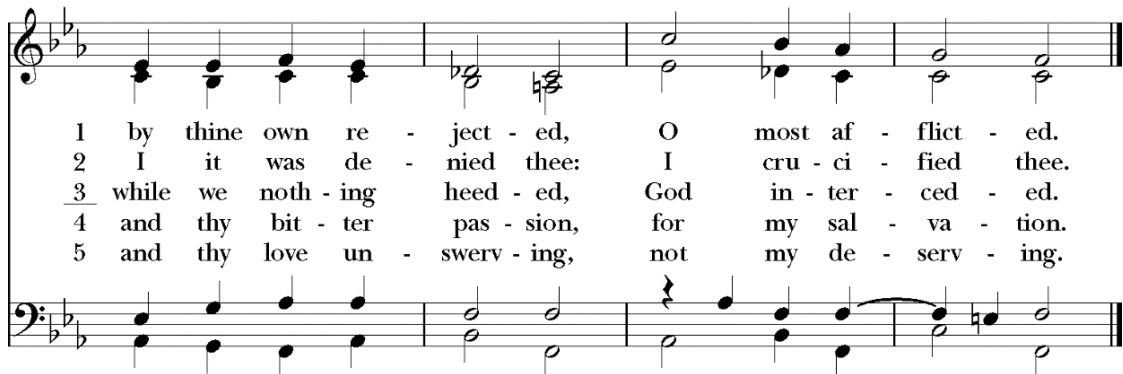
Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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) Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

AT THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Passion Chorale

David Bednall

Assisting in Today's Service Assisting in Today's Service

Crucifer	Greg Wortley
Subdeacon	Amy Wortley
Lector	Brad Deacon
Prayers of the People	Martha McKee
Chalice Bearers	Jen Humphries, Greg Wortley
Counters	Martha McKee, Margaret Schulte
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Nancy Merriman (chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne
Ushers	Joe Lehning, Michael Hart, Mark Rudd
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	Joe Lehning, Josh, Carrie, & Wyatt Freeman
Blessing Box	Jeff & Patty Irwin
Recycling Team	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Susan Henderson
Vestry Person of the Day	Amy Wortley

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 7:15pm

Crucifer	Greg Wortley
Lector	Amanda Ross
Prayers of the People	Margaret Schulte
Chalice Bearers	Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Debbie Parks
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Carol Thomas
Ushers	

Assisting Good Friday, April 18, 2025 - Noon

Lector	Martha Mckee, Theresa Milne
Chalice Bearer	Barb Heany, Theresa Milne
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Carol Thomas
Usher	

Assisting Good Friday, April 18, 2025 - 7:00pm

Lector	Greg Wortley, Susan Kendall, Graham Crabtree, Herb Tanner, Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Steven Kandow
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Carol Thomas
Ushers	

Assisting Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	Amanda Ross
Prayers of the People	Libby Richardson
Chalice Bearers	Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Leslie Hall
Counters	
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro
Ushers	John Nevin, Jack Baker, Bob Merriman Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko
Greeters	
Blessing Box	Joe Lehning
Recycling Team	Bob Merriman
Vestry Person of the Day	David Parks

<p>Opportunities for Prayer April 13, 2025</p>
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We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Tom, Sarah, Heather, Sebastian, Peter, Natalie, Julie, Mark, Chris, Bill, Robin, Samantha, and Leigh. **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: Karen Lewis, and Norma Lindholm.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Greater Lansing Food Bank, 2116 Mint Rd, Lansing 48906.

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 worshipping communities: St. Katherine's, Williamston; Nativity Church, Bloomfield Township; St. John the Evangelist, Piedra Blanca, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of England.

We pray for: Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York; Sean Rowe, 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.

Announcements for The Week
April 13, 2025 - April 20, 2025

Mission and Outreach: Thank you for your contributions to Samaritas for their Easter Basket Project. Sleep in Heavenly Peace has a delivery day planned for April 26. If you can help, please sign up on their website. Thanks to the If Music Be the Food concert, a trunk full of food, toilet paper, and financial contributions were delivered to the First Presbyterian Food Pantry last week. Thank you for your support. As we celebrate Easter, let us continue to reach out to our community in love and support.

Noisy Offering Recipient for April - June is Loaves and Fishes Ministries: Loaves and Fishes Ministries was established in the spring of 1981 as a short-term overnight homeless shelter. The founding group was guided by the lives and ministries of Mother Teresa, Gandhi and Jesus and their message of demonstrating God's love through service. Today Loaves & Fishes Ministries provides short-term emergency and long-term transitional housing, advocacy and support services for homeless adults and children in a caring Christian environment.

Maundy Thursday Friendship Meal, April 17th at 6:15pm. Service at 7:15pm followed by the stripping of the altar and procession of the Reserve Sacrament to the Van Atta room for vigil. Sign up for the meal and bring a dessert to pass. Donations will be accepted for the meal.

Easter Breakfast on April 20: Teresa Barcy, our caterer is providing a wonderful breakfast as a gift to the people of St. Paul's from 8:30 - 9:30am. If you wish to join us (bring your family) please sign up so we have a count for food. There will be no coffee hour on Easter morning.

Eucharistic Visitors, Sunday, April 27th: It is time for a training/ refresher of our Eucharistic Visitors! These are licensed parishioners who visit those who are sick and take communion to those who cannot come to church. One of our privileges in the Body of Christ is visiting one another when we need support. If you would like to learn more about this ministry or join the team, plan to join us in the VanAtta Room on April 27th at 11:30am. This is a simple but important ministry and only takes an hour or two a month. If you have questions call or email Donna+ at canterburymisu@gmail.com / 517-366-1342.

Faith and Film: On Friday, May 2nd at 6:30pm we will discuss one of the greatest cinematic sequels of all time: The Empire Strikes Back. Like our discussion of the original 1977 film Star Wars that we did in 2023, this conversation will involve looking at both the stellar soundtrack by composer John Williams as well as ways in which faith and spirituality as reflected in the story. While we will not be watching the film in its entirety during this session, context will be provided for the scenes we dive into, but feel free to watch the film on your own prior to our discussion if you haven't already. Celebrate Star Wars Day with an in-depth look at this incredible film and its soundtrack!

Spring Clean Up: Please join us for a morning of spring cleanup in the yards and Memorial Garden of St. Paul's on Saturday, Math 10th from 9:30am - 12:30pm. Bring your rakes and yard tools and enjoy some donuts and coffee while you're here. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

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

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

Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours: All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. Regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom with The Very Rev. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul’s Facebook page. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

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.

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

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.

St. Paul’s Recycling: 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. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul’s. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

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.** 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 April 6, 2025, St. Paul’s received **\$8,771** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$4,850
Operating Income	\$20
Loose Offering	\$41
Noisy Offering	\$135
Easter Flowers	\$200
Altar Guild Restricted	\$125
Caterer Rent	\$1,600
Rector Discretionary Fund	\$1,800

This Week at St. Paul's
April 13, 2025 - April 20, 2025

Sunday, 04/13:		Palm Sunday
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
Monday 04/14:	6:30pm	Mission & Outreach - Merrifield Room
Tuesday, 04/15:	9:30am	Scott Smith tuning organ
Wednesday, 04/16:	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 04/17:		Maundy Thursday - Roosevelt Ramp open to 10pm
	7:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Flap Jack Restaurant
	6:15pm	Friendship Meal - Merrifield Room
	6:50pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:15pm	Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar
Friday, 04/18:		Good Friday - Roosevelt Ramp open noon to 10pm
	12:00pm	Good Friday Liturgy
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:15pm	Good Friday Service of Readings & Music
Saturday, 04/19:		
Sunday, 04/20:		Easter Sunday
	8:30-9:30am	Easter Breakfast w/Teresa Barcy
	9:20am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion

Holy Week Services

April 17: 6:00pm - Maundy Thursday Friendship Meal - Merrifield Room
 April 17: 7:15pm - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar
 April 18: 12:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy - Sanctuary
 April 18: 7:00pm - Good Friday Service of Readings & Music
 April 20: 8:30am - 9:30am - Easter Breakfast by Teresa Barcy - Professional Party Planners
 April 20: 10:00am Easter Sunday Worship & Holy Communion

QR Code for giving. Scan the code with your phone to be taken to options for giving.

