

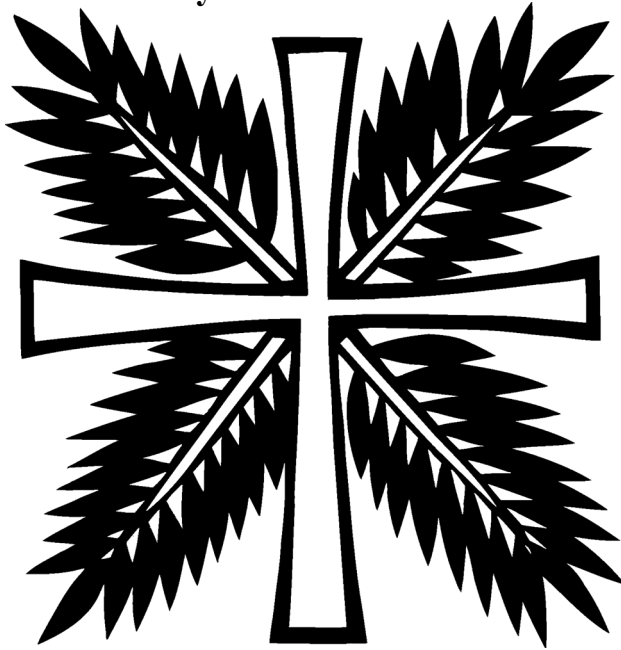
# ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## PALM SUNDAY WITH PASSION READING

April 13, 2025

10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II



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# Welcome

*You've found home.*

A church home, where whatever your background, however you see God today, no matter how challenging your journey is right now, you belong here. At Ascension Episcopal Church, we strive to be a welcoming and safe place for all people to belong. We hope you encounter the radical love of God and the love of His church community right here.

We're a multi-generational spiritual center, with grandparents, parents, singles, teens and children living out the central invitation from Jesus to Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World. We smile a lot around here, and it's authentic!

We believe that people desire relationships over religion; our Sunday services are engaging and hope-filled. And, I believe that fun and church worship are not mutually exclusive. Love and joy are the byproducts of life with God and with each other. Come see and experience the beauty and love of Christ with us.

Welcome home!



## JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY.

We offer two services; our **8:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** is a Rite I Traditional Eucharist Service, without music and our **10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** is a Rite II Contemporary Eucharist Service with organ and choral music.

Our **NURSERY** is available from 9:30 to noon on Sunday mornings. The safeguarded staff maintains a healthy and safe environment for your children.

From 9:30am to 10:15am, join us in person in the Church Library for **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** or Upstairs for **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**.

**Voices of small children are always welcome.  
Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.**

# The Liturgy of the Palms

## OPENING ANTHEM (BCP p. 270)

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.*

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup>[Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>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, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS: BCP p. 271

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

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 our thanks and praise.*

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.*

**SECOND ANTHEM (BCP p. 271)**

*The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said*

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

People *Hosanna in the highest.*

**THE PROCESSION (BCP p. 271)**

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.*

Priest Let us go forth in peace.

People *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

**PROCESSION HYMN 154**

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*All glory, laud, and honor*

*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.

# The Word of God

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 272)

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.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader          The Word of the Lord.

*People*          *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

## PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

*Remain seated. Please read responsively by half verse at the asterisk.\**

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
*my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.*

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*  
*my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.*

<sup>11</sup>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.*

<sup>12</sup>I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
*I am as useless as a broken pot.*

<sup>13</sup>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.*

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
*I have said, "You are my God.*

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; \*  
*rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.*

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
*and in your loving-kindness save me."*

## SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>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.*

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 167**

*There is a green hill far away*

HORSLEY

*All stand.*

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,  
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.

**THE PASSION GOSPEL: Luke 23:1-49**

*The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.  
At the verse which mentions the arrival at The Skull (Golgotha), all stand.*

*The Congregation reads the responses of the Crowd, Soldiers, and Priests*

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.*

*Please remain seated*

Luke: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**Priests:** *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.*

Luke: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Luke: He answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Luke: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Luke: But they were insistent and said,

***Priests: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.***

Luke: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 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. 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. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. 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. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: 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. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Luke: Then they all shouted out together,

***Crowd: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!***

Luke: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

***Crowd: Crucify, crucify him!***

Luke: A third time he said to them,



Pilate: 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.

Luke: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. 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. 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. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 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.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Luke: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull,

*Please stand*

they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Luke: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

***Priests: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!***

Luke: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

***Soldiers: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!***

Luke: There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Luke: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Luke: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Luke: Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Luke: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Luke: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Luke: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

## **THE SERMON- (BCP p. 358)**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV (BCP p. 388)**

*Stand or kneel as you are able.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

**THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People          *And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries and those who are Traveling

*If you are a visitor or guest, please scan the QR code in the announcements section of this bulletin and give us your contact information. Let us connect with you!*

## The Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Hosanna to the Son of David* by Larry Shackley

*Hosanna to the Son of David, hosanna to the Promised One  
Hosanna to the great Messiah;  
blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Behold the great procession, with Jesus at the head.  
Your longed-for King is coming, just as the prophets said.  
Astride a humble donkey, He moves on through the crowd.  
They line the road with branches, and shout their praise aloud. (Refrain)*

*Prepare the way before Him, and lay your branches down;  
Messiah comes to save us and claim His victor's crown.  
The company of angels is praising Him on high,  
and we, with all creation, together make reply. (Refrain)*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP pg. 361

*The People 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 our thanks and praise.*

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 WLP 858**  
*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy*

*(Folk/Pruner)*  
*(American folk melody)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel.*

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.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

*People and Celebrant*

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

### FRACTION ANTHEM S 164

SCHUBERT/PROULX

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

*The Celebrant says*

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.

## AT THE COMMUNION

- *All baptized Christian welcome to receive communion.*
- *To receive communion, place your right hand inside of your left to receive the bread.*
- *To receive a gluten free wafer please place your palms together.*
- *You may then either drink from the cup or dip the bread into the wine.*
- *If you wish to receive just a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest.*

## COMMUNION HYMN 168

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

*All stand.*

*O sacred head, sore wounded*

(PASSION CHORALE)



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.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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

### BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

*The Priest blesses the people.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 458

*My song is love unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 \*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

7 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:  
 never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

*The Palms*  
*Timothy Sloan, Trombone*

by Gabriel Faure





## **THANK YOU!!**

The Wednesday Lent Soup Suppers came to a close this past Wednesday with a selection of Chili, courtesy of the vestry. We would like to thank Deb Dipuma, the Choir, the 8 o'clocker's, the Altar Guild, and the Vestry, for serving a delicious array of soups. No two were the same and they were all tasty! Can't wait until next year!

A big Thank you to Toyin Agboola for stepping up and teaching the lessons.  
Thank you for your inspirational messages!

Thank you to all who came and helped with the Parish Workday. Many hands makes work light! Thank you Tom Sutton for organizing and providing lunch.

## **POST SERVICE COFFEE ON EASTER SUNDAY**

Easter is one our biggest days of Celebration! Rather than require one team to handle such a large task, we ask for a little bit from everyone. The tables will be set up outside, under the bell and the children will be hunting eggs. Please drop off your contribution of a meat/cheese tray, fruit/veggie tray, crackers, cookies, or other fun snacks.

## **FLOWERING OF THE CROSS**

One of Ascension's unique traditions is the flowering of the cross on Easter Sunday. We set up an empty, ribbon woven cross, and as people enter they press a flower into the woven ribbons creating a beautiful tapestry of flowers. The tradition started with parishioners bringing flowers from their own gardens, of all colors, shapes and sizes. Ascension provides a few flowers, but we would love for you to bring flowers from your garden to contribute to this wonderful occasion.

## **CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!**

Support West Houston Assistance ministries at their Annual Spring Dash on May 18th to run and fight hunger and poverty in Houston! Dress in your fanciest cape and/or superhero outfit and run or walk our 5K/1K. Everyone is invited to this in person race, kids, colleagues, and neighbors! Those who register receive a finisher medal, T-shirt, bib and a swag bag filled with goodies and sponsor gifts! After your heroic run and fight against poverty (POW!), all superheroes will enjoy food, drinks, fun activities, and raffles that will be available for them. Super Pets on leashes are also welcome. Your support (registration, sponsorship, or donation) helps raise funds to provide critical assistance to individuals and families who need food and financial help and provide individuals with training and education for better job opportunities.



## EASTER MUSIC AND LILY DEADLINE IS APRIL 14TH



### DONATE A LILY

There are no flowers on the Altar during Lent. However, come Easter, the Altar will be overflowing with beautiful Easter lilies. Please donate a lily and write your special dedication in the flower book or send it to the office at [office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org). Cost is \$25. Thank you.



### EASTER MUSIC NEEDS UNDERWRITERS



Please make an offering to help underwrite the Easter Musicians. They were wonderful at Christmas and we look forward to a repeat performance. Donations may be dedicated in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for, etc., and will be acknowledged in the Easter orders of service. Donations will be accepted through Easter, but in order for the dedication to appear in the bulletin, it must be received by the office no later than April 14th. Please email the church office ([office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org)).

	<i>April 13th</i>	<i>April 20th</i>	<i>April 27th</i>
	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY!</b>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>
<b>Vestry of the Week</b>	Dave Bergquist and Tom Sutton	Ken Kingdon and Amy Criswell	Joan Harwood and Tom Downs
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Smith	Dipuma	Cole
<b>Lessons</b>	Palm Liturgy: Luke 19:28-40, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Liturgy of the Word, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, The Passion Reading of Luke	Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18	Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31
<b>Ushers</b>	Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan	Liz and Chad Goodman	The Falayi Family
<b>8 am Lect./Intercessor</b>	Allison Garcia	Ken Kingdon	Tom Downs
<b>1030am Lect./Intercessor</b>	Pam Schwabrow	Julie Downs	Todd Breton
<b>Acolyte</b>	Chloe Schwabrow	Mathlide Barker	Damisi Falayi
<b>Stream Team</b>	Madeline Mattern	Charlie Goodman	Enoch Falayi
<b>Post Service Coffee</b>	Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan	<b>ALL TEAMS!</b>	Nifemi & Damisi Falayi and Allison Garcia

## YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir will be singing Sunday, May 11 in honor of Mother's Day. We will practice after church for about 15 minutes on Sunday, April 27th and May 4th. All youth are welcome to sing!!



*Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>,* <sup>NR</sup>

7:00pm Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

*Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>,*

7:00pm Evening Service, here at Ascension. <sup>NR</sup>

*(All Ascension services will be livestreamed; links will be emailed and posted on the website.)*



*April 20<sup>th</sup>,*

*Flowering of the cross at both services*

**8:00 am** Rite I Worship with Communion <sup>NR</sup>

**10:30 am** Rite II Worship with Communion  
and Easter Music Ensemble <sup>N</sup>

Join us after the 10:30am worship,  
on the school playground for an **EGG HUNT**

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<sup>N</sup> Nursery Available   <sup>NR</sup> Nursery Available on Request   <sup>N</sup> Nursery Not Available

## PRAYERS

*To make prayer requests, please write your request on the prayer card available in the narthex and drop it in the plate. You may also update, add, or remove prayer requests by sending and email to [office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org).*

**Pray for peace in the world:** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Anglican Church of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. In the Diocese of Texas Cycle of Prayer, pray for San Pablo of Houston, San Pedro of Pasadena, St. Alban's of Houston, and St. James' of Houston.

**Pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation:** Alice, Sharon, Phyllis, Todd, Ann, Joanna, Dion, Jim, John, Cory, Stephanie John, Ellen, Jack, Ray, Lucia, Phyllis, Katy, Don, David, Lucia, Angela Pat, Olive, Carissa, Maria Isabel, CJ, Margaret, Paul, Mary, Ann, Gemma, Valerie, Cathy, Kenda, Betty, and Mary Jane.

**Pray for our college students:** Robert Downs, Preston Herrold, Juliet Hopkins, Makayla King, Caroline Korman, William Korman



## Welcome Visitors

Please take a moment to let us know who you are!! Scan the QR code to the left and fill out the form. This will allow us to connect with you and get to know you and your family.

## Giving

A quick and easy way to give to the church!! If you would like to give your pledge, make a donation, contribute to specialty music or flower campaigns, or any other reason, simply scan the QR code to the right, make your contribution, and leave a message as to what it is for.



***Can't wait to celebrate  
Easter with you!***