

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



March 29, 2026

9:30 am

The Palm Sunday

Rite II

WELCOME EVERYONE

If you are a guest today or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know if you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Holy Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Palms

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

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Matthew 21:1-11

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."¹ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd^{1b} spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Blessing of the Palms *Please take a palm or palm cross.*

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

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

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Assembly processes to the Sanctuary following the Crucifer while waving their palms and singing:

Officiant & Choir: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

People: **Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!**

Officiant & Choir: Blessed is He, Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Blessed is He, Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord.**

The Liturgy continues in the Sanctuary.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Collect of the Day

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Isaiah 45:21-25

Declare and present your case; take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

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."

Epistle Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to 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.**

Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

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The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

See insert. The assembly is seated until the arrival in Golgotha at the bottom of page 9. Then stand as you are able.

Message

“Emptying and humbling himself”

Mother Margaret Brack

On this day the Creed and Confession of Sin may be omitted.

Prayers of the People (Form I)

Please kneel or be seated]

With all our heart and with all our mind; let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”
 For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,
 let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially those we know who are deployed: _____ are there others; for the welfare of the holy Church of God, remembering today in the Diocesan cycle of Prayer, _____ in the DR for _____; In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for _____ and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Scott our Bishop; for Mtr Margaret our rector and her husband Jim; Ted and Terri, our deacons, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Donald Trump our Governor, Jim Pillen; for the elected and appointed officials of the communities in which we live; and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air especially: _____ are there others; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially _____ are there others; for those with special concerns; especially: _____, are there others; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For your continued blessings on those celebrating birthdays this week; especially: _____, are there others; *and* those celebrating anniversaries, _____, are there others; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, especially those who are hungry, cold, and in need of our help; for prisoners and captives, especially those who struggle to survive; for all who remember and care for them, and especially for us, that we may in faith, respond to the crisis before us encouraging and helping those who need our help the most; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection; especially, _____, are there others; and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, so that those you love may know peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of you people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Peace

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn

What wondrous love is this

Hymnal 567

Doxology

Spoken

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where 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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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,

People and Celebrant

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Hymn

The Celebrant says the following invitation:

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

Communion Hymn

Taste and see

WLP 764

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Going Forth Hymn

All Hail the Power

Hymnal 450

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



The Chapel Presence Candle is given Dave & Kitty Kentsmith in Memory of our son Blake W Kentsmith.

The Nave Presence Candle is given by Dave & Kitty Kentsmith in Thanksgiving for family, friends, & good health.

Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Birthdays:

Michael L
 Joe S
 Zoe S
 Lee M
 Jay T
 Lisa L

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
		March 29	April 5
VPOD		Brian C	Judy D
Hospitality		Team 4	Team 1
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 1
Spirit Hub		Lay Eucharist Visitor	Lay Eucharist Ministers
Altar Bread		—————	Jen W
LEM's	5:00 pm	Kathy B / Toby W	Lori E / Brian C
	8:00 am	Cindy P	Doug A
	9:30 am	Jan S Carol S	Michele H Jan S
LEV		Team 3	Team 1
Recycle		Jan S	Jan S
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	Isaiah H Amanda N Olivia H	

This Week's Highlights

CHS Choir: We will be having choral pieces sung on Easter Sunday at the 9:30 am Service and on two more Sundays during the Easter Season that we will rehearse on Saturdays. The rehearsals are on Saturdays at 4:00pm for 45 min. Come join us! If you have any questions please contact Mother Margaret

Name Tags are Back.: Please look for your name tags downstairs. We will begin to use them again. It will be a helpful aid for me to be able to put a name with your face and definitely a welcome sign for any visitors we have coming to the church! Please try to wear them at every service and event we have from now on. Also, please return them to the alphabetical sections before you leave the building. Thank you!!

Parish Clean-up: We will spruce up the church for spring Saturday, April 18, from 9 am to 1pm. Please consider giving an hour of your time to keep the church one we can all be proud of.

Mission DR: Teams are now forming for DioNeb's May and June mission trips to the Dominican Republic. Sign-up sheets are at the Spirit Hub so Fr Tom and Fr John will have a head count. Several of our team members heading down have tickets to help with the cost. Only \$25 each and you get a meal after they get back!

Our 11-18 May trip is for adults only. We will be traveling to the city of San Francisco de Marcos where we will continue the work we have been doing at The Good Samaritan church and school. We would like to firm up the team by mid-April. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact Fr John Schafer (jschaefer3@gmail.com) or Fr Tom Jones (frtom.chs@gmail.com)

In June we will offer two trips. The first trip (20-26 Jun) is our family trip. On this trip youth 12-15, accompanied by a parent, will work at the camp and adjacent church outside of Jarabacoa in the north-central part of the Dominican Republic. Our second trip (27 Jun – 5 Jul) is for youth 16-22. On this trip we will continue the work we are doing in San Francisco de Marcos. We would like to finalize our teams for both of these trips by the end of May. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact Fr Tom Jones (frtom.chs@gmail.com) or Fr John Schafer (jschaefer3@gmail.com).