

# Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



**March 29, 2026**

**8:00 am**

**Palm Sunday**

**Rite I**

## **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 Rite I

#### 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."<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>[2]</sup> 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<sup>[a]</sup> 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.**

## **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**

*Please kneel, stand or be seated]*

*Reader:* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop; Mtr Margaret our rector and her husband Jim, Ted and Terri, our Deacons; that they may inspire and equip us to plan and work and pray for the growth of the Church. Grant that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sacraments. In the Anglican cycle of prayer pray for \_\_\_\_\_, in the Diocese cycle of prayer pray \_\_\_\_\_ and in the DR, pray for \_\_\_\_\_. In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our \_\_\_\_\_, for this gathering, and for all ministers and people.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially: President Donald Trump; the Governor of the State, Jim Pillen; and the elected officials of our individual communities that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those who are ill, shut-in, hospitalized or recovering, especially \_\_\_\_\_ are there others?

And those with special concerns; especially \_\_\_\_\_ are there any [others]? and all those who, in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We ask that you be with the poor and oppressed, the unemployed and destitute, especially those who are hungry, cold, and in need of our help; those imprisoned or held captive, especially those who struggle to survive; and all those who in this life face danger, violence, oppression, or degradation of any kind.

We ask you to watch over all the members of our armed forces, especially those who are deployed, \_\_\_\_\_: are there any [others]? and all their families, until they are once again reunited in peace. We also ask that you protect all those who are traveling, especially, \_\_\_\_\_; are there any [others]?

We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? Those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this week, especially, \_\_\_\_\_ are there others [are there any?] And for those occasions that you name at this time.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life [especially,]

We also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially, \_\_\_\_\_ are there any [others]? beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints that with them, we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Celebrant:* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

"God so love the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"

## **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**

## **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**

## **Doxology**

**Spoken**

**"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Eucharistic Prayer 1

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, faces them and sings or says*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

*People:* **It is meet and right to do so.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

*Here may be added*

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he break 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."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**

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

### **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**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast**

*Celebrant and People*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.***

*Facing the people, 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**

### **Healing Prayers Offered**

### **Post Communion**

*Celebrant and People*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast**

prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen

### The Blessing

*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

**Anniversaries:**

<b>WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS</b>			
		<b>March 29</b>	<b>April 5</b>
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
LEMs	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 (240) 904-6171.

**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](mailto:jschaefer3@gmail.com)) or Fr Tom Jones ([frtom.chs@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:frtom.chs@gmail.com)) or Fr John Schafer ([jschaefer3@gmail.com](mailto:jschaefer3@gmail.com)).