

Grace Episcopal Church

A Parish Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

1828—2024

PALM sunday



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
MARCH 24, 2024 ✠ 8:15 & 10:45 AM

Our Mission

Grace Episcopal Church is a congregation in communion with all that is in God, seen and unseen.
We are led by the example of Jesus Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit
to support each other through prayer, formation, worship, and service.

Our Vision

We will welcome all with kindness, acceptance, and love, with God's help.
We are Grace, grounded in faith and relentless in compassion.

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:15AM

The Liturgy of the Palms

On this day, the congregation gathers on the front porch (or in the parish hall in the event of inclement weather) so that all may go into the church in procession.

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The congregation processes into the church, after which the liturgy continues.

The Procession

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| Celebrant | Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. |
| People | <i>Hosanna in the highest.</i> |
| Celebrant | Let us go forth in peace; |
| People | <i>In the name of Christ. Amen.</i> |

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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| The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a | Reader: Linden Gaspar | Leaflet, page 4 |
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| The Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 | Reader: Del Mixon | Leaflet, page 4 |
| The Passion Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 | Readers: Chip Branch Jason Voyles The Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker | |

*The congregation may be seated for the first part of The Passion.
Please stand at the reference to Golgotha.*

The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park

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The Peace

The Offertory

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Communion of the People

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Blessing and Dismissal

Tolling of the Bells

Silent Procession

The Palm Sunday Liturgy at 10:45AM

The Liturgy of the Palms

On this day, the congregation gathers at the Brenau fountain (or in the parish hall in the event of inclement weather), so that all may go into the church in procession.

Ringling of the Bells

The Anthem and Collect

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.**

The Gospel of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

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

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*

The Blessing of the Palms

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.**

The Procession

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

People *Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace;

People *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the Il - le - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

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

Repeat Refrain

The Liturgy of the Word

Helpful notes: The word "liturgy" means "the public work of the people that has a personal cost." We invest our energy and resources into our common prayer. The opening portion of the liturgy invites us to gather in this space at this time, bringing all of ourselves into this shared worship as we focus our attention on God's love for us. We are made more aware of our union with God and with one another as we remember that our worship of God is the core element of our lives as Christians.

The Collect of 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 Blessing of the Children and Dismissal to Children's Chapel

Children ages three through second grade are invited to come forward.

People: *God of all, We pray for our children as they learn about you and your Word. May they live fully, love well, and honor the light of Christ within themselves and within others. Amen.*

The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: Marsha Kump

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? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Gradual Psalm 31:9-16 *chanted by the Grace Parish choir*

BCP 623

- 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 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 shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: Susan Lahey

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 Sequence: Hymnal 313 verses 1, 2

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

The Passion Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Readers: Sue Bowron, Nancy Richardson, Dana Riedinger

The congregation may be seated for the first part of The Passion. Please stand at the reference to Golgotha.

The Prayers of the People Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for the clergy, staff, and vestry of this parish; our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our bishop, Robert; priests and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Remembering especially parishioner Gail Sargent. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering especially parishioner Bill Brady, husband of parishioner Mary Brady, give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We are led by the example of Jesus Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to support each other through prayer, formation, worship, and service.

Helpful notes: We have arrived at the point of the liturgy that focuses our attention on Christ's presence with us in the Holy Eucharist. "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving," and we are called to remember our gratitude to God for the blessings of our lives. Together, we share in Holy Communion, which we believe is the Real Presence of Christ both within the bread and wine and within each soul present. We offer ourselves and visualize ourselves on the altar, as we pray for a transformation of heart that will nurture our ongoing lives.

The Offertory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Parish Choir

Lowell Mason/Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

At the Presentation: Hymn 149 verses 1, 3

Old 124th

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

BCP 361

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

Celebrant 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:

Sanctus 114

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

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.

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 364

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem: Hymn S161

David Hurd

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.

Celebrant Behold who you are: The Body of Christ.

People May we become what we receive.

Please be seated.

Communion Music

Hymn 168

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Prayer after Communion *Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

BCP 365

Celebrant: 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.*

Helpful notes: We remember now that we have not left the world; rather, we have brought our entire selves into this time and space to be transformed by the Spirit's presence in our hearts. Now, we give thanks for this time of shared prayer, and we look toward the ways we can embody the Light of Christ in the world.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 171

Petra

The Dismissal

Postlude

Stabat Mater Dolorosa

Edmond Lemaigre

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Holy Week

7PM—March 28, Maundy Thursday Service

9:00AM—March 29, Community Good Friday Service, First Methodist Church

12N— March 29, Good Friday Service, Grace Episcopal Church

The nave will be open until 3:00 PM for individuals and families to reflect on the Stations of the Cross.

Easter Services at Grace Episcopal Church

7PM— Holy Saturday, March 30, The Great Vigil of Easter (with incense)

9AM—Sunday, March 31, Easter Day, The Sunday of the Resurrection

9-11AM—Continental Breakfast

11AM—Sunday, March 31, Easter Day, The Sunday of the Resurrection

12:15PM—Easter Egg Hunt

** No Christian Education, No Children's Chapel*

** Nursery available age 4 & under.*

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