

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025



We seek to be instruments of God's peace, bearing witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ for all people.

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the Congregation



Welcome in the name of the living Christ to St. Francis Church! May you find renewed grace and peace as we worship together today. St. Francis is an Episcopal Church, part of the wider ministry of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. If you are visiting with us today, please help us get to know you by introducing yourself at the door, and also by signing our guest book or filling out a pew card. *Please be sure to include an email address if you wish to be added to our mailing list.*

Please remember to take your cell phone or electronic device off silent mode at the end of worship.

You are invited to enter in reverence and awe of God's presence in this holy place. Before the liturgy begins we commend the keeping of silence as a time for prayer and reflection.

All baptized persons – regardless of denomination or age – are invited to receive the sacrament with us. All are welcome to the Table; even if you choose to not receive, you may wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is provided for those who request it; please be in touch with one of the clergy or ushers to make this request.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP:

The liturgy that we use for worship is from the red Book of Common Prayer (**BCP**). **Bold** print is to be spoken by the people of God.

At 10:00 a.m. our hymns and service music is from the blue Hymnal found in the book racks in the pews. Numbers that begin with an S- are in the front of the Hymnal.

We occasionally use supplemental hymn books called *Wonder, Love & Praise* and *Come Celebrate* which will be given to you with your bulletin. These will be listed as WLP or CC followed by the hymn number.

8:00 a.m.: We gather in the narthex.

10:00 a.m.: We gather in Fellowship Hall.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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.**

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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.**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE PROCESSION

Hymn: 154

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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 - alt - ed, our	mel - o - dy we	raise.
5	who in all good de - light - est, thou	good and gra - cious	King.

THE COLLECT AT THE DOOR OF THE NAVE

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 way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The children are dismissed to Fellowship Hall for Church School.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

(The congregation processes into the pews)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key of two flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first system of music covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. Both systems end with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die:
Ride on! ride on in ma - je - sty! The an - gel ar - mies of the sky

Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road, With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.
O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - roach - ing sac - ri - fice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign. Amen

SALUTATION:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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.**

Please be seated.

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

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 awakens—awakens 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?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16 *(remaining seated)*

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God. |
| 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. | 15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. |
| 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. | 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me." |

SECOND READING: *Philippians 2:5-11*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-23:56

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions arrival at Golgotha, all stand as you are able.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

EVANGELIST: When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

EVANGELIST: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

EVANGELIST: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

EVANGELIST: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

EVANGELIST: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

JESUS: The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

EVANGELIST: And he said to him,

PETER: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

EVANGELIST: Jesus said,

JESUS: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

EVANGELIST: He said to them,

JESUS: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

EVANGELIST: They said,

DISCIPLES: No, not a thing.

EVANGELIST: He said to them,

JESUS: But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

EVANGELIST: They said,

DISCIPLES: Lord, look, here are two swords.

EVANGELIST: He replied,

JESUS: It is enough.

EVANGELIST: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

EVANGELIST: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

EVANGELIST: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

EVANGELIST: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

EVANGELIST: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

DISCIPLES: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

EVANGELIST: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: No more of this!

EVANGELIST: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

EVANGELIST: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: This man also was with him.

EVANGELIST: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: Woman, I do not know him.

EVANGELIST: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

BYSTANDER: You also are one of them.

EVANGELIST: But Peter said,

PETER: Man, I am not!

EVANGELIST: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

PASSERBY: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

EVANGELIST: But Peter said,

PETER: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

EVANGELIST: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

SOLDIERS: Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

EVANGELIST: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

CHIEF PRIESTS/ELDERS: If you are the Messiah, tell us.

EVANGELIST: He replied,

JESUS: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

EVANGELIST: All of them asked,

CHIEF PRIESTS/ELDERS: Are you, then, the Son of God?

EVANGELIST: He said to them,

JESUS: You say that I am.

EVANGELIST: Then they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS/ELDERS: What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

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

CHIEF PRIESTS/ELDERS: 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.

EVANGELIST: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: Are you the king of the Jews?

EVANGELIST: He answered,

JESUS: You say so.

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

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

EVANGELIST: But they were insistent and said,

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

EVANGELIST: 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.

EVANGELIST: Then they all shouted out together,

CROWD: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

EVANGELIST: (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!

EVANGELIST: 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.

EVANGELIST: 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?

~ ALL STAND ~

EVANGELIST: 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, 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.

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

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

EVANGELIST: 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!

EVANGELIST: 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,

FIRST CRIMINAL: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

EVANGELIST: But the other rebuked him, saying,

SECOND CRIMINAL: 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.

EVANGELIST: Then he said,

SECOND CRIMINAL: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

EVANGELIST: He replied,

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

EVANGELIST: 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.

EVANGELIST: 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.

EVANGELIST: 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. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*-A period of Silent Reflection-
(Please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM II

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;

...for Doug, our Bishop, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for the community of St. Francis; and for all ministers and people.

...for the Church of England; for the parish of St. Luke's, Lanesboro; for the mission of Worcester Common Ground;

...for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Bob, Jennifer, Emily and Bobby Tonning; Marjorie Tremblay; Ann Tripp and Dale Perkins; William and Pennie Turgeon;

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well being of all people.

...for all Federal and State employees, for the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families, especially J. Pigsley, Gregory Smith, Jason Haynes, Mark Williams, Jacob Pezzini, Tyler Jeck, David Lane, Riley Smith, James Cimochofski;

...for Donald, our President; Maura, our Governor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world

...for the peace and well-being of all international students, studying abroad in the United States;
...for peace throughout the world; for the victims of war and terrorism, for the people of Ukraine and Afghanistan, for peace in Sudan, Yemen, and the region of the Middle East; and for those facing famine and drought in Somalia and the Horn of Africa;
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Rich, Eric Warner, Kathleen Lloyd Jones, Jack, Jonathan Seale, Ann Murphy, John Dougherty, Paul Stanovich, Charles Delisle, Matteo Padilla, Tom, Joanne, Elizabeth Heath, Bev, Sheri Dumas, Judy Crosby, Brenda, Dave and Diane, Hilda Schinsing, Brad, Steve Henning, Josh McCrillis, Judy Capone, Alicia, Mary Lee Kraushaar, Sarah; those suffering from homelessness and all types of addiction and mental illness; the residents and staff of Holden Nursing Home; and those who mourn;

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.
...especially for all who are preparing for baptism, confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church, and all people as we seek God's Word during this season of Lent. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving or petition, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Francis and Clare; Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant add a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: 10:00 a.m.

Cross of Jesus

Hymnal 160

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION: 8:00 a.m. All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

10:00 a.m.

Hymnal 380, vs 3

***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 GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer C*

BCP 369

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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

8:00 a.m. (*spoken*)

10:00 a.m. (*sung*)

Hymnal S130

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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM:

8:00 a.m. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00 a.m. Agnus Dei Hymnal S164

COMMUNION HYMN: 10:00 a.m. *My song is love unknown* Hymnal 458

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION BCP 366

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving 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 forever. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMNS: 10:00 a.m. *O sacred head, sore wounded* Hymnal 168

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

Go in peace and walk in the Way of Love.
Thanks be to God.

SERVERS THIS WEEKEND

Altar Guild: Roz Glanville, Julie Russell, Carol Perkins, Kari Currie

Nursing Home: Bev Giarusso

8:00 a.m.

Reader: Jeremy Sanders

LEM: Chris Berglund

10:00 a.m.

Usher: Ted Kremer

Reader: Kathy Dixon

LEMs: Christina Melzar, Tina Chen

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday – April 17

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing,

Stripping the Altar

Gethsemane Watch begins following the

7:00 p.m. service and ends at 8:00 a.m. on Friday.

Good Friday – April 18

8:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

12:00 Ecumenical Service begins at the Gazebo (near the town Senior Center)

(The Ecumenical Service will begin at St. Francis at approximately 2:00 p.m.)

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday – April 19

9:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy

9:30 a.m. Vigil Rehearsal for LEMs, Lay Readers, and Acolytes

8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday – April 20

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Easter Day Holy Eucharist

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