

# The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

*Eleven o'clock in the Morning*



*St. John's Cathedral*

Jacksonville, Florida

The Holy Eucharist  
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY  
April 9, 2017 - 11 a.m.

Voluntary

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen

Johannes Brahms

The Palms

Jean-Baptiste Fauré

Introit

Jerusalem!

Giovanni Biondi

Jerusalem! O turn thyself unto thy Lord God!

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*The People stand.*

*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 now hear the words of the Gospel of Matthew.

*A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:*

When Jesus and his disciples 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." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "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 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." *Matthew 21:1-11*

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

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

*People* Hosanna in the highest.

*Refrain*

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

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

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

*Repeat Refrain*

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

## The Opening Sentences

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 People are seated.*

## The Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

*Lector* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Psalm is read in unison.*

Psalm 31:9-16

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

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

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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

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

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

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Hymn 168

"O sacred head, sore wounded"

*Passion Chorale*

+ THE PASSION GOSPEL +  
Matthew 26:36-27:66

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.  
The Congregation reads the parts in italics. The Congregation is  
seated until the verse that mentions Jesus' arrival at Golgotha.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

NARRATOR: Jesus went with his disciples to a place  
called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and the two sons  
of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then  
he said to them,

JESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain  
here, and stay awake with me."

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw him-  
self on the ground and prayed,

JESUS: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass  
from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

NARRATOR: Then he came to the disciples and found  
them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "So, could you not stay awake with me one  
hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into  
the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh  
is weak."

NARRATOR: Again he went away for the second time  
and prayed,

JESUS: "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it,  
your will be done."

NARRATOR: Again he came and found them sleeping,  
for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went  
away and prayed for the third time, saying the same  
words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

JESUS: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See,  
the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into  
the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my be-  
trayer is at hand."

NARRATOR: While he was speaking, Judas, one of the  
twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords  
and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the  
people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

NARRATOR: At once he came up to Jesus and said,  
JUDAS: "Greetings, Rabbi!"

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Friend, do what you are here to do."

NARRATOR: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus  
and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put  
his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of  
the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to  
him,

JESUS: "Put your sword back into its place; for all who  
take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think  
that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once  
send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how  
then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must  
happen in this way?"

NARRATOR: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to  
arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat  
in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all  
this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the proph-  
ets may be fulfilled."

NARRATOR: Then all the disciples deserted him and  
fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas  
the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders  
had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance,  
as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going in-  
side, he sat with the guards in order to see how this  
would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council

were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,  
CONGREGATION: *"This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."*  
NARRATOR: The high priest stood up and said,  
HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"  
NARRATOR: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,  
HIGH PRIEST: "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."  
NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,  
JESUS: "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."  
NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,  
HIGH PRIEST: "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"  
NARRATOR: They answered,  
CONGREGATION: *"He deserves death."*  
NARRATOR: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,  
CONGREGATION: *"Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"*  
NARRATOR: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,  
SERVANT GIRL #1: "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."  
NARRATOR: But he denied it before all of them, saying,  
PETER: "I do not know what you are talking about."  
NARRATOR: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,  
SERVANT GIRL #2: "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."  
NARRATOR: Again he denied it with an oath,  
PETER: "I do not know the man."  
NARRATOR: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,  
CONGREGATION: *"Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."*  
NARRATOR: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,  
PETER: "I do not know the man!"  
NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:  
JESUS: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."  
NARRATOR: And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,  
JUDAS: "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."  
NARRATOR: But they said,

CHIEF PRIEST: "What is that to us? See to it yourself."  
NARRATOR: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,  
CHIEF PRIEST: "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."  
NARRATOR: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,  
PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"  
NARRATOR: Jesus said,  
JESUS: "You say so."  
NARRATOR: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,  
PILATE: "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"  
NARRATOR: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,  
PILATE: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"  
NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,  
WIFE: "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."  
NARRATOR: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,  
PILATE: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"  
NARRATOR: And they said,  
CONGREGATION: "Barabbas."  
NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,  
PILATE: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"  
NARRATOR: All of them said,  
CONGREGATION: "Let him be crucified!"  
NARRATOR: Then he asked,  
PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"  
NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,  
CONGREGATION: "Let him be crucified!"  
NARRATOR: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,  
PILATE: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,  
CONGREGATION: *"His blood be on us and on our children!"*

NARRATOR: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,  
CONGREGATION: *"Hail, King of the Jews!"*  
NARRATOR: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

+ All Stand +

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, *"This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."* Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,  
CONGREGATION: *"You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."*

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,  
CONGREGATION: *"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"*

NARRATOR: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

JESUS: *"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"*

NARRATOR: that is,

JESUS: *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

CONGREGATION: *"This man is calling for Elijah."*

NARRATOR: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

CONGREGATION: *"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."*

NARRATOR: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

+ Silence +

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

CONGREGATION: *"Truly this man was God's Son!"*

NARRATOR: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

CHIEF PRIEST: *"Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."*

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: *"You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."*

NARRATOR: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Homily

The Peace

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The royal banners forward go

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

The royal banners forward go, the Cross shines forth in mystic glow, where He in flesh, our flesh Who made, our sentence bore, our ransom paid. There whilst He hung, His sacred side by soldier's spear was open'd wide, to cleanse us in the precious flood of water mingled with His blood. Fulfill'd is now what David told in true prophetic song of old, how God the heathen's King should be; for God is reigning from the tree. O Tree of glory, Tree most fair, ordain'd those holy limbs to bear, how bright in purple robe it stood, the purple of a Saviour's blood! Upon its arms, like balance true, He weigh'd the price for sinners due, the price which none but He could pay, and spoil'd the spoiler of his prey. To thee, eternal Three in One, let homage meet by all be done: as by the Cross Thou dost restore, so rule and guide us evermore. Amen.

*The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.*

The Great Thanksgiving, from the Prayer Book of the Church of England

*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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

*The Celebrant and People sing*

Hymnal S-114

Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*The Celebrant and People sing*



Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

*The Celebrant and People 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant and People sing the Fraction Anthem.*

Hymnal S-158

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.)

*The Lord's Table is open to all. Baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Unbaptized persons are invited to the altar to receive a blessing. To signify that you do not desire communion, please cross your arms over your chest, and a priest will administer a blessing. You are also invited to receive prayers and anointing with holy oil in one of our transept chapels (Ascension to the south, and Holy Communion to the north) where anointers wait to pray with you.*

## Music at Communion

Organ Arioso G.F. Handel

*The Congregation joins the choir in singing the hymn:*

Hymn 167 "There is a green hill far away" Horsley

Hosanna to the Son of David Everitt Titcomb

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, O King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest!

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say*

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 for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

In Procession, Hymn 439 "What wondrous love is this" Wondrous Love

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

† † †

*There is no music following today's service because we are already contemplating the costly and wondrous love poured out on this most holy of all weeks.*

† † †

*The palms are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Sanford Bond, Jr.,  
by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Magevney III and family.*



## CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Holy Week: God's love is constant**

Dear Friends,

Today is known as Palm Sunday; it is also called Passion Sunday. It begins when we remember how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and people hailed him as their king, waving palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna!" But then the service changes rapidly. You see, within just a few days, that same crowd that shouted hosannas was screaming for Jesus to be killed. All of a sudden, Jesus went from being loved to being hated. Jesus knew that he was going to die, and today we remember how he responded.

What would you do if you knew that you would die tomorrow? Whatever you decided to do, that decision would tell a great deal about your priorities.

On the night before Jesus died, he had supper with his friends. He told them he loved them and he washed their feet. Then he went to pray. Jesus spent time with friends and he spent time with God. He taught us how to say goodbye with courage and dignity.

This world is crazy. As said in the movie *Jerry Maguire*, "We live in a cynical world." One moment people adore you, the next they hate you. In the end, the most important relationship that you have, and the only relationship that will not change, is the relationship you have with God. God loves you. God will never leave you. God's love is constant. It does not change. No matter what hand the world deals you, God's love never changes.

So let us remember all that Jesus did for us, both on Palm Sunday and on the days to come when we walk in his footsteps to Golgotha and beyond. Christ died for you and for me. Let us never forget what he did for us.

May God bless you in this holy season.

In Christ's love,  
Kate+



*The Very Reverend  
Kate Moorehead,  
Dean*



### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK**

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Ana Barzaga, Jo Miller, Paul Fisher,  
Benjamin Hakimian

#### MONDAY, APRIL 10

Barnum McCarty, Diane Young,  
Art Towson, Ted Knight,  
Chandler Long, Claire Aho

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Gloria Hanson

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Charles Ward, Betty Ann Graves,  
Colin Stark

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 13

C.R. Stedman

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Jim Kolster, Cate Hough,  
Antonio Gadison, Alexis Howsare

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Ellen Sefton, John Burr,  
Chip Bachara, Shane McPartland

+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE +

*I. The Church*, especially for the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, for John, Charles and Dorsey, our bishops, for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for all ministers, and for the mission of the church.

*II. The Welfare of the World.*

*III. The Nation and all in authority including* Donald, our President; Rick, our Governor; and Lenny, our Mayor.

*IV. The Concerns of our Local Community.*

*V. Those who suffer and those in any trouble -*

**Members of St. John's Cathedral:** Nancy Altman, Tom Beasley, Vivian Bennett, Pam Burris, Betty Brisbin, Margaret Brundick, Marcia Cavagna, Carol Campbell, Pat Clance, Betty David, Jackie DeWitt, Monte and Billie Dodson, Austin Dozier, Paul Ellis, Don Farshing, Kenon Ferguson, Vernon Garrett, Alice Gillis, Butch Goodwin, Claudia Gordon, David Grissett, Alice Hadwin, Steve Hayes, Madge Hazen, Elise Higbe, Dianne Hill and family, Marian Hilton, Kathy Browning-Hunt, Robin Hyde, Deborah Jackson, Carl and Nina Jansen, Richard Jarvis, Karen Jesse, Marnie Jones, Nyema Jones, Jurgen and Sandra Kretzenbacher, James Lariscy, Bill Lego, Rose Lego, Jean Likins, Sam Lindblad, Barbara Moorehead, Joe Mikulas, Sharon Millan, Cindy Miller, Patricia Miller, Jan Miller, Jackie and Don Neifert, Paris Nichols, Jack and Sharon Olson, Elizabeth Owen, Michalyn Palmer, Roselyn Parker, Jayne Parkinson, Bill Parrish, Donna Meyers-Perry, Joel Perry, Jacob Richardson, the Richard Samuels family, Sharon, Linda Shepard, Carol Sims, Janet Skeels, Charles Skinner, Bill Spear, Charlotte and Arthur Spruill, Margaret Stewart, Tommy Thomas, Bobby Walker, Jim Ward, Clara Webster, Dot West, Eugenia White, Lin Winney, Diane Young, Gloria Zittrauer.

**Family & Friends of Members of Saint John's Cathedral:** Mike, Sue, Carolyn, Nancy, Sharon Akel, Sally Altman, Christopher Alexander, Isaiah Alexander, Ethan Allen, Jake Anderson, Janice Anderson, Jailah Armstrong, Karen Austin, Mariah Avila, Charles Warren Lovett Ball and family, Keith Barry, Sheila Beale, Carlotta Beaman, Sharon Beasley, Christopher Bolen, Brianna and Haiden, Sandra Brown, Linda Buck, Cody and Boude, Mason Collier, Cynthia and Darrell, Bill Bower, Douglas and Sandy Brandt, Holly and John Brandvold, Karyn Brode, Ronald Brown, Betty Bruce, Matt Brune, Ingrid Burmeister, Sue Butler, Sharon Cahoon, Jordan Carlson, Jordan and Nancy Carrison, Chuck and Joyce Clause, Cody and Boude, Jose Colon, John Corse Jr, Destiny Daniels, John Daniels, Jacob Davis, Randy Dean, Tommy Dearing, Matthew Deaton, Ryan Dolan, Robin DuBois, Kennon Ferguson, Michael Fields, Mark Garry, Leah George, Philip George, Carla Gillis, Butch Goodwin, Doris Gray, Greg, Charlie Hall, Lynne Harris, Dale and Laurel Hatcher, Philip Hegarty, Bill Huffman, David Hyers, Mama Rosa Isaacs, Grady Johnson, Sonja Jones, Pam Swann Joyce, Kathleen, Katie, the Kenyon family, Calvin Kolster, Calvin Kruger, James Lawson, Barbara Lay, Janis and Bob Leslie, Anita Locke, David Paul Maher, Mary Beth, Stephanie Marty, Richard Masters, Mike Maurer, Chester Miller, Sharon Miller, Tim Miller, Dale Mills, Monica Maglaya, Edmund Morgan, Nathan, Nina Nees, Kyle Nelson, Phil Noel, Donald Mowrey, Betty Nelson, Patricia Paquin, Marcia Parisen, David Parkinson, LaDonna Pelham, Karen Plumlee, Gloria Powell, the Jerry Powers family, Rosalind Randolph, Pat Revel, Mike Reyes, Geneva Skinner-Richardson, P.K. Rutherford, Emma Sayre, Faye Selig, Sylvia Skinner Singleton, Drew Small, Daris Smith, Erica Smith, Noonie Southerland, Sheila Stoner, Suzanne Swann, Marcus Taylor, Rhoda Jane Taylor, Terri Teigland, Jennie Thomas, Matthew Thompson, Trey and Taylor Tucker, Todd Upthegrove, Betsy Volaric, William Wade, Jeanettea and George Wallace, Janet Walters, Kenneth Weiske, Martha White, Mike Williford, Dorothy Yulee.

*VI. For those in need of protection, including:* John Altman, Charles Armstrong, Ernest Armstrong, Leo Comacho, Joseph Dunford, Jr., Daryle Everett, Michael Flynn, Robert Gordon, Christopher Green, Clint Hyman, Adam Jessee, Justin Johnston, Justin and Carolyn Lane, John Miller, Micah Miller, George Mills, Mimi Mullis, Bruce Myhre, Tom Nelson, Houston Robinson, Danny and Kristin Roman, Oliver Silsby, William Slaght, Jeremy Paul Smith, Nick Smith, Amy Winney.

*VII. For all those who have died.*

*VIII. In thanksgiving for all that is gracious in our lives.*

*+ We invite you to take this list with you to incorporate in your prayer life. Prayer requests for members of St John's Cathedral remain on the list for varying lengths of time. Prayer requests for family and friends of members remain on the list for 4 weeks. Prayer requests are made by contacting Judy Maurer at the church office either by phone (356-5507 or 632-9104 ext. 103) or by E-mail (jmaurer@jaxcathedral.org). For confidential intercessory prayer, please fill out one of the Daughters of the King prayer request cards found in the pews.*

You can now watch our 11 a.m. service live on our website!  
Just click the Live Broadcast link on the homepage.

## CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

HOLY WEEK begins today. Please refer to the back of this bulletin for all Holy Week and Easter activities.

**ST. MARY'S BAG-A-MONTH CLUB - APRIL ITEMS** Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for April is baby supplies. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday and fill it with diapers, wipes, baby food, bottles, baby shampoo, bibs, etc. Bring your bag back before the last Sunday of the month.



**SEDER DINNER** Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. We commemorate the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples the night before he died. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children up to age 12. Reservations are required

and the deadline is today. There is a table set up in Taliaferro Hall today where you can sign up and submit your payment.

**LABYRINTH** Our beautiful labyrinth will be in Taliaferro Hall for self-guided walking from Thursday, April 13 at noon through Good Friday at 6 p.m.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** Our Maundy Thursday service with footwashing, Eucharist and the stripping of the altar is this Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m. The youth will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to assist with the footwashing during the service. All youth are invited to help with this special service.

**SO, COULD YOU NOT STAY AWAKE WITH ME FOR ONE HOUR?** St. John's will hold a special service of prayer in Cummings Chapel immediately following the Maundy Thursday service. Led by Fr. Raja, the service will consist of prayers, songs and readings, and will continue until Friday at 6 a.m. (Please enter via the Duval Street Door to the Chapel.) You may come and go as you are able. We also encourage you to pray in your own home at any time during the night.

**GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY: THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST** - Friday, April 14, from noon to 3 p.m. Join us as we remember Jesus on his way to the cross. This is a contemplative journey interspersed with prayers, personal reflections and music. You are welcome to come and go as you are able, and the nursery will be open. *Please note that our offices close at noon on Good Friday.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - There is one more opportunity to walk the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week: Good Friday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. Join us in the Cathedral as we follow the way of the cross in preparation for the glorious resurrection.

**GOOD FRIDAY ORGAN RECITAL** - Our Canon for Music Tim Tuller performs Marcel Dupré's "Stations of the Cross" this Friday, April 14 at 7 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY** - The Sanctuary Guild invites everyone to help decorate for Easter! Join us Saturday, April 15 at 9 a.m. for decorating the cathedral. There will be a brief service before decorating begins.

**EASTER DAY** - Easter services are at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11:15 a.m., with an Easter breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m. in Taliaferro Hall. Our Easter Vigil at 6 a.m. will have incense. At 6 a.m., bring noisemakers for the Great Noise, welcoming Christ's resurrection. *The Flowering of the Cross is at the 9 a.m. service.* Bring fresh cut flowers to adorn the cross. It's not just for the kids either: *all* are encouraged to bring flowers and participate in this longstanding St. John's tradition. Children ages 7 and under are invited to bring their baskets for the Easter egg hunt in the Cathedral Park immediately following the 9 a.m. service. At the 11:15 a.m. service, Bishop Howard will be with us, and there will be incense.



**SPECIAL EASTER DONATIONS** If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter music fund please include "Easter Music" in the memo line of your

check and drop it in the collection plate. Also, donations are gratefully appreciated for Easter flowers. Memorials and thanksgivings will be printed in the Easter bulletin if received by this Wednesday. Special flower envelopes can be found in the pews.

**EASTER MONDAY** Our offices are closed on Monday, April 17.

**QUIET GARDEN MORNING, SATURDAY, APRIL 22** Parishioner Susan Bancks will lead this time for quiet reflection on gardening as prayer. More details are to be announced.

### **ST. GEORGE'S DAY**

**EVENSONG** We celebrate the feast of the patron saint of England with a festal choral evensong with bagpipes on Sunday, April 23 at 5 p.m.



### **DEAN'S FORUM DURING THE EASTER SEASON: OUR CHILDREN, GOD'S**

**CHILDREN** On Sundays at 10 a.m. in Taliaferro Hall, beginning April 23, join us as we explore a variety of topics concerning the care and nurturing of our children, **God's children, through the law, education, healthcare** and other means. More details will be announced at a later date.

**COMING SOON: YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER DINNER** A Youth Mission Trip to Cuba is currently being planned for Spring 2018. A low country boil dinner fundraiser will be held at the cathedral in Taliaferro Hall on Saturday, May 13 from 5 - 7 p.m. Tickets will soon become available, and more details are to be announced.

Forgot your checkbook or cash?  
Text the dollar amount of your gift to  
904-584-3116. (Example: \$20)

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



- April 9**                      **Palm Sunday: The King Enters Jerusalem**  
8 a.m.                      Holy Eucharist in Cummings Chapel \*  
9 a.m.                      Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral \*  
10 a.m.                     Procession of the Palms begins in Diocesan Office parking lot  
11 a.m.                     Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral \*
- April 11**                     **Tuesday in Holy Week**  
12:10 p.m.                Holy Eucharist in Cummings Chapel
- April 12**                     **Wednesday in Holy Week**  
7 a.m.                      Holy Eucharist in Ascension Chapel  
12:10 p.m.                Holy Eucharist with Healing Service in Cummings Chapel  
7 p.m.                      Seder Dinner in Taliaferro Hall (*Reservations and payment due TODAY!*)
- April 13**                     **Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper & Foot Washing**  
12 p.m.                     The Labyrinth will be available in Taliaferro Hall for self-guided walking through Good Friday at 6 p.m.  
12:10 p.m.                Holy Eucharist in Cummings Chapel  
7 p.m.                      Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar in the Cathedral \*  
8 p.m.                      Stay Awake with Jesus: A Service of Prayer, begins in Cummings Chapel (*You are also invited to pray at home on this night.*)
- April 14**                     **Good Friday: The Crucifixion of our Lord**  
6 a.m.                      Prayer Service in Cummings Chapel ends  
12 - 3 p.m.                Good Friday Liturgy: The Seven Last Words of Christ - Cathedral \*  
5:30 p.m.                 Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral  
7 p.m.                      Stations of the Cross: A Service of Music - Cathedral
- April 15**                     **Holy Saturday: Jesus in the Tomb**  
9 a.m.                      Decorating the Cathedral for Easter (all are welcome!)
- April 16**                     **Easter Day: The Lord is Risen!**  
6 a.m.                      The Great Vigil of Easter in the Cathedral (*incense*)(bring your noisemakers!)  
7:30 a.m.                 Celebration Breakfast to break the Lenten Fast in Taliaferro Hall  
9 a.m.                      Festal Eucharist and Flowering of the Cross in Cathedral (bring fresh cut flowers)\*  
10:15 a.m.                Easter Egg Hunt for children 7 & under (bring your baskets!)  
11:15 a.m.                Festal Eucharist with Bishop Howard in Cathedral (*incense*) \*

*\*Nursery available*

*There are no Christian Formation classes on Palm Sunday, the Wednesday in Holy Week, or on Easter Day!*

### **Welcome to St. John's Cathedral!**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today! We'd like to know who you are! Please fill out the Visitor's Card found in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Taliaferro Hall. Assistive Listening Devices are available to amplify our sound system. Please ask an usher for assistance in obtaining one. To learn more about us, visit our website at [www.jaxcathedral.org](http://www.jaxcathedral.org).