

Worship & Ministry Leaders

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	The McGowan Family	Susan & John Joseph
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Intercessor	Kitty Lobban	Bonnie Magno

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. Visiting? Please sign our guest book on the welcome table and join us for coffee after the service. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

Prayer request cards are located in the bell tower window. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

Daily devotional: For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* from the welcome table to use in your daily prayers.

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



April 13, 2025

9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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*Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.
Please use this Service Leaflet along with your
Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to join our hearts
and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.*

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*The people gather in the parish hall so that all may process
into the church.*

The people standing the Celebrant says

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

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The Celebrant then continues

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 Celebrant then reads the story of the triumphal entry into
Jerusalem Luke 19:28-40*

After Jesus had said this, 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 Celebrant then says the following blessing

People	The Lord be with you.
Celebrant	And also with you.
People	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.*

The Celebrant and People together say

People	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
	Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant	Let us go forth in peace.
People	In the name of Christ. Amen.

To be read during the procession into the church.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! *
Lord, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
 we bless you from the house of the Lord.
 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
 form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
 28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
 you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor

The Salutation

The Collect:

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 Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9

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 backwards. 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?

Psalms 31: 9-16

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 me because of affliction,
 and my bones are consumed.

Hymnal 154

BCP 323

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
 when they see me in the street they avoid me.
 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
 I am as useless as a broken pot.
 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
 they put their heads together against me;
 they plot to take my life.
 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
 I have said, “You are my God.”
 15 My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.
 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
 and in your loving-kindness save me.”

The Epistle: 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.

Gradual Music:

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:14 - 23:56

Insert

Sequence Hymn: Were you there?

Hymnal 172

Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP 385

The Confession

BCP 331

The Peace

BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: Ah, Holy Jesus

Hymnal 158

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP 333

The Sanctus

BCP 334

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread (*omit Alleluias*)

*All baptized persons are welcome
 to receive communion at God's holy table.*

And now in communion with those who cannot be here with us today we pray the Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen

Communion: My song is love unknown Hymnal 458

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing

Recessional: At the name of Jesus (vs 1-4) Hymnal 435

The Dismissal

Music with permission CCLI # 1152334

To keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the church in the Middle East and the Dioceses of Georgia and Hawaii. In our Diocese we pray for Christ Church in Hudson, Zion Church in Hudson Falls, and St. Augustine's in Ilion.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Lindsey, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Dinah, Charles, Clark, David, Nina, Apryl, Janice, Bill, Sally, Al, Joe, Duane, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Vicki, Jackie, Marion, Pam, Holly, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, for all those still struggling from the effects of COVID and those known only to God.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry: Barbara, Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

This week at St. James'

Today: Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Vestry meeting after the service.

Stations of the Cross & fellowship - Wednesday at noon during Lent. Bring a bag lunch, we will eat together then we will walk the Way of the Cross in the church.

Holy Week at St. James'

April 13, Palm Sunday, service begins in Tuttle Hall with palm procession

April 17, Maundy Thursday, Agape meal at 5:30 followed by service at 6 and the stripping of the altar.

April 18, Good Friday, Noon: Community Stations of the Cross, begins at Sacred Heart. 5 PM, Good Friday service at St. James'

April 19, Holy Saturday, 9 am service followed by decorating the church for Easter.

April 20, Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 am at the Pier in Shepherd's Park.

April 20, Easter Sunday, 9 am service followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

Weekly at St. James'

AA meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the parish Hall.

Monday & Tuesday: Living Resources uses Tuttle Hall during the day.

Tuesdays: Knit Wits meets in the Parish Hall from 4:00-5:30 pm. Join us to knit or crochet for social concerns.

Saturdays: Grace Communion International holds services in our Parish Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Coming soon...

May 3, Saturday, Installation of Mtr. Laura. Bishop Jeremiah presiding. Details to follow.

May 4: Parish Picnic at noon at the rectory.

May 17, Saturday - Community Block Party. We will have a bake sale and hospitality inside. Quilt raffle begins. Volunteers needed!

May 18, Sunday, 10 AM Community service followed by All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at Caldwell. Tickets \$10.00

May 29-31: Americade parking fundraiser on the lawn. Volunteers needed for parking and hospitality.