

Palm Procession begins at High Street & Mountain Road intersection.

THE LITURGY OF PROCESSION

Celebrant Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

People **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Celebrant Triumphant God, who comes to us as one who seeks and serves, lead us through the events of this Holy Week, that we may receive Christ afresh into our lives, and embody Christ's spirit into the world.

Fill now our hearts with gospel joy; as with anticipation we process to worship you. Bless us and these branches we bring, that our very being shall cry aloud,

People **"Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Amen.**

HYMN

When the Saints Go Marching In
O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refused to shine,
O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the sun refused to shine.

O when they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him Lord of all.

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Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One.

People **Have mercy on us.**

HYMN

When the Saints Go Marching In

see above

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gospel story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 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."

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.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

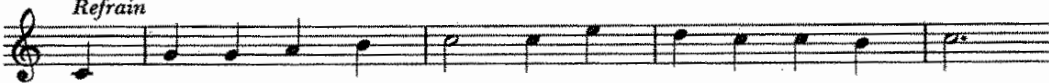
Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

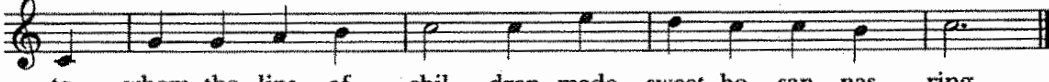
All, holding their palms, continue the procession into the church.

All Glory, Laud and Honor

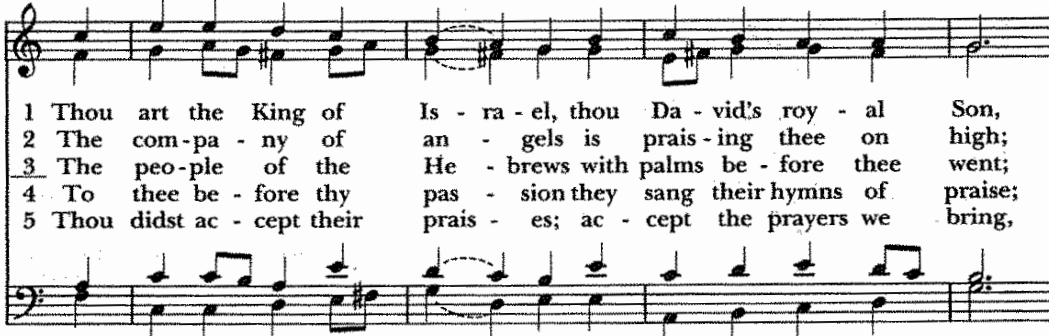
Refrain



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

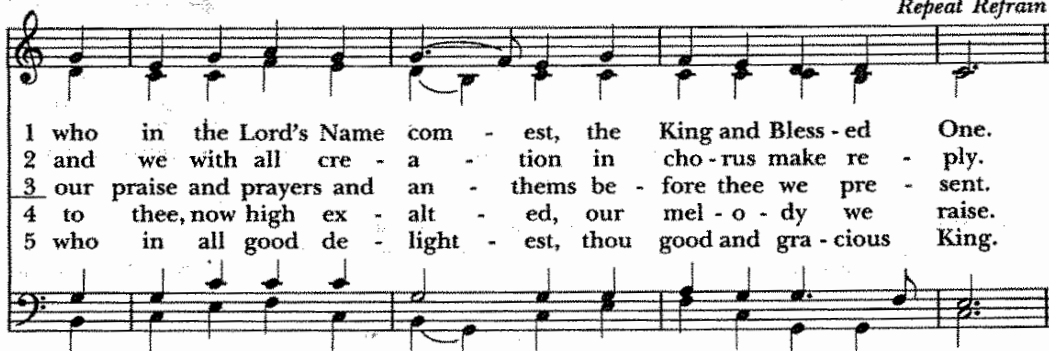


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God

BCP pg. 357

◆Salutation

◆Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

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 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?

Psalms 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 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."

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.

◆HYMN

My song is love unknown (vv. 1–5)

Hymnal 458

◆The Gospel

The Passion of our Lord according to St. Matthew

see insert

The Sermon

The Rev. George Roberts

◆The Prayers of the People

Loving and faithful God, we come before you in humility, as we stand before the Cross of Your Son, Your glory, and your Sacrifice for our sin, brokenness, and frailty. We lift our palms to Your Name, even as Your Son is lifted up, and we pray, responding, Lord, have mercy on us.

For Your church - broken, flawed, and so very human - that You, Lord God, may not only save us but renew us for Your mission and work in the world. We pray, **Lord, have mercy on us.**

For the world. May we see Your suffering as a sign of solidarity with all who suffer, especially the people of Ukraine, who stand exposed to brutality and depravity. We ask that Your presence may move the hearts and minds of the people in power, wherever there is violence or war, poverty, homelessness or disease, and turn them toward the Way of righteousness and peace. We pray, **Lord, have mercy on us.**

For all who are struggling with addiction or recovery, mental illness, grief, anger or isolation that Your Spirit may remind them that they are never alone. Bless those who bear witness to suffering with the Vision of Your Crucified Son, who sees the downtrodden as brothers and sisters. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially the people of Mississippi, Dee Vincenzo, Nancy Garrison, The Rev. Ann Whitaker, Krystal, Steve, Dante, Tom, Julia, Kevin, Ginny Holian, Val Magro, Alan, William, Teri, Michael, Ilana Zoan, Henry, Marlene, and Kim, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] We pray, **Lord, have mercy on us.**

For all who have died, especially Lisa Maynard and any we name now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] **We pray, Lord, have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, give us the strength, this Holy Week, to embrace the reality of Christ's sacrifice and our need for repentance. We ask all things in the name of the Crucified One, in whose name all things came into being. **Amen.**

◆The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Ride on! Ride on in majesty* W. G. Darst

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

◆The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A BCP pg. 361

◆*Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S 130

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

During Holy Communion, those at home, who cannot physically receive Communion, are encouraged to say the following prayer of spiritual Communion:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You, O God, sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, Almighty One, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die, ever in Your love. Amen.

[Armed Forces Prayer Book, 1951]

**Agnus Dei*

Hymnal (front section) S 161

*Communion Hymns: 474, 168

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP pg. 366

*The Blessing

Announcements

A Birthday Prayer

Watch over us, O Lord, as our days increase; bless and guide us wherever we may be. Strengthen us when we stand; comfort us when discouraged or sorrowful; raise us up if we fall; and in our hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆HYMN

The flaming banners of our King

Hymnal 161

Postlude

Congregation is asked to depart in silence by the back door, please.

- ◆ You are invited to stand, as able ✧ You are invited to kneel, as able
- BCP refers to The Book of Common Prayer, found in the pew book rack.



Serving this week

Crucifer	Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild	Elizabeth McBride
Chalicer	Gina Pines
Lector	Donna Paye
Usher	Joyce Bettencourt & Evan Lapointe
Jr. Usher	Jake Lapointe
Youth Greeter	Anna Lapointe & Siggí Ingimarsson



Our thanks to William Valenti, trumpeter, for joining in worship with us this morning. We also thank the participants in this morning's reading of the Gospel:

- Jesus*: Deacon Doug Engwall *Servant(s)/Pilate's wife*: Anna Whilby
- Judas*: Fr. George Roberts *Pilate/Passerby*: Mary Lansing
- Peter/Witness/High Priest*: Dave Schlosky
- Narrators*: Anna Whilby, Ed Preneta, Mary Lansing, Brigitte Cadigan, Oliver Cadigan

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>.

Join us for worship during the week on Facebook Live on St. James Parish's Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>.

Sundays for Sung Compline at 9 pm

Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am

Wednesdays for Evening Prayer at 5 pm

Fridays for Compline at 7:30 pm

The Prayer Cross, crafted by John Newton, anchors our prayers during the Lenten season. It is an appropriate place to put the things we care about, hope for, and are sorry for – because Jesus came to tell us that God cares about these things and answers what we ask. In the pews are small cards on which to write your own petitions and thanksgivings. At the time of the prayers, you may come forward to place them on the cross or do so on your way to receive Communion. Please speak the prayer aloud or in your heart. Square nails are available near the cross. You can hammer a nail into a prepared hole or hang the prayer on a nail shared with another prayer. May St. James become a community of prayer during this Lent.

Bible Study: Join us as we explore the 1st and 2nd Letters of Peter and the Letter of Jude. We follow Peter and Jude with a study of the three Letters attributed to John. All are welcome! The books are available; a \$10 contribution is asked for each book (there is 1 for each of the 2 series, *For Everyone*, by N.T. Wright), but if you need to waive that cost, simply ask the pastor. **Sundays at 12:15 pm** we use Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/join>. **Please note the following:** Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode 982548.



Altar of Repose: On Maundy Thursday, following our 7 pm service and the Stripping of the Altar, our Lord lies in response, in the Blessed Sacrament, in the Melissa Jane Inrig Memorial Chapel from the moment the service is over until the following morning at 7 am. We have traditionally had sign up times, where people come in person and sit an hour with Jesus during this time, memorializing the first night he spent in the tomb. All are invited to sign up for a time via this link <https://bit.ly/StJMaundy23>. Multiple people can sign up for any time, but it is the late night (3 am, 4 am) slots that can be more challenging to fill. Materials for prayer and reflection are available, in the chapel, so that you may pass the Holy Hour faithfully. A brief, special time of prayer will be held in the Chapel at 7 am on Good Friday morning to conclude the Vigil.

The lectionary readings for Easter Sunday, April 9th are:

Jeremiah 31:1–6; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; Colossians 3:1–4; Matthew 28:1–10.

Good Friday offering: there is a fairly long-standing tradition in the Episcopal Church of asking for donations on Good Friday to support the ministry of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East (AFEDJ). AFEDJ supports hospitals, clinics and schools in the occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank, including a school for deaf children in Jordan. We have long supported AFEDJ and their ministry. Please consider giving to the American Friends and its ministry in the land of Christ’s birth, where there are fewer and fewer Christians. It is nearly impossible to overstate the tremendous importance of the Holy Land in our understanding of Jesus, scripture, and our faith — and



the living, breathing people of the Holy Land, Christians and Muslims, need our assistance. Checks can be made out directly to *AFEDJ* or to *St. James Parish* with *AFEDJ* in the memo line and placed in the offering or mailed to the church.

Easter Flower Delivery: The best Easter surprise of all may be seeing the delight in the eyes of shut-ins to whom you bring a flower from their parish. Our chancel will be filled with flowers on Easter. You are encouraged to spread joy by taking these plants to those whose names will be available after the services that morning or during the week after Easter. Leave the flower basket in the chapel (please!), remove the plant, take a card with the address of a recipient; deliver it and see what God has in store for you.

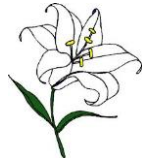
Isenheim Altarpiece Presentation: On Sunday, April 23rd, beginning at 6:30 pm, Dr. Anna Swinbourne will present on the Isenheim Altarpiece, here at St. James Parish. She is currently executive director and CEO of Hill-Stead Museum here in Farmington and visiting assistant professor of art history at Trinity College. Dr. Swinbourne has had the great fortune to see the Altarpiece first-hand several times. “Viewing this magnificent altarpiece, as it is installed in the Musee d’Unterlinden in Colmar, is among the best art viewing experiences of my life, hands down top five.” The painting was born for an altar. However, where it currently lives, the Musee d’Unterlinden, was once a 13th century Dominican convent, which is an inspired alternative. This setting – so unlike a generic, white-washed museum gallery – encourages contemplation of the original religious purpose and function of the piece. Gazing upon it in this room, it is easy to muse on the intersection of faith and artistic creativity! We look forward to welcoming Dr. Swinbourne to St. James and hope you can join us.





Annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:15 service Easter Sunday! Any child (feel free to invite friends and neighbors to join you!) who wishes to participate in the Egg Hunt is asked to go down to the parish hall right after service ends. We will allow the youngest children to go first and shortly thereafter, our 1st–5th graders will go a-hunting for eggs. Please bring a basket for your child’s eggs, if you can, though we will have a few extra. Older children (and parents) in the Hunt are encouraged to help - and be generous with - their younger, perhaps not quite as quick just yet, Egg hunting companions. There will be plenty of eggs for everyone. We ask, after the Egg Hunt is over, for the children to please bring the plastic eggs back into the parish hall and into our bin for the egg and children take the candy they have taken from inside the shell home with them.

LAST CALL: Easter is a particularly appropriate time to remember loved ones who have died by giving flowers in their memory. Although any contribution is welcome, a gift of **\$35** or more is asked to cover the expense of the Easter flowers. **Names of memorials and gifts received by TOMORROW, APRIL 3rd will be listed in the Easter bulletins**, and we will pray for those remembered throughout the Paschal season. Please use the form below to designate your gift. Make checks payable to *St. James Parish* marked “Easter Flowers”. Thank you for your generosity.



Please print the information as you want it listed in the Easter bulletins.

In memory of _____

OR In thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____

MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available; ask at the rail. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the narthex and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Please join us for Coffee Hour immediately following the 10:15 service

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.

Our Sunday services are held at 8 am and 10:15 am

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