



*The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV*

March 29, 2026 10:15 AM

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

**Participants in the Service:**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Toni DeVore

Lector: Linda Crocker

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Intercessor: Vickie Bono

Welcome Center: Linda Crocker, Vickie Bono

## 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 of Matthew 21:1-11

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."

### The Blessing of the Palms

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give 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. *(The congregation raises the palms.)* 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 forever. **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.**

Processional Hymn

“Ride on King Jesus”

Steve Bell

Lead/  
Soprano  
Ride on, King Je - sus. No one can a - hin-der Thee.

Tenor/  
Harmony 1  
Ride on, King Je - sus. No one can a - hin-der Thee.

Alto/  
Harmony 2  
Ride on, King Je - sus. No one can a - hin-der Thee.

Percussion/  
Drum  
Et cetera ...

5  
L./Sop.  
Ride on, King Je - sus ride on. No one can a - hin-der Thee.

Harm. 1/T.  
Ride on, King Je - sus ride on. No one can a - hin-der Thee.

Harm. 2/A.  
Ride on, King Je - sus ride on. No one can a - hin-der Thee.

9  
L./Sop.  
*(optional unison on 5/6)* King Je - sus rides to Je - ru - sa - lem. No one can a -  
The child - ren sing and - dance and shout.  
The light of God shines on His face.

Harm. 1/T.  
No one can a -

Harm. 2/A.  
No one can a -

13  
L./Sop.  
hin-der Thee. Ho - san - na to King Da - vid's Son. No one can a -  
If they won't praise the rocks cry  
He of - fers all His pardon - ing grace. out.

Harm. 1/T.  
hin-der Thee. No one can a -

Harm. 2/A.  
hin-der Thee. No one can a -

A D

17

L./Sop. *hin-der Thee.* He rides up-on a don-key small. No one can a -  
 King Je-sus done just what He said.  
 Come join the through, your voic-es raise.

Harm. 1/T. *hin-der Thee.* No one can a -

Harm. 2/A. *hin-der Thee.* No one can a

21

L./Sop. *hin-der Thee.* The King of peace, the Lord of all. No one can a -  
 He healed the sick and raised the dead.  
 The King of Life and de-serves your praise.

Harm. 1/T. *hin-der Thee.* No one can a -

Harm. 2/A. *hin-der Thee.* No one can a -

Perc.

25

L./Sop. *hin-der Thee.* Ride on, King Je-sus. No one can a -

Harm. 1/T. *hin-der Thee.* Ride on, King Je-sus. No one can a -

Harm. 2/A. *hin-der Thee.* Ride on, King Je-sus. No one can a -

Perc.

29

L./Sop. *hin-der Thee.* Ride on, King Je-sus ride on. No one can a -

Harm. 1/T. *hin-der Thee.* Ride on, King Je-sus ride on. No one can a -

Harm. 2/A. *hin-der Thee.* Ride on, King Je-sus ride on. No one can a -

Perc.

33

L./Sop. hin-der Thee. No one can a-hin-der Thee. No one can a-

Horn. 1/T. hin-der Thee. No one can a-hin-der Thee. No one can a-

Horn. 2/A. hin-der Thee. No one can a-hin-der Thee. No one can a-

Perc.

37

L./Sop. hin-der Thee.

Horn. 1/T. hin-der Thee.

Horn. 2/A. hin-der Thee.

Perc.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*  
*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

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

*The Celebrant says 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 Lessons**

#### **A Reading from the Book of 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



Bless those who lead the Church's worship at this solemn time. In the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments draw your people close to you. By the Savior's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

Strengthen those who are preparing for baptism, together with their teachers, sponsors and families. Teach them what it means to die and rise with Christ and prepare them to receive the breath of his Spirit. By the Savior's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much that you sent your Son to suffer and to die. Strengthen those who work to share the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross. By the Savior's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice. Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to know their salvation. By the Savior's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship. According to your promises, bring them with all your saints to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection. By the Savior's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

**Holy God, holy and strong,  
holy and immortal, have mercy on us. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentences**

I appeal to you, siblings, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**Offertory Music**

“Look Now Your King is Coming”

Deborah Govenor

*(All stand when music concludes. Financial offerings brought forward as Celebrant says)*

*Celebrant* All things come from thee, O Lord.

*People* **Of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

*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.

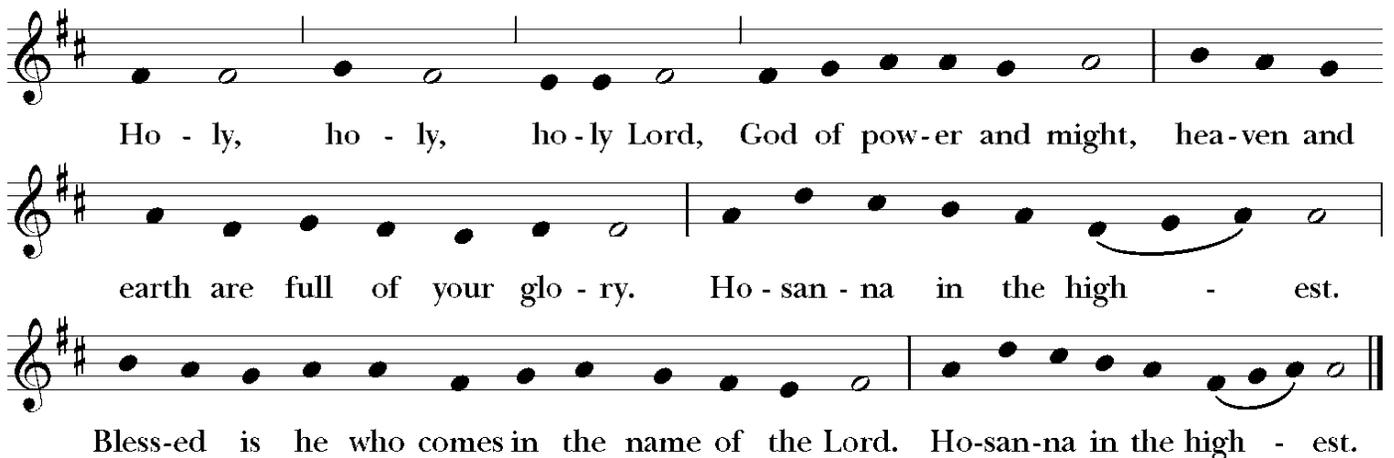
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus #S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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. Then may be said*

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Response:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **Fraction #S161**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

**Communion Music**

“Worthy is the Lamb”

Darlene Zschech

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Solemn Prayer**

Bow down before the Lord. *(The people kneel.)*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Passion**

*Silence is kept for a while. The Ministers and People depart in silence.*

## Holy Week Schedule:

- TODAY**      **Last Sunday Supper** – cooking at 1 PM, serving at 5 PM
- April 2      **Maundy Thursday**  
Service of Holy Communion & Foot Washing at 7 PM  
Watch Vigil begins at 9 PM
- April 3      **Good Friday**  
Watch Vigil ends at Noon  
Stations of the Cross at Noon  
Good Friday Service at 7 PM (*with Communion from the reserved sacraments*)
- April 4      **Easter Vigil, Service of Easter at 7:30 PM at Good Shepherd**  
(*choral music from combined choir with Trinity*)
- April 5      **Easter Day Service at 10:15 AM**  
followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rummage News** – Deb is back working on the change over from winter to spring. She welcomes donations of household goods, especially bedding, and small furniture items, as well as spring clothing. The first sale of 2026 will be April 10 & 11.

**Easter Flowers** – The Easter Flowers deadline is **TODAY**. If you would like to give money for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event or person in your life, please place your Easter Flowers envelope or check in the offering plate or let Ginger know in the office. In the memo section, please write “Easter Flowers”. Remember to write a separate check from your pledge, since these go into two different checking accounts. Be sure to enclose a note as to what you would like printed in the bulletin insert. There is no set dollar amount for Easter Flowers.

**Easter Offering** – This year’s Easter offering will be split between Open Sky Arts Collective and Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD). The Open Sky Arts Collective offers a week-long Vacation Bible School for kids with a focus on the arts and sports. ERD partners with locally led organizations to promote lasting change in communities in the US and around the world impacted by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change. Please donate using your Easter envelope or by check with “Easter Offering” in the memo line.

**Last Sunday Supper** – TODAY is the Last Sunday Supper for our neighborhood. Set-up and cooking begins at 1PM. All servers are asked to be here at 5:15 PM to begin serving at 5:30 PM.

**Good Friday Offering** – For 104 years Episcopalians have generously shared love, compassion and financial gifts to support the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts make a huge impact on Jesus’ homeland and beyond. Please donate with your Good Friday envelope or with a check made payable to Good Shepherd with “Good Friday” in the memo line.

## Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

*(Please use this to pray for these people throughout the week)*

The war in the Mideast	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Israel and Gaza	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Ann Stevens– healing	Margy Yocum – healing
Victims of gun violence	Susan Allander - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Gene Allander - healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing
Crystal Proper – healing	Julie Stover - healing	Nicole Combs – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Amanda Morris – healing	Diane Cottrill – healing
Bob Fielder – healing	Vicki Fielder - healing	

*Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces*

Sterling Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

*Those needing healing from cancer*

Hal Foss	Alana Dailey	John Stevens	Lois Switzer
Everett Gilmore	Faith Beha	Gary Greer	Mirtala Smith
Charles Sterchak	Ellen Faymon	Wilbur Lemmon	Marlene Smith