

# Holy Eucharist

April 13, 2025

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Prelude

Call to Worship (*Bell rings*)

Welcome

Gathering

*Palms are distributed to the people gathered at the door (or in case of rain, in front of the altar) so that all may process into the service.*

## Liturgy of the Palms

Acclamation

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

*The Priest then continues:*

Dear friends in Christ: On this day we remember the entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.

*Altar Server:*

Today we greet Christ as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life. Let us pray:

*Priest:*

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 Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
Glory to you, Lord, Christ.

Luke 19:28-40

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God 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 Jesus 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 your victory (+), and grant that we who bear them in Christ's 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.**

**Procession**

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

*As we sing the hymn, please move to your seat in the nave.*

Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymnal #154 (*sing verses 1,3,5*)

While singing the hymn, all process to their seats.

*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,

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*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 stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

## Liturgy of the Passion

### Opening Prayer

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

**Almighty and ever living 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 Scriptures

#### Reading

**Philippians 2:5-11**

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.

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

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal #439

Please stand.

*Unison*

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

The Passion Gospel

Luke 23:1-49

*Priest:* The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*+ All may be seated +*

**Reader 1:** The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

**Reader 2:** When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

**Reader 1:** Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

**Reader 2:** Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

**Reader 1:** As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

**Reader 2:** Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

**+ PLEASE STAND +**

**Reader 1:** Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

**Reader 2:** One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Reader 1:** It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

**+ A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION +**

**Reader 2:** When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Dr. Peter M. Antoci**

**Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people stand or kneel as they are able, pausing for reflection throughout the Confession:*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought.**

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in word.**

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in deed.**

We have sinned,

**by what we have done.**

We have sinned,

**by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you,

**with our whole heart.**

We have not loved our neighbors,

**as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you (+) forgive you all your sins by the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



## The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence:

*(Philippians 2)*

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant.

**And being found in human form, he humbled himself even to death on a cross.**

Offertory Music

*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

Trinity Mission Bell Choir

The Doxology

*(Music H#377)*

*The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures, here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP*

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, O Lord, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you created things to rejoice in your radiance.

Beholding the glory of your presence, the angels offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify you, as we pray:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people may kneel or stand.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, for your works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you.

**Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.**

O God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

**To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death, and rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.**

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world,

**and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.**

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.

Lord, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, (+) the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit (+), a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ.

**Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.**

Remember our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our Bishop Mariann,

**And all who minister in your Church.**

Remember all your people,

**Especially the sick and the suffering, and those who seek your truth.**

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone;

**Bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.**

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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

*A period of silence is kept.*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
**who takes away the sins of the world.**

## THE INVITATION

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.

*No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine or the bread alone. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, instead, simply cross your arms over your heart as you approach the altar.*

## Communion: Instrumental Music

### Post Communion Prayer

*Standing or kneeling:*

Let us pray. **You have embraced us, O God, in this holy meal, and gathered us into Christ's body and blood. Send us out to tell others of your love, to see our work as prayer, to fast from complacency, and to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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Hymn

Precious Lord Take My Hand

LEVAS #106

Please stand for the final hymn. There is no procession.

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 near, when my life is al - most gone;  
 near, and the day is past and gone;

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I  
 — at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on.  
 fall, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on.  
 hand, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on.

## Blessing

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.**

*All exit in silence.*

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17th

*Seder Dinner*

5 o'clock pm

St. Philip's Church Baden

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*Liturgy of the Lord's Supper & Foot Washing*

7 o'clock pm

St. Paul's Church, Baden

### GOOD FRIDAY

*Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

April 18th, 7 o'clock pm

Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro

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### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

*Holy Eucharist*

April 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am at St. Paul's Church, Baden

10:30 am at Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro