



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Palm
SUNDAY



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Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

We will gather in front of the church for the Liturgy of the Palms and then process into the church. Please watch your step.



The Liturgy of the Palms

Blessing of the Palms and Gospel Reading BCP, Page 270

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

All: 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.

All: Amen

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“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.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List

El Camino de la Pascua



**Journeying for migrant,
climate and racial justice for all**

April 22-May 13, 2023

Join EDSJ as we tour the diocese visiting locations that embody the death, hope and resurrection of Jesus.

For more information:

www.diosanjoaquin.org

“El Camino de la Pascua”



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.**

Palms are handed out

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Enter the church singing

Hymn #154 All Glory, Laud and Honor *(on next page, return here after the hymn)*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: His mercy endures forever.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.**

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.

After singing, return to page 3 after the line.

Easter Vigil

There will be an Easter Vigil service at St. Francis Church in Turlock on Saturday the 8th

2023 El Camino de la Pascua

Walkers for the El Camino de la Pascua will be at St. Paul's on May 11th. We are responsible for providing dinner and places to sleep for them. It is my job to coordinate sleeping quarters. If you can accommodate one or two walkers please contact me at 209-522-9600 or email bertbear714@gmail.com. If you have any questions you can contact Linda Lowe or me. Linda's information is in your Sunday bulletin. - Roberta Bearden



Concerned About Falling

Healthy Aging is presenting a course, every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 11:30 am April 4 through May 23.

The eight week course will help you learn to reduce fears about falling. There will be small group discussions and a session with a physical therapist. Space is limited to 12 older adults. For more information or to

register, please call Healthy Aging Association at 209-525-4670.

Thank You

A HUGE THANK YOU to Charlie Palmer for helping out with the Spring Fling Dance!!!! Thanks so very much Charlie!!!



Volunteers Needed

I am looking for volunteers to serve as greeters, readers and ushers on Sunday's. If you are interested, PLEASE let me know! Think about making a commitment for just one Sunday a month. - Jeni

	April 2	Easter (9th)	April 16	April 23	April 30
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie	Rev Dondi
Acolytes	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Nancy S Judy T	Ann M Barbara V	Sarah H Steph HW	Linda L Ann M	Steph G Judy T
Intercessor	Carolyn L	Vickie W	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H
Greeters & Ushers	Carolyn L Kevin W	Linda L Sarah H	Vickie W Kevin W	Phil M Carolyn L	Carolyn L Phil M
Vestry Rep	Carolyn L	Vickie W	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H

-  **Palm Sunday** Sunday April 2nd at 10:00 a.m.
-  **Maundy Thursday** Thursday April 6th at **6:00** p.m. *
Note New time
-  **Good Friday** Friday April 7th at 12:00 noon
-  **Easter Sunday** Sunday April 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Clergy: Rev. Lyn Morlan
Acolytes: Judy T & Nancy S
Lectors: Barbara V & Steph G
Intercessor: Sarah H
Greeters & Ushers: Steph G
Vestry Rep: Sarah H

Good Friday

Clergy: Deacon Greg
Greeters & Ushers: Steph G
Vestry Rep: Linda L

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

⁴The 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. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 31: 9-16

- 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.
- 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.”

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 439 What wondrous love is this

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

See booklet

Following the Passion reading will be a period of silence.

Silent Meditation



Prayer and Praise

as of 3-20-2023

- ◆ Please pray for Ann Mootz’s sister-in-law, that her surgery went well and for healing.
- ◆ Please pray for Brandon (one of our long-term vendors) and his girlfriend Angela.
- ◆ Please pray for Sharon Andrews’ son and daughter-in-law for healing, comfort, guidance and strength.
- ◆ Please pray for strength and healing for Elaine Paradis
- ◆ Pray for healing and God's wisdom for Ralph (Linda Lowe's brother)
- ◆ Please pray for healing and comfort for Rebecca, a friend of Eric Sheaffer.
- ◆ Please pray for David West's continued healing.
- ◆ Please pray for the West family (David's Mom) has entered palliative care on the East Coast.
- ◆ Pray for David McKinsey (friend of David West) he is having a serious heart issue and needs prayers for healing, guidance and strength.
- ◆ Online prayer requests: Irina Manta needs prayers as she goes through a divorce and takes care of her mom who is suffering from Alzheimer's. Carrie Patterson, single mom of two needs prayer that God provides for her family's needs.
- ◆ Vickie Diaz is asking for prayers for healing, strength and comfort.
- ◆ Pray for healing, strength, comfort and peace for Niniv Tamimi.
- ◆ Continue to pray for healing and comfort for the Monroe's.
- ◆ Pray for healing for Claudine Romegialli. May the reason for her failing health be found and treatment started. Prayers for strength, healing and comfort.
- ◆ Continue prayers for healing for Rj.
- ◆ Continue to pray for relief from pain, healing, strength, courage and patience for Carol Collier.
- ◆ Update on Christine Judd: Please pray that they will be able to find a good place for her to go upon release from the rehab hospital.
- ◆ Please pray for those who may be alone or struggling in someway.
- ◆ Please pray for our Vestry.
- ◆ Continued prayers for the search committee.

If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.

Final Blessing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourself, and to take up your cross and follow him, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We leave in silence



We have a box in the Narthex for donations to help the Easter Bunny collect all the necessary goodies for our Easter Egg Hunt this year. The Easter Bunny is in need of wrapped candy, stickers and little toys that will fit in the eggs. You can also

We will celebrate Easter on April 9th and will be purchasing lilies to have at the altar. If you would like to donate a lily in honor of, or in remembrance of a loved one or event, please let Jeni, in the church office know. Your donation can be placed in the offering plate. Please mark it "for lilies"



If you have any pastoral needs, please contact the church office.

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People

The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Rite of Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

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

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn Levas # 89 My Jesus, I love thee

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us Pray

All: 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.

The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-owed be thy Name, Thy king-dom
 come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our
 dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas-ses, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us,
 as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from
 e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
 glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men

Celebrant: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
 mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-dem-er, re-deem-er, of the
 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn # 458 My song is love unknown

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise
 him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye
 heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP page 367

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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. You bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast, so that in fervent prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

Sanctus

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

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In

him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father:

All: We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Mary, Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing