

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024



Palm
SUNDAY

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

Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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.**

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 suf-

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.

fer 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 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 # 435 At the name of Jesus

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

See booklet

Following the Passion reading will be a period of silence.

Silent Meditation

The Nicene Creed

BCP page 358

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

BCP page 360

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.**

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

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.**

Offertory Hymn # 474 When I survey the cross

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.

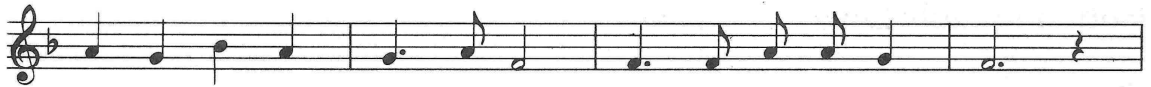
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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,



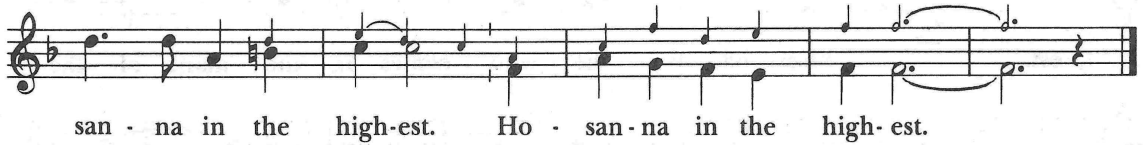
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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 -



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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed 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-es, 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
 12
 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 # 337 And now, O Father, mindful of the love

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.

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.

Recessional Hymn # 164 Alone thou goest forth



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 contribute monetarily if you wish.

We will celebrate Easter on March 31st 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 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.

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

Prayer and Praise as of 3-18-2024



Claudine Romegialli

David West

Theresa Grieshaber

Pam & Mike Cox

Suzy Cano

Elaine Paradis

Linda's Aunt Mudge

Deacon George

Ann Mootz's sister-in-law

Mary Kinnaman

Michael Thorington

Enrique Perez (student of Danielle V. is home now, please continue prayers)

Mary Su's mother

Ismael Huggins

Kristina & Rozy Frias

Ken & Trish Hart

Melanie Mayfield & husband John

Mary Griffin

Ed Bearden-recovering from surgery

☞ Bishop Michael Curry, is home following successful surgery.

☞ Prayers and thanksgiving for our new priest, due to arrive in August.

☞ Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.

☞ Kristina Frias, for success in her job search.

☞ Please pray for those in war torn areas everywhere; Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine and Afghanistan.

☞ Please pray for the people of Hawaii, especially the victims of the wild-fires on Maui.

☞ Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

☞ Please pray for the American people to listen to God's will on their hearts and do unto others as they would want done to them and their families.

☞ Please pray for all travelers as they journey to and from their destinations.

Please see the weekly email for the entire list.

(Some of these people have been on our prayer list a long time, that is because they are in need of long term prayer. The list is updated every week)

March Ministry Schedule

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Steph G Ann M	Rex A Steph HW	Linda L Christine J	Steph G Ismael H	Barbara V Alex S
Intercessor	Nancy S	Luis M	Sarah H	Ann M	Linda L
Greeters	Christine J Phil M	William S Claudine R	Ismael H Christine J	Phil M William S	Linda L Claudine R
Ushers	David L Phil M	Phil M Claudine R	David L Carolyn L	Phil M Carolyn L	David L Claudine R
Vestry Rep	Nancy S	Luis M	Sarah H	Ann M	Linda L

Easter Vigil

There will be an Easter Vigil service at St. Francis Church in Turlock on Saturday March 30th at 7:00 p.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





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 24	10:00 a.m. - Rev. Kathie
Maundy Thurs & Agape Meal, March 28-6:00 p.m. meal, 6:30 service.	Rev Lyn
Good Friday, March 29	Noon - Deacon Greg (evening service is cancelled)
Easter Vigil, March 30	7:00 p.m. St. Francis, Turlock - Padre Toni
Easter, March 31	10:00 a.m. - Rev. Lyn

Thursday, March 28: Agape Meal and Eucharist

Join us for a Mediterranean finger food meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. in the back of the church. At 6:30 we will begin the service around the tables for lessons and foot washing. We will move for Eucharist and the stripping of the altar (the Altar Guild will put away all things in preparation for Good Friday.) A sign-up sheet for the Agape meal will be available beginning on Sunday, March 10.

Friday, March 29: Good Friday

There will be a 12 noon service led by Deacon Greg. The evening service has been cancelled.

Saturday March 30: Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m. St. Francis in Turlock with Fr. Toni Alvarez. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, March 31: Easter

Easter service at 10:00 a.m. with festive music and Alleluias.

While there will not be a scheduled service at St. Paul's for Saturday evening Easter Vigil, St. Francis in Turlock will be offering a service that evening at 7:00 p.m.. Everyone is invited.

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Ann Mootz, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva and Judy Teter

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Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List

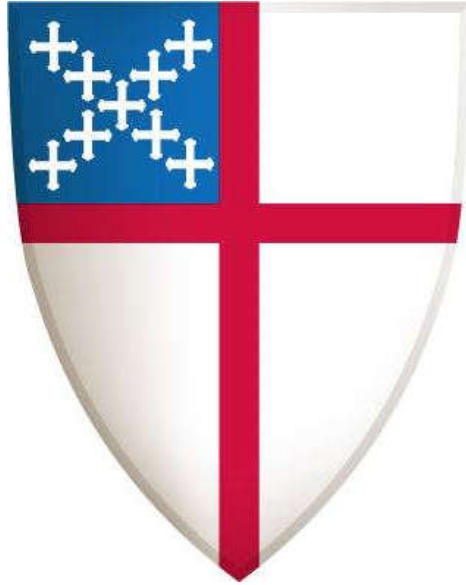


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