

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: **PALM SUNDAY**

**March 24, 2024**

**8 am**

***Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!***

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## **THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

*The people gather in the courtyard by the fountain.*

**Priest** Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

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

**Priest** 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Mark 11:1-11a**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then 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.

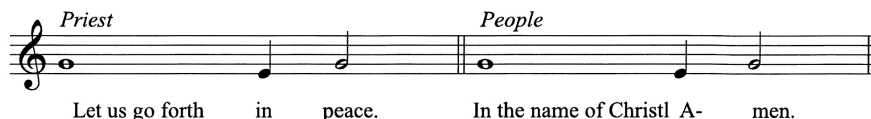
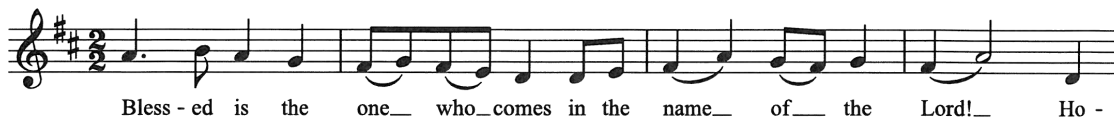
**Priest** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Priest** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Priest** 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.**



***The Procession enters the Church; all hold branches in their hands and proceed to their places.***

**Hymn 154 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

*Valet will ich der geben*

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest 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.*

## Isaiah 50:4–9a

*The servant who speaks for the Lord and suffers persecution, but still trusts in God's help and vindication. This is the third of the "servant songs" that come from a period late in Israel's exile. The servant might be thought to be the faithful of Israel, the prophet himself, or another historical or idealized figure. The people are weary and tired of the Lord's calling, but the servant steadfastly continues. Christians have long perceived in these words a foretelling of Jesus' mission.*

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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 31:9-16**

*A psalm of trust by one who looks to the Lord for mercy and protection.*

- 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."

## Philippians 2:5–11

*From one of the earliest Christian hymns we hear how Christ Jesus accepted the condition of a servant, was obedient even to the point of death, and was then given the name above every name. It is possible that this poem was adapted by Paul or another disciple from the hopes for a savior of a people who did not yet know Jesus. He has fulfilled humanity's dream of one who will share fully in the mortal condition before his exaltation. To him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess the great name of the Lord now known in person, Jesus.*

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## The Passion According to Mark

*The congregation is seated*

Priest The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

Narrator It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

Chief Priests Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

Narrator While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

Disciples      Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.

Narrator      And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus          Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

Narrator      Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

                    On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples said to him,

Disciples      Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

Narrator      So Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus          Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator      So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as Jesus had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

                    When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus	Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.
Narrator	They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,
Disciples	Surely, not I?
Narrator	Jesus said to them,
Jesus	It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.
Narrator	While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,
Jesus	Take; this is my body.
Narrator	Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,
Jesus	This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.
Narrator	When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,
Jesus	You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.
Narrator	Peter said to him,
Peter	Even though all become deserters, I will not.
Narrator	Jesus said to him,
Jesus	Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.
Narrator	But Peter said vehemently,



Peter	Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.
Narrator	And all of the disciples said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples,
Jesus	Sit here while I pray.
Narrator	Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to the three disciples,
Jesus	I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.
Narrator	And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,
Jesus	Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.
Narrator	Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,
Jesus	Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
Narrator	And again Jesus went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found the disciples sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.
Jesus	He came a third time and said to them, Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.
Narrator	Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
Judas	The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

Narrator	So when Judas came, he went up to Jesus at once and said,
Judas	Rabbi!
Narrator	and kissed him. Then the crowd laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,
Jesus	Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.
Narrator	All of Jesus' followers deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed Jesus at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.  Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against Jesus, saying,
Accusers	We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."
Narrator	But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,
High Priest	Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?
Narrator	But Jesus was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,
High Priest	Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?
Narrator	Jesus said,
Jesus	I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power," and "coming with the clouds of heaven."

Narrator	Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,
High Priest	Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?
Narrator	The whole council condemned Jesus as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,
Accusers	Prophecy!
Narrator	The guards also took Jesus over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,
Servant Girl	You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.
Narrator	But Peter denied it, saying,
Peter	I do not know or understand what you are talking about.
Narrator	And Peter went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,
Servant Girl	This man is one of them.
Narrator	But again Peter denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,
Bystanders	Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.
Narrator	But Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,
Peter	I do not know this man you are talking about.
Narrator	At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,
Jesus	Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.
Narrator	And Peter broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate            Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator        Jesus answered him,

Jesus            You say so.

Narrator        Then the chief priests accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate            Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

Narrator        But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then Pilate answered them,

Pilate            Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Narrator        For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate            Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Narrator        They shouted back,

Crowd           Crucify him!

Narrator        Pilate asked them,

Pilate            Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator        But they shouted all the more,

Crowd           Crucify him!

Narrator	<p>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, Pilate handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him saying,</p>
Soldiers	Hail, King of the Jews!
Narrator	<p>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry Jesus' cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <b>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).</b> <i>(At the word Golgotha, the people stand)</i></p>
Narrator	<p>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And the soldiers crucified Jesus, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Jesus. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with Jesus they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided Jesus, shaking their heads and saying,</p>
Bystanders	Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!
Narrator	In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking Jesus among themselves and saying,

Chief Priests    He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Narrator        Those who were crucified with Jesus also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus            Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Narrator        which means,

Jesus            My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Narrator        When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders     Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Narrator        And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to Jesus to drink, saying,

Bystanders     Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Narrator        Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.  
*(the people are seated or kneel)*

                    And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion      Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator        There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Jesus, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already

dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **The Prayers of the People** *The people stand or kneel.*

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *especially*

**People That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; *especially*

**People Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*silence*

Priest Take away our sin, Lord Christ, by your glorious passion, and mercifully hear our prayers, you who are our Passover and our Peace. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people exchange the peace with one another.*

**Announcements** *All are seated.*

**Prayer for a Birthday**

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

**Offertory Sentence**

*During the setting of the table a collection is taken to support the life and ministry at St. Dunstan's. The people's offerings of bread, wine and money or other gifts will be brought to the priest. The people stand while the offerings are presented. Offerings may also be made online at [www.stdcv.org](http://www.stdcv.org)*

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people stand at the procession of the offering and remain standing.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest 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:

**People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Priest 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Priest** 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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**People 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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

Priest Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### The Fraction

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People Have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People Have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People Grant us peace.**

Priest 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who come in faith seeking a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ  
are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to receive  
the bread in your open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice to your  
lips by touching the base.

**At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.**

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup,  
may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.  
You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying an usher.

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

Priest Let us pray.

**People** Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us, and reconciled your people to yourself. May we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love. Amen

## **The Blessing**

Priest This blessing can be heard coming from a long way off. This blessing is making its steady way up the road toward you. This blessing blooms in the throats of women, springs from the hearts of men, tumbles out of the mouths of children. This blessing is stitched into the seams of the cloaks that line the road, etched into the branches that trace the path, echoes in the breathing of the willing colt, the click of the donkey's hoof against the stones. Something is rising beneath this blessing. Something will try to drown it out. But this blessing cannot be turned back, cannot be made to still its voice, cannot cease to sing its praise of the One who comes along the way it makes. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept as the ministers process out of the church.  
The people follow, or may remain for quiet meditation.*

*All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*

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*The altar greens are given to the Glory of God*

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*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity, culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

*Could you not watch with me one hour?*

### **The Watch in the Garden of Gethsemane**

*After the Last Supper, commemorated in the Maundy Thursday liturgy, Jesus took disciples with him to the Garden of Gethsemane where he asked them to watch and pray.*

*You are invited to sign up to watch and pray for an hour between 8 pm on Maundy Thursday and sunrise on Good Friday, 7 am.*

*Sign up today on the Welcome Table.*

*You may do your watch here in the church building or at home.*

*Welcome to this week's guest organist*

**Fred Burgomaster**

Welcome back to St. Dunstan's Fred!  
Thank you for helping lead us as we  
worship in song this week.

**Deadline for eNews,  
Bulletin**

Items for our eNews and Sunday  
Bulletin should be submitted  
to [stdunstanschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanschurch@gmail.com)  
by midnight Monday.

*Help us get to know you by*

**Filling out a Pew Card**

If you are visiting us, are new to Saint  
Dunstan's, or if your contact information  
has changed, please fill out a Pew Card  
and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

***Wonder what's going on at  
St. Dunstan's?***

*Sign up today to receive*

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Getting weekly news, links to sermons,  
updates, and schedules is as simple as  
visiting [stdcv.org/subscribe](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and  
entering your email address.

## **Dedicate an Easter Lily**

This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, or in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$20. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Easter Lily" in the memo.



Sign up on the Welcome Table.



**Maundy Thursday Agape Meal  
and Service  
6:30pm**

Sign up on the Welcome Table to  
help with set up or clean up!

## **Parish Office Closed April 1-5**

The Parish office will be closed for Easter Week.  
It will reopen on Monday, April 8th at 9am.



*This Holy Week, St. Dunstan's and St. Mary's are partnering with one another.  
All services below are at St. Dunstan's unless noted otherwise:*

**March 24, Palm Sunday**

*Liturgy of the Palms on the Breezeway Patio; Worship inside with the Passion Gospel*  
8:00am 10:00am

**March 28, Maundy Thursday**

*Agape Meal with Blessing of Bread and Wine in Brock Hall,  
followed by Eucharist and the Stripping on the Altar*  
6:30pm

**March 29, Good Friday**

Good Friday Service  
12:00pm

A Walk in Jerusalem  
*Outdoor Stations of the Cross*  
4:00pm

Good Friday service at St. Mary's in Pacific Grove  
7:00pm

**March 30, Easter Vigil**

*Moving from Darkness into the Light of Easter!*  
6:30pm  
(Rev. Kristine Johnson will co-officiate with Rev. Laurel)

**March 31, Easter Sunday!**

***One Service*** - 10:00am

*Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch following the service*



## **Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch Following the 10am Service**

**(reminder, there is only ONE service on Easter Sunday)**

Join us for an Easter Celebration following the service on Easter Sunday! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and an Easter Brunch for everyone! Please sign up to bring something to share. A sign up sheet can be found on the welcome table. The church will provide ham, bread and condiments for sandwiches as well as Lemonade, Ice Tea and Water.



The Easter Bunny could also use your help! We are collecting filled eggs for the egg hunt. Donations can be dropped off in the church office Tuesday—Thursday between 9am and 1pm  
Thank you!

During Lent, the Daughters of the King are available during Communion to offer prayers on your, or someone else's, behalf. At both the 8 & 10am services, a Daughter will be in the back of the church, by the sacristy door, to accept your request & pray for you, or someone dear to you.



## **J2A (Journey To Adulthood) Spring Schedule**

Journey to Adulthood is a youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th-12th grades. J2A is centered on inclusive, relational ministry and uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, and service projects.

We welcome new and returning youth! If you didn't make it last year you are still welcome to join us now!

Here are Spring 2024 J2A dates. We will meet at St. Dunstan's on:

- April 14th, 4-5:30pm
- May 5th, 4-5:30pm

Please also hold May 17th-18th for a possible overnight service pilgrimage to San Francisco. (Budget would be covered by the Women of St. Dunstan's. We will discuss details in our first meeting on March 10th and If overnight travel is unfeasible, we will do a local service project on Saturday May 18th like we did last year.)

## **Children's schedule for March and April**

- March 24— Palm Sunday, Children in Church with their families
- March 31— Easter Sunday! Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch following the service
- April 7— Sunday School in Brock Hall
- April 14— Children in Church with their families
- April 21— Sunday School in Brock Hall
- April 28— 4th Sunday Service—children help with the service



# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9AM –1PM

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## Sunday, March 24

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist

**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

**11:00 am** Coffee Hour

## Monday, March 25

**Office Closed**

## Tuesday, March 26

**7:30 pm** AA

## Wednesday, March 27

**10:00 am** Conversation and Communion  
Holy Eucharist

**11:00 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Thursday, March 28

**6:30pm** Agape Meal/Holy Thursday/Altar  
Stripping

## Friday, March 29

**12:00 pm** Good Friday Service

**4:00 pm** Stations of the Cross Outdoors

## Saturday, March 30

**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal

**6:30pm** Easter Vigil with Baptism!

## Sunday, March 31

**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal

**10:00 am** Easter Service Holy Eucharist  
(live-streamed)

**11:00 am** Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

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View the entire parish calendar [stdcv.org/calendar](http://stdcv.org/calendar)

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1—Dave Beach

2—Flo von Platen

4—Shiree Robinson

7—Sue Spangler

9—Jeff Jones

10—Abigail Davis

10—Hannah Davis

12—Lisa Olsheskie

16—Kurt Buche

16—Mike Hendrickson

22—Sally Dietrich

24—Christine Shiber

27—Katherine Miller

28—Tracy Jones

28—Liz Rondelle

30—Art Pasquinelli

## Sermon Notes