

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10:30 am

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Hillsborough, NC**

*Weather permitting, and as congregants are able, the congregation gathers at the north entrance to the Parish House.
Others may wait in the church for the procession to enter.*

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS - 8:00 am and 10:30 am

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

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

Celebrant: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:1-11

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God....

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

The palms are sprinkled with Holy Water and distributed to the people.

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I – 8:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION

BCP, 323

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

+THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, 168

THE LESSONS

Old Testament Reading
Psalm
New Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16; BCP, 623
Philippians 2:5-11

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation remains seated until the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, when all stand.

+THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 26:14-27:66

THE SERMON

+THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE CONFESSION

BCP, 331

+THE PEACE

BCP, 332

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP, 340

Sanctus
The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread
Agnus Dei
Prayer of Humble Access

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+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, 339

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

BCP, 339

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:30am

THE PROCESSION (Continued from page 1) *The congregation stops at the bottom of the steps into the church.*

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,

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 WORD OF GOD

+THE SALUTATION *from the front steps of the church*

BCP, 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People *His mercy endures for ever.*

+THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, 219

After the collect, the congregation proceeds into the church and is seated.

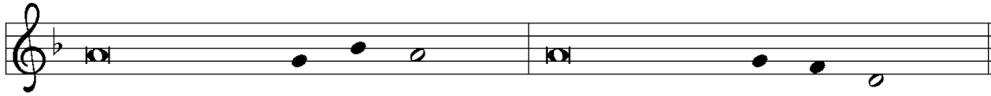
INTROIT

Hosanna! Blessed Is He; Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

THE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson
Psalm

Isaiah 50:4-9a
31: 9-16; *In te, Domine, speravi*; Simplified Plainsong



- 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 am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
- 12 Like the dead I am forgotten, | 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 Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love."

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

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+THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 26:14-27:66

THE SERMON

+THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael, Sam, and Jennifer;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, remembering especially Meyrick and Kenan;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. In this parish, we pray together for *Mildred, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Ann, Daisy, Champe, Andy & Barrie, Carol, Kathy, Sandy, Hunter, Jamie, Ken & Sharon, Bob & Karen, John, Sheila, the family of Elise Heyda, Bill & Suzanne, Carl & Janet, Alex, Tom, Jim, Jennifer, and Edward.* I invite your personal prayers, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a closing Collect.

THE CONFESSION

BCP, 360

+THE PEACE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus so lowly; Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth. Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail. Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

+PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymnal, No. 439

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, 361

Sanctus

Hymnal S-124

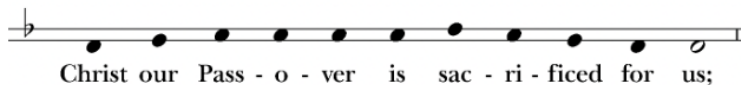
The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

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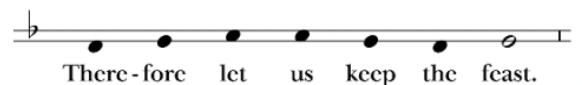
Hymnal, S-153

Cantor



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

Choir and Congregation



There-fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal, S-161

Communion Hymn

Hymnal, No. 458

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, 365

+THE BLESSING

+HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymnal, No. 474

+THE DISMISSAL

People respond: Thanks be to God.

The Retiring Voluntary is not offered during Lent; please exit the church quietly

Serving this Sunday - 8:00 AM

Celebrant: The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth
Preacher: The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth
Verger: James Emmanuel Jr.
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Ellen McRae
Lector: Bartow Culp
Ushers: Frank Casadonte & Eileen Camp

Readers of the Passion: Edward Wright, Ruth Wiley, Robert Fruehwirth+
Altar Guild: Gretchen Schwanke, Glenn Sumner, Mary Parker, Jim & Kathy von St. Paul
Coffee Hour: Jim Charton & Yvonne Petitmaire

Serving in the Liturgy this Sunday - 10:30 AM

Celebrant: The Rev. Lisa Frost-Phillips
Preacher: The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Deb Brandon
Verger: James Emmanuel Jr.
Acolytes: Ada Catherine Hays, Corinne Fruehwirth
Lectors: Rich Harris, Karen Ireland
Musicians: Dr. Jason A. Wright, *organ*;
The Children's & Parish Choirs

Ushers: Paul Enquist & Camille Izlar
Readers of the Passion: Sonja Tilley, Elizabeth Hays, Martha McCamy, Robert Fruehwirth+
Altar Guild: Gretchen Schwanke, Glenn Sumner, Mary Parker, Jim & Kathy von St. Paul
Nursery Assts: Will & Taylor Perschau
Coffee Hour: Charles & Martha McCamy
Video/Zoom: MaryAnn Plambeck

Feeding God's people from the abundance of God's grace

Welcome to St. Matthew's. We hope you will be nourished, welcomed, and sustained while you are here. We strive to make St. Matthew's a place of hospitality, peace, and renewal, where people can come to be fed through worship and the sacraments; through the care and compassion of our members; through our welcome of the stranger in our midst; through our service to the larger community of Hillsborough and the world. We invite you to be part of the feast.

All baptized persons, of all ages and from any tradition, are welcome to come forward for communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the clergy. Simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate this. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this by holding out your hands with palms facing down.

TODAY

Village Church: Palm Weaving - 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall - Join us for a brief liturgy followed by palm weaving and other activities as we begin Holy Week.

Coffee Hour - Following worship, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall to share a cup of coffee and a time of fellowship.

Nursery Care for children 5 and under is provided from 7:55-11:45 am in the Nursery on the top floor of the Hayden Building.

The **Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee** meets at 12 noon today in the Cooke-Lawrence Room.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Sunday Service Times: Sunday, April 9, 9:00 am and 11:00 am - Please note that next week's Sunday services are being held at different times. Both services will use the Rite II liturgy and will include music. A full schedule of Holy Week services is available where you picked up your bulletin today.

Easter Flower Donations: Deadline is Tuesday, April 4 – If you would like to honor or remember someone special this Easter, we are accepting donations of \$10 towards the flowers and greenery that will adorn the church. Please sign up in the Parish House, being sure to clearly write the name of the person(s) being honored. Checks should be made to St. Matthew's and designated "Easter Flowers."

Remembering Dr. King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail: Sunday April 16th will mark the 60th anniversary of the publication of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." It was his direct response to a letter published by eight prominent white clergy, calling the protests against segregation, "unwise and untimely." This was a bitter disappointment to Dr. King. His response, written on bits and scraps of paper from prison, called all Christians to work towards justice and freedom. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny." There are various events planned to mark this 60th anniversary. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Frost-Phillips (lisa@stmatthewshillsborough.org).

- **Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 pm at the Hillsborough Library:** Freddie Parker and Dr. Tim Lovelase will give a talk about the historical context and significance of the letter.
- **Sunday, April 16, 3:00, at the Chapel Hill Library:** Dr. William Sturkey, historian at UNC of the post 1865 U.S. specializing in the history of race in the American South, will speak about the letter.
- **Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 pm Poetry Slam at the Eno Arts Mill in Hillsborough:** featuring Dasan Ahanu, Piedmont Laureate for Poetry.

Parish Work Day: Saturday, April 15, 9:00 am - Get out your work gloves and mark your calendars for our next Parish Work Day. We'll be doing both yard work and work inside the church. Come out and lend a hand! Hope to see you there. For more information, contact Chris Peterson (fishercjs@gmail.com).

Upcoming Habitat for Humanity Building Dates: Saturdays, April 15, 22, and 29 - We have joined with other faith communities in Hillsborough to build a home at 317 Odie Street. If you'd like to help out, please visit <http://vhub.at/faithinhillsborough> or contact Charlie McCamy (charlesmccamy@gmail.com).

Youth Project: Yardwork for Elderly Parishioners- Volunteers Needed! Hi all! We are the Youth Group! Our Spring Project is to help a few elderly parishioners with their yards on *April 30th*. During this season of Lent, we ask that you consider giving your time and joining us on this day to help out a fellow Parishioner. Please sign-up by emailing Stephany Lazo (formation@stmatthewshillsborough.org).

St. Matthew's Talent Show: May 19 - Do you have a secret talent? Can you play an instrument or juggle? If so, the Growing in Christ class would love to invite YOU to perform in our St. Matthew's Talent Show. This is an opportunity to come together as a whole Parish, before the slow rhythm of summer sets in. We would love to share in the joy of your talent! Sign-up at coffee hour with one of our GIC students! Or by emailing Stephany at Formation@stmatthewshillsborough.org.

Easter Candy Donations & Egg Stuffing: Easter is almost here, and with that means our traditional Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard. We need lots of candy to stuff those eggs! If you're able to, please grab a bag of pre-packaged candy to donate for our Egg Hunt! Donations can be placed in the basket just inside Stephany Lazo's office upstairs in the Hayden Building *by 3pm on April 4th*. We also need extra hands to help stuff Easter Eggs with candy! We will be stuffing Eggs on *April 4th at 7:30pm*, at Chris Peterson's home. To sign up to help stuff eggs, contact Stephany Lazo (formation@stmatthewshillsborough.org).

ST. MATTHEW'S PRAYER LIST AND SCHEDULE: HOLY WEEK

We invite you to pray each day for all who are sick or in any need as well as those who have special thanksgivings. Names will rotate weekly, coming off after seven weeks unless someone requests otherwise. Please contact Sonja Tilley to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

Monday (4/3) *Marie Bass, Sandy McBride, Harry Dula, Jennifer Peak & the family of Meyrick Peak, Edward Wright & the family of Kenan Wright*

- Archives (Cooke-Lawrence Room); 10:00 am
- Education for Ministry (Formation channel); 6:30 pm
- Daughters of the King (Cooke-Lawrence Room); 5:00 pm
- Compline (Worship channel); 8:30pm

Tuesday (4/4) *Maddi Powers, Meyrick & Jennifer Peak, Knox Efland, Sheila Mikhail, the family of Elise Heyda, Hal Benner and the family of Carolyn Benner, Amy, the Burdette family*

- Morning Silence (Worship channel); 7:30 am
- Staff Lunch (Graebner Room); 1:00 pm
- Compline (Worship channel); 8:30pm

Wednesday (4/5) *Will Griffin, Mildred Pruessing, Suzanne Powers, Jim von St. Paul, Ellen Davis & the family of Dwayne Huebner, Sy Blessing*

- Morning Prayer (Worship channel); 8:00 am
- Holy Eucharist with Meditation (Church); 12 noon
- For Those Who Live Alone (Meeting channel); 5:00 pm
- Parish Choir; 6:30 pm
- Compline (Worship channel); 8:30pm

Thursday (4/6) MAUNDY THURSDAY *Hunter Taylor, Melanie Maupin, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Ann Burdette, Daisy Huffman, Bob Ireland, Alex Zychowicz & family, Tom Dyne*

- Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Meal (starting in the Fellowship Hall); 6:00 pm

Friday (4/7) GOOD FRIDAY *Ken Billings, Abbey Carlson, Emma Carlson, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Jamie Huntington Meath, Carl & Janet Edwards, Thayer & Tammy Jordan, Vicki*

- Morning Prayer (Worship channel); 8:00 am
- Good Friday Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross (Church); 12:00 noon
- Compline (Worship channel); 8:30 pm

Saturday (4/8) HOLY SATURDAY *Ann Banes, Benny Whitted, Tom Roberts, The Tucker and Spurlock families, Victor & Gracie, Carol Parrent, Kathy Coward*

- Holy Saturday Liturgy (Memorial Garden); 10:00 am
- Decorating the Church for Easter (Church); immediately following the 10 am liturgy

Sunday (4/9) EASTER DAY *Bill Powers, Savannah Fonvielle, Champe Davis, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Betsy Zaragoza*

- Festal Eucharist, Rite II, with music (Church & Worship channel); 9:00 am
- Easter Egg Hunt (Churchyard); 10:00 am
- Festal Eucharist, Rite II, with music (Church & Worship channel); 11:00 am