



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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April 13, 2025 10:00 a.m.



WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Epiphany Episcopal Church, Oak Hill (Herndon)! What a blessing to have you worship with us today.

If you join us today as a visitor, we hope you depart as a friend. We invite you to complete the information card in the pews. You can place the completed card in the offering plate, give it to an usher, or give it to the clergy following the service and we will reach out to say hello.

We welcome children at worship. We are grateful for their wonder and excitement. Share with them what you notice throughout the service and celebrate their exuberance with us.

In a fraught and harsh world, we hope your time with us fills you with a sense of your worth and deep welcome. May any part of your life that aches and seeks comfort find it in the ways we seek, with God's help, to make known God's presence, power, and abiding love.

Dina E. Widlake, Rector

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LITURGY OF THE PALMS

All are invited to receive palms and gather in the Narthex.

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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.**

The Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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The Blessing of the Palms

The congregation is invited to lift their palms high.

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 God 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.

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Waiving the palms, taking noisemakers, all are invited to join in processional singing and following the cross into the nave. After arriving in the nave, there will be a pause to say a collect and transition with singing verse 5 of the hymn below again starting \mathcal{E} ending with the refrain.



Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God

Salutation

Remain standing as able.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

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.**

The Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a

Please sit for the readings.

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, In te, Domine, speravi

Psalm said in unison

- 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."

Sequence Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross verses 1-3

Hymnal 474



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Rockingham, from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

An Invitation

The Reverend Dina E. Widlake

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE 22:39-23:49, 23:56

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. | The congregation will sit for the first part of the Passion. | The congregation stands when Jesus is handed over for crucifixion.

Silence is kept at the end of narrative, before the last verse of the previous hymn is sung.

Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross. verse 4

Hymnal 474

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Prayers of the People

The congregation kneels or stands.

Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ, and lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead each member of your church in humility as we walk together. Guide our bishops and priests and deacons so that your glory may be revealed through them in your word and sacraments.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead the authorities of every country in the way of justice for all their citizens and peace between neighbors and nations.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead each of us to reach out our hands and hearts in love where there is suffering and anxiety, sickness and grief.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

Lead us to lead lives that please you as we walk this earth so that with those who have died we may join you in our eternal home.

Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of God be always with you.

People: And also with you.

God receives, pardons, and loves us; God created us as a Beloved Community; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ with one another.

Welcome and Announcements

Congregation may be seated.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity. Several methods to give are available to you.

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Give Online: EpiphanyEC.org/give

Mail a check:

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The Holy Communion



The congregation stands when the offerings are being presented.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Hymnal 380

verse 3

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

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Inclusive language, approved via Resolution D078, 2018

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Hosanna in the highest.

People: We lift our hearts to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the One who created us. 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, the Maker of heaven and earth. ... (proper preface said).

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 Hymnal S124

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.

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Celebrant and People:

O God, you are holy and gracious: 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, our Rock and our Foundation. Jesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Reign. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant continues
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sin: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God;

People: We are the people of God;

Celebrant: Behold who you are, become what you receive. Amen.

Those drawn to the Lord's Table with reverence and in faith are welcome to receive Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing or prayer in place of Communion, signal by crossing your arms across your chest. If you require a gluten free wafer, notify us when you come forward. If you want to know more about the connection between Communion and Baptism, please ask the clergy or lay leadership.

Communion Hymns Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow Hymnal 160
My song is love unknown Hymnal 458

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant offers words of blessing.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

O sacred head, sore wounded verses 1,2,3,5

Hymnal 168

Postlude Jeanie Park

The Dismissal

People's Response: Thanks be to God.



A Special Thank You to all the Passion readers, our Choir and Congregation

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY!

Easter Flower and Music Dedications

Easter flowers and music in honor of... in thanksgiving for...

in memory of...



Help celebrate Easter with a donation for Easter flowers and music! Please complete the front of the envelope, place your donation inside, and drop it in the offering plate now through **SUNDAY**, **April 13th**. *Or*, you can mail a check to the church and in the memo line write "Easter Flowers and Music." *Or*, use the QR code. Suggested donation is \$25.00. Your gift will be recognized along with your special intention in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

If you have any questions, please reach out to <u>churchoffice@epiphanyec.org</u> or call the parish office at 703-466-5200.



THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Our Easter Sunday Tradition

Bring along your favorite flowers or greenery next Sunday, April 20th to help symbolize the joyful celebration of the resurrection.

HOLY WEEK AT EPIPHANY

MAUNDY Thursday	Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar (Nave)
GOOD	Good Friday Services, April 18th 12pm in the Chapel 7 PM in the Nave
ttt	Holy Saturday Prayers, April 19th at 10am in the Nave Followed by Parish Workday
Christ has Risen!	EASTER Service April 20th At 10 AM in the Nave flowering of the cross before, and Easter Egg Hunt afterward

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TODAY AT EPIPHANY

Palm Sunday

Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM (Room 120)

Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM Liturgy of the Palms begins outdoors (Nave and Online)

Sunday Circle (Youth Formation), 11:15 AM (Room 130)

Joyful Noise, 11:15 AM (Room 120)

Food4Thought Fast Pack, 11:15 AM (Nave)

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

April 15 Food Pantry Distribution, 4:00 PM (at Community of Faith)

April 16 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM (Nave)

April 17 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM (Nave) with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

April 18 Good Friday Service, 12:00 PM, (Chapel)

April 18 Good Friday Service, 7:00 PM (Nave)

April 19 Holy Saturday Prayers, 10:00 AM (Nave)

LOOKING AHEAD

April 20 Easter Sunday Service, 10:00 AM (Nave)

April 20 Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 AM meet in Narthex after worship

See the eNews for the most up-to-date information about the Life of Epiphany. Not on our list? Go to https://EpiphanyEC.org and sign-up today!

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Welcome Guests and Visitors

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).

We have been blessed by your presence with us in worship and hope you have felt blessed by your time with us. However strong or tender your faith, hope, and love are, you have an open invitation to join us. We hope to have a chance to get to know you. If you complete a newcomer's welcome card (located in the chair rack in front of you), you can place it in the offertory plate or give it to the clergy as you leave. Alternatively, you can call or email us: 703-466-5200, clergy@EpiphanyEC.org.



Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7). Please pray for: Allen; Bev; Breanna & Family; Brian & Eddie; Carolyn,

Paul & Family; Clara & Family; Craig; Curt; Dana; Danielle; Diana; Dick; Dinah & Bob; Don; Edmund's Family; Ellie & Family; Fred & Hillary; Hesham (Sam) & Family; Jack & Family; Jim; John; Joshua; Kaitlyn; Laura & Bob; Maddi & Family; Mary; Moya; Nadia & Family; Patty, Mark & Brian; Paul & Linda; Rocky; Roy & Mickey; Rusty; Ruth & Tim; Sally; Sandee; Sara & Family; Sarah, Family & Med Team; Steve, Miranda & Family; Tom; and Veronica's Family.

Names remain on the prayer list for 6 weeks. Please contact <u>prayers@EpiphanyEC.org</u> if they can be removed sooner or if they need to be added again.

As part of the Virginia Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, this week we pray for Grace Alexandria and St. Luke's Wellington, Alexandria. We at Epiphany pray each week also for those who have suffered hurt and loss; who grieve and are impacted by any illness of body, mind, and spirit. We pray for all who suffer or spread violence of any kind. We pray for those that know food insecurity, homelessness and experience natural disasters. We pray for those who cannot safely practice their faith in freedom and suffer oppression of any kind. And we pray for those beginning new lives in new communities; may they be welcomed warmly and supported well.

The ministries and ministers of the Church are supported by the vestry, clergy, and staff of this parish.

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