

The Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Liturgy of the Palms (See Insert)

The Processional Hymn

Hymnal #154

The Liturgy of the Word (See Insert)

The Collect

(See Insert)

The First Lesson

(See Insert)

The Psalm

(See Insert)

The Second Lesson

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The Sequence Hymn

Hymnal #164

The Passion Gospel

(See Insert)

The Sermon

The Rev. Lisa J. Busby

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People for Palm Sunday - Clothed in Love (Colossians 3:12-14)

Leader: For hearts clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, and patience,
People: **Above all, clothe us in love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**

Leader: For those who struggle with anger or resentment,
People: **Cover them with your peace.**

Leader: For communities seeking reconciliation,
People: **Bind them together in unity.**

Leader: For those who practice kindness and patience,
People: **Bless their gentle spirits.**

Leader: For families facing hardship or division,
People: **Restore them in love.**

Leader: For those who serve with humility,
People: **Lift them up in honor.**

Leader: For the Church, called to embody Christ's love,
People: **Make us faithful witnesses.**

Leader: For those who feel unloved or forgotten,
People: **Embrace them with your care.**

Leader: For ourselves, that we may grow in compassion and meekness,
People: **Transform our hearts and minds.**

Leader: For all who have died longing for healing or reconciliation,
People: **Receive them into the fullness of your peace.**

Leader: O God of perfect harmony,
People: **Weave us together in your love. Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People **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.**

The Peace *During the exchange of the peace, you are welcome to greet those around you.*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode
Gary Busby, percussion

Alfred Fedak (b. 1952)

The Doxology

Hymnal #380, v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.

The Celebrant adds the Proper Preface, and continues

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 S-124 *Hymn numbers beginning with S are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

All: **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 Celebrant: continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, the congregation joins in at the following prompt:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.** 3132

Celebrant: 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.

All: **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer Page #364

The Breaking of the Bread Page #364

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

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

Agnus Dei Hymnal S-161 *Hymn numbers beginning with S are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion Page #364

Communion Hymn Hymnal #168

Post-Communion Prayer Page #366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Concluding Rite

The Announcements

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn Hymnal #474

The Dismissal Page #366

The Postlude "Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs" from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

The words of Isaiah 53:4-5 come to life in this piece: "Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows! He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the Chastisement of our peace was upon Him."

The postlude sends us out into the world. You are welcome to exit quietly or stay for the entire piece. We hope you will join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the parish hall immediately following today's service.

The Altar Palm arrangements are given by Richard and Carolyn Morin in honor of loved ones.

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Serving Today:

Altar Guild: Jean Stefanski
Ushers: Vicki Hoshko and Marilyn Humphrey
Eucharistic Minister: George Woodzell
Acolyte: Basil Dewdney
Lector: George Woodzell
Intercessor: Carole Merrill-Mazurek
Counter: Doreen May
Coffee Hour: Theresa Fay and Alex Avila

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Cast of the Passion:

Jesus: Stan Jakubowski
Narrator: Mother Lisa Busby
Judas: George Woodzell
Disciples: Allison de Kanel, Basil Dewdney
Peter: Ron Stefanski
Accuser: Jean Stefanski
High Priest: Vicki Hoshko
Chief Priest: Laurel Alden
Servant Girl: Joyce Cockerham
Bystander: Jean Stefanski
Pilate: Joe Palko
Pilate's wife: Marilyn Humphrey
Soldiers: Carole Merrill-Mazurek
Centurion: Chris Fink
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