



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Rev. Alice Graham Grant,
Celebrant and Homilist*

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

Introit

Hosanna to the Son of David

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Liturgy of The Palms

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.*

Mark 11:1-11

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.

The Celebrant says

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.*

The Celebrant proceeds

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People *Hosanna in the highest.*
Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

The Processional

Processional

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn 154

Refrain



1.Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's ro - yal Son,
2.The com - pa - ny of an - gels are 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



who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bles - sed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our me - lo - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.*

Children's Processional

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 383

Verse 1

Children's Chapel is for children ages 3 to 5th grade.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from Isaiah.

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 awakens – awakens 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

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."

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Philippians.

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.*

Gradual

My Song is Love Unknown
Verses 1-3, and 7

Hymn 458

The Gospel

Mark 14:1—15:47

- Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. 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,
- C. Priest 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,
- Bystndr 1 Why was the ointment wasted in this way?
- Bystndr 2 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 Jesus to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So Judas 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,
- Disciple 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,

Disciple 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 the disciples, 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 he 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 the disciples 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 came a third time and said to them,

Jesus 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 the crowd 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 Jesus, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. The crowd 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,

Witness 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,

H. 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,

H. 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,

H. 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,

Council 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 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 This man is one of them.

Narrator But again Peter denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Bystndr 1 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 Pilate 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 The crowd 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 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 Jesus in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him saying,
 Soldier Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator 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.
 The soldiers 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. Then the soldiers brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

All stand.
 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,

Passer-by 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,
 C. Priest He saved others; he cannot save himself.
 Scribe 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,
 Bystndr 1 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,
 Bystndr 2 Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.
 Narrator Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Silence may be kept.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Centurion Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way Jesus breathed his last, he said,
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 Joses, and Salome. These used to follow Jesus 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 Jesus were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus had been dead for some time. When Pilate learned from the centurion that Jesus 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. Joseph then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Homily

The Rev. Alice Graham Grant

All who are able, stand.

Prayers of the People

People's Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found on the giving card in the back of the pews.

At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Christus Factus Est Roland E. Martin
St. Paul's Choir with Emily Neuhauser soprano soloist

Christus factus est pro nobis obiit usque ad mortem autem crucis. Propter quod Deus exaltavit illum dedit illi nomen quod est super omne nomen.

[Christ became for us, obedient even unto death on the cross. Wherefore God has exalted him and given him a name which is above all names.]

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The people remain standing.

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.*

The Celebrant proceeds.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant then continues.

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 Celebrant then continues

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

Lord's Prayer

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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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant _____ us peace

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

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 are welcome to come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.

If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you.

If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup.

If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer. A priest is also available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Music

Ah, Holy Jesus
 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

Hymn 158
 Hymn 160

Final Prayer

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. 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.

Blessing

Recessional

O Sacred Head Sore Wounded
 Verses 1-4

Hymn 168

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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MARCH 24, 2024

New to St. Paul's? Welcome! Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to learn more.

Children's Chapel: Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and return to their families during announcements.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Hosted this week by the Memorial Garden Committee. Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): No programming today. Join us again after Easter.

Children's Sunday School (Education Building): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): No meeting this week; enjoy the Easter break and join us on April 7 from 5-7 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 24: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. - Procession of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Holy Monday, March 25: 7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Holy Tuesday, March 26: 7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Holy Wednesday, March 27: 7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, March 28: 7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing

Good Friday, March 29: Noon - Stations of the Cross (Family Service), 7 p.m. - Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, March 30: 8 p.m. - Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day, March 31: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Easter Day celebrations will also include an **Easter Egg Hunt** for children after the 9 a.m. service.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomer Tour: Those new or newly returned to St. Paul's who wish to know more can join a tour of our campus on the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. No sign up is necessary; meet at the welcome area in the narthex (lobby).

Easter Egg Hunt: Join us on the playground after the 9 a.m. service on Easter Day for an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Children's Ministry Committee! Children of all ages are welcome. Help support this event by donating individually packaged candy treats or Easter-themed items like sticks or colored pencils. Donations can be dropped in the box in the narthex through Palm Sunday, March 24.

Easter Offering: In the 43 years since the St. Paul's Chapel was built, the space has been an essential part of St. Paul's mission and ministry, serving as the main church until 2004 when we outgrew the space it provided. Our 2024 Easter Offering will raise funds to help offset expenses for renovating and maintaining this special place. Please be generous as you consider your gift; envelopes are in the pews and donations can be made online as well.

Wednesday Evening Book Study: Our spring selection will be "Learning to Walk in the Dark" by Barbara Brown Taylor, author and Episcopal priest. This work explores darkness in its many facets, suggesting that walking in darkness is as important as walking in lightness and has its own sacred beauty. We will meet on Zoom from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 3-May 22. Sign up by contacting Gerri Batchelor at gerrikairos@gmail.com.

Endowment Grants Available: Do you have a good idea for St. Paul's endowment funds? If you have an idea for how to use the 2024 distribution for a one-time project or as seed money for something new, please let us know! The Endowment Committee works with the Vestry to make sure projects are compliant with goals of the funds (General, Outreach, Grounds, Kids' Club). We are happy to advise you in making a request. Learn more about the amounts available and how to submit a request (deadline is April 19, 2024) on the website, or email Kay Burgess at kay.burgess9396@gmail.com.

Join the Altar Guild: Do you like to work in small teams and do things behind the scenes? Join us on the Altar Guild Ministry, preparing the sanctuary for worship at St. Paul's. The time commitment is very light (about 1½ hours a month) and the rewards are tremendous. No experience is necessary, we welcome newcomers! Visit us today during Coffee Hour to learn more or contact Robin Smith at rocknrobin@yahoo.com.

Ministry Fair: Plan to join us in the Parish Hall on April 7 during Coffee Hour for a Ministry Fair. Leaders from many of our ministries will be on hand to share stories and answer questions about what they do and how you can get involved. This is a great way to visit with friends as you share coffee and stories, whether you are new, visiting or just looking to reconnect. Questions? Contact Lanny Wase at lannywase@mac.com.

Changemakers! Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) 2024: Registration is open for campers, youth counselors and volunteers to experience Changemakers, an incredibly fun week of activities aimed at experiencing the transforming love of God and how we can change the world. VBC runs July 15-19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. each day, \$45 per camper (scholarships are available). There are plenty of volunteer positions open for youth and adults of all ages! Find more information on the website, on our flyers or by contacting Sherri Hubbard at vbc@stpaulscary.org.

A Great Cloud of Witnesses - An Exhibition of Icons by Kelly Latimore: Mark your calendars for May 4-5 as St. Paul's hosts an exhibition of icons created by artist Kelly Latimore, whose work invites us into new ways of seeing our images of God within others. The weekend will include a panel discussion and reception with Kelly and guests from the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice and Episcopal Farmworker Ministry on Saturday. Kelly will also be the speaker at Sunday's adult formation. More details coming soon!

Prayer List: Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Lynn, Laura, Margaret, Mary Jo, Thomas, Mary, Virginia, Des, Mary, Christine, Kathy, Russell, Doug, Guy, Katie, Michael, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, Nancy, Sherry, John, Mary, Alison, Lynette, Susan, Randall, Clarence, Susan, Mary Marsha, Steve, Mila, Florence, Sue, Ron, Liz, Chris, Brent, Kim, Martha, Pam, Patty, Ed.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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