

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

10:45 A.M.

We welcome you if you are joining us as a guest or member, and we invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, following the service, please introduce yourself to our clergy.

Please remember to sign our Guest Book located at the front doors following worship.

Please let an usher know if you need access to our Nursery. Please note that Children's activity packages are available from ushers.

For ease of use, this service leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

Welcome to Holy Week at St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We appreciate that you worship here during these days of Holy Week, you are joining in the praise of God.

The forty-day journey called Lent that we as a people of faith have embarked upon is drawing to a close. The color and mood of our services shift to the story of Jesus' passion and death. We recall the story of our salvation by immersing ourselves in worship that requires the totality of one's mind, body, and spirit.

Our worship on **Palm/Passion Sunday** begins with the shouts of "Hosanna!" accompanying a "Triumphal Entry." Then, a dramatic turn of events occurs and the cries of jubilation turns to jeers of "Crucify him!" On this day we realize anew that we are a part of both crowds of people.

On **Maundy Thursday** we mark the "official" close of Lent and the beginning of the *Triduum* or "*Three Days*" and we focus our attention on the Passover of Christ. The church celebrates a new Passover, recalling that Jesus, on the night before he was to die, gave us the gift of himself in bread broken and wine poured. "Do this in remembrance of me." We pray for the grace to become the community that is signed with the Eucharist and committed to the new commandment of loving service to each other by washing one another's feet.

On **Good Friday**, the church was stripped of all adornments and the Ministers enter in silence. The somber words of Isaiah set the mood. The Gospel of John portrays Jesus as the divine Word who willingly lays down his life so that all might come to life. The Bidding Prayers place us in union with brothers and sisters around the world and with him who intercedes for us on the cross. Finally, in solemn adoration we acknowledge the sign of our redemption.

I invite you to participate in worship today as you feel comfortable. You will find St. Augustine's that place where you will receive a radical WELCOME, experience thought-provoking and inspiring WORSHIP, and meet other disciples of Jesus ready and willing to WITNESS to all that God is doing!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in the Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering place so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Choral Prelude: “Blessed Is He Who Comes”

Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

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At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity.

Please stand at the sounding of the shofar.

Processional Voluntary: “Fanfare”

Healey Willan

The Liturgy of the Palms

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Presider 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.**

Processional Gospel: Matthew 21: 1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

Blessing of the Palms

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

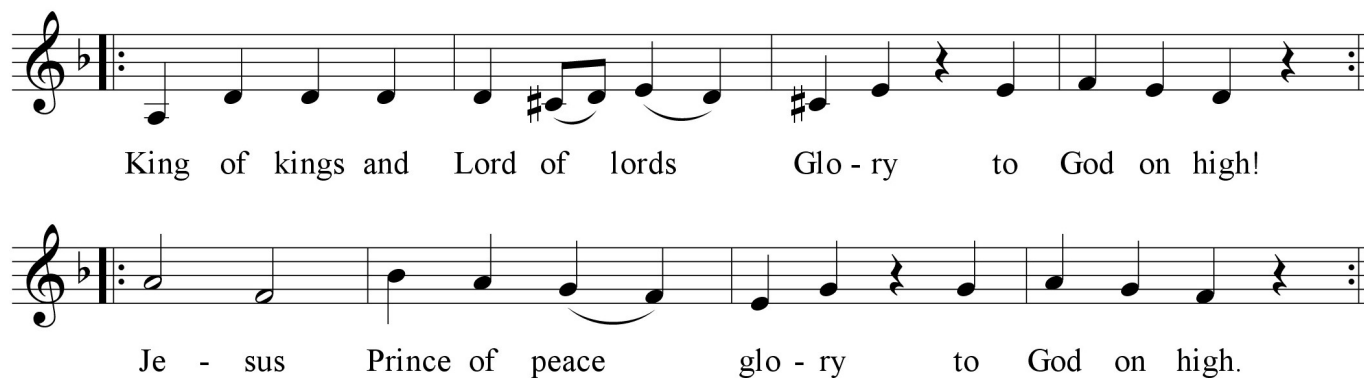
Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, please follow the donkey and the Liturgical Dancers down the center aisle to receive your palms at the front of the church, then return to your seats and join in singing the Gathering Hymns.

Please remain standing.

Gathering Hymn: “King of Kings and Lord of Lords”

Nomi Yah & Sophie Conty




King of kings and Lord of lords Glo - ry to God on high!

Je - sus Prince of peace glo - ry to God on high.



Gathering Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”


Valet Will Ich Dir Geben




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.



Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Dav - id's roy - al Son,
 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 To thee be - fore thy `pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



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

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Moment

After the Children’s Moment, children in the third grade and under are invited to follow the cross and attend Children’s Chapel. The children will return after the Peace for Communion.

Children’s Sending Prayer

O loving God, we release our children to a time of Children’s Chapel as they explore their faith through sharing of Bible stories. Be with them in the sacred time of wonder and prayer. May they sense both your constant presence and your love. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

The Lesson: Philippians 2: 5-11

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

Homily

The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

After the sermon we will observe a moment of “sacred silence” for meditation.

Moment of Silence

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Prayers of the People: Form VI

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Deacon For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Deacon For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Deacon For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Deacon For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Deacon For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Deacon For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For those with medical issues and other concerns: *Sandy Crockett, the protection of imprisoned J6 Citizens, Pam Overby, Chelsea Carter, Amy, The Wilson Family, Nancy & Jim Hays and Family, Quita & Melvin Tucker and Family, The Sherwin Family, Todd, Cassie, Breanna Troutman, Gramma Erlinda, Tammy Neu, Andrea King, Jim Emig, Jean Williams, Maury Swift, Janet Deal, David King, Jim F. Menzer, Jionni Frankin, Jimmy Carter, Len Steedman, Mindy Campbell, Karen Valentine, Ann Bernal, Bill Havins, Vicki Norman, Charlotte, John Townsell, Bill Moon, the Heilman Family, Alexis & Eric Barnes, Kathy Conway, Daniel Gudino, Kaitlin, Michelle, Tricia Spivey, Becca Heaney, Evan and Fabian Harjo, Connie & Harold*

Myers, Joe Comet, Ted Daniels and Family, Toni Nicholls, Clara Spivey, Stephanie Hansen, Jeff Winans, Lee Johnson, Cesar Gudino, Edith Kenney, Autumn Goforth, B.J., Daryl Thomasson, Allen Weaver, Paul Bullard, Mike Smith, Abby Eliot, Daniel Bellos, Tiana Martinez, Pamela, Evelyn Thrower, the Lorance Family, Annie Mae Miller, Debbie and Al Hamilton, Mike Hodges, Reggie Eging, Jada Smiley, Shiloh Kile, James L. Henry, Jim Henry, Bill Kerr, Scott Mills, Stephanie Holladay, Judy Reeder, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Gavin Marshall, Mackenzie Flick, Jason Eliot, Jackie Watson, Mary Ortiz, Pamela Hernandez Angelino, Ann Merritt, Terry Cannon, The Rev. Kay Boman-Harvey, Dorene Peel, Ladina Justus, Barbara Hendricks, Antonia Duenez Estrada, Charlotte Cascio, Beverly Davis, Bill Hoover, David Rios Montero, Manuel Estrada, Inna Jones, Vermit Jones, Valentina Gopanyako, Nick Gopanyako, Selena Estrada. Gavin Marshall, Ryan Spillars, Bill Hodges, Jessica, Beverly Davis, AimeeAnn, Robin Troutman, Bruce, Jay, Winston, Edit, Jonna, Yvonne, Bridget, Marsha & Leonard Cayton, Deb Krausse, Steve Bauer, Teresa & Arnie Stromberg.

For those in the military: Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Lizeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Lizeski, Ted Lizeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, our troops at home and abroad and their families.

Deacon Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Deacon We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Birthdays: Aubrey Elizabeth Monroe, Emma Ervin, Judy Moon, Karen Inselman, Barbara Weis, Gwen Maser, Courtney Glenn, Bill Kenney, Dawn Enderwood, Chase Dillard

Anniversaries: Isobel & Ted Zweifel, Virginah & Guy Nembhard, Carol & Tim Shanhan, Marian & Tony Moon

Deacon We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Deacon We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Deaths: Andres “Kanas” Mendez, Arnold Cochran, Gloria “Connie” Myers, Marilyn Burel, Chuck Evans, Christian Owen, Eric Thrower

Deacon Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Presider Into your hands O Merciful Savior we command all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

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



+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Prayer for Lent

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way, lead us to your glory and accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Offering in Song: “Cello Suite #1 Sarabande and Prelude”

J.S. Bach

Please stand.

Presentation Hymn: “The Glory of These Forty Days”

Erhalt uns, Herr

The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to
 cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ through whom all
 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold
 things were made him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 Name a - dored, from age to age the on - ly Lord.

Please remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 sings this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Franz Schubert



Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might



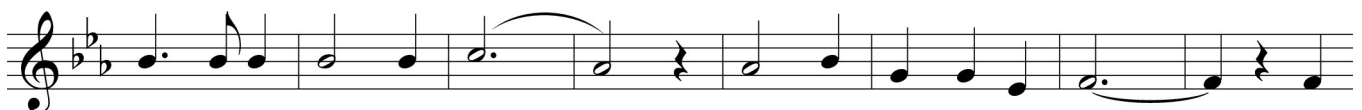
Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might



Hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher. The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by the clergy, then placed on the napkin. After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to receive bread only or wine from the common cup, do not receive a napkin, but approach the priest with cupped hands. If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

To drink from the cup, please consume the bread and proceed to the chalice bearer standing behind the priest.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

Communion Meditation: "Meditation on Psalm 31"
Communion Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded"

Scott Chard
Herzlich tut mich Verlangen



O sa - cred head sore wound - ed de - filed and put to scorn.
In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal pow'r,



O king - ly head sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



O coun - te - nance whose spen - dor the hosts of heav'n - a - dore!
to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand or kneel.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54

Deacon

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Please stand.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Solemn Prayer over the People

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Presider Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Sending Song: "Wondrous Love"

Southern Harmony



What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And



wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
Lamb who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: "Sinfonies de Fanfares"

Jean Joseph Mouret

You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know you.

+ THE LENTEN CROSS +

The Processional Cross used during the Lenten season was created by Bruce Scambler and took some 100 hours to make. The cross has a great deal of symbolism in its design. It is over seven feet tall and incorporates 12 different woods to represent the twelve disciples and the “various ethnicities represented at St. Augustine’s.”

The woods used in the vertical upright include: 110 year old Redwood from the family barn, Ebony, American Oak, Crepe Myrtle, Pine, Beech, Horse-chestnut, Walnut, Pecan, Cedar and Hickory. On one side of the upright are five carved hearts which represent the wounds of Christ. These “hearts” also represent our commitment to be an inclusive faith organization to those of the LGBTQ communities.

The horizontal crossbeam was made from 25-year-old driftwood excavated from the mud at Lake Texoma. If one looks closely at the crossbeam, you will notice the abstract design of the “Hands of Christ” in agony. Finally, at the top of the cross is a “secret compartment” where the names of congregation members are placed during the season of Lent.

+ **MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY** +

Today, Sunday April 2, 2023, 10:45 A.M. – The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Presider : The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Deacon: The Reverend Karen Hansen

Crucifer Family: The Ervin Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Gil Haas and Noel Jacobs

Lector: Valerie Hall

Passion Readers: Narrator-Marcy Taber; Jesus-Tom Norton; Pilate-Brad Davidson; Crowd-Adona Haase, Jeremy Cooper, Steven Blair, Jeanne Lowrey; Soldier-Bob Vanke; Pilate’s Wife-Jeannie Haas; Centurion:- Jonathan Wallingford

Acolytes: Jaxon and Makennah Mack

Oblation Bearers: Becky & Chris Olson

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard and Karena Van Horn

Trumpet: Randy Polk

Cello: Anthony Conroy

Dancers: Aalim Dance Company

Donkey: Candy the Donkey **Donkey Owner:** Lee Tyner **Donkey Wrangler:** Mike Anderson

Organist: John Potter

Greeters: Judy Montgomery, Adona Haase, Susan Shebester

Altar Guild: Mary Andrews and Judy Montgomery

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The word, “Maundy” means commandment, as in, “A new **commandment** I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.” By this statement Jesus explained the significance of his washing of the Disciples’ feet, which we ceremoniously repeat during our Maundy Thursday service. Towards the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service, all of the accoutrements around the altar are removed, so that it will be bereft of decoration on Good Friday. This action signifies Christ’s stripping by the soldiers before his crucifixion. Our altar represents Christ, and during the Maundy Thursday service it is washed with wine and water which is the action Jews used to cleanse the dead. The Maundy Thursday liturgy initiates the triduum sacrum (“three sacred days”) which begins on Thursday evening, continues on Good Friday, and concludes with the Easter Vigil. The triduum sacrum is the only time that sanctus bells (and, in some churches, the organ) are silent until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil. It is still appropriate to bow towards the stripped altar when one leaves the Maundy Thursday service to honor Christ as represented by the the altar (but not genuflect, since the Blessed Sacrament is no longer present).

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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Sunday – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

Wednesday – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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OFFICE HOURS

To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector

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